

MCHENRY WESTERN LAKE COUNTY EMS SYSTEM

ACCESSING CENTRAL LINES

POLICY

To outline the responsibility of the Tier II Critical Care ALS Transport Paramedic when accessing a preexisting central line in an emergent situation.

SCOPE

Those EMT-Ps that are currently recognized by the McHenry Western Lake County EMS System as a Tier II Critical Care ALS Transport Paramedic.

PROCEDURE

1. Washes hands
2. Prepares equipment (IV fluids and tubing, alcohol wipes, sterile gloves, 10ml syringe of sterile normal saline)
3. Dons sterile gloves
4. Cleans connection
5. Attaches 10ml sterile saline, aspirates to see if there is a return of blood
6. In no return clamp port and do not use
7. If return flush with 10 ml saline and connect IV tubing, run at desired rate