

Patient Safety Notice

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Re: **Patient safety notice 1/2014 (Syringe drivers use during EMT transfers)**

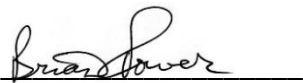
Clarification was sought following the **Patient safety notice 1/2014** (EMTs monitoring IV infusions during transfers) issued on 01/10/2014 in relation to syringe drivers that are attached to the patients during transfer.

Syringe drivers are locked/pre-set and therefore not under the control of the EMT. The directive refers to IV solutions that are controlled by giving sets which are frequently turned off during transfer from bed to ambulance trolley and then turned on again.

The administration of a medication via a syringe driver, set up in the transferring healthcare facility, should not be discontinued while in the care of an EMT, unless directed by the transferring clinical staff.

EMTs should be made aware that these are frequently sub cutaneous infusions and can be easily dislodged therefore care should be exercised when moving the patient from bed to ambulance trolley and visa-versa.

Signed on behalf of PHECC;



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