

Tuolumne County Emergency Medical Services Agency
EMS System Policies and Procedures

Policy: **PO ADMINISTRATION OF ACETAMINOPHEN**

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I. AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.220, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Section 100144, 100145, 100146 and 100063.

II. PURPOSE

To authorize EMTs and EMT-Ps to administer acetaminophen orally during scheduled interfacility transport.

III. POLICY

- A. This procedure shall only be performed by EMTs and EMT-Ps with training in the uses, indications, contraindication, dosage, and untoward effects of acetaminophen.
- B. This procedure shall only be performed by EMTs with signed transfer order and with direct on-line control with the transferring physician or the base physician if the transferring physician is not available.
- C. This procedure shall only be performed by EMT-Ps with signed transfer order.

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. Signed transfer orders from the transferring physician must be obtained prior to transport. Transfer orders must provide for the oral administration of acetaminophen during transport.
 - 1. EMTs must confirm order with the transferring physician or the base physician, including dosage, just prior to administration.
- B. Vital signs are to be monitored, including temperature, as indicated in the transfer orders, not less frequently than every 30 minutes.

V. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURE

- A. All interfacility transfers in which acetaminophen was administered will undergo review by provider agency.
- B. Results of reviews shall be communicated in monthly report format from the provider agency to the EMS Medical Director.

VI. TRAINING

- A. Prior to administering acetaminophen EMTs and EMT-Ps must complete an acetaminophen administration class and pass a written exam approved by the EMS Medical Director.