



General Order

Department of Fire & EMS

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The venous access skill is an optional protocol for BLS providers, set forth by MIEMSS (Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems). The Carroll County Department of Fire & EMS has been participating in this optional program.

To be considered an “IV tech,” you must complete a course that is approved by the Fire/EMS medical director. Once the provider has successfully completed this course, they are permitted to perform venous access on patients' upper extremities.

If an IV tech is on a BLS unit, their designation shall be IV followed by the unit number. For example, IV39. If the IV tech staffing the unit completes the skill, they must remain with the patient until care is transferred to a higher level of care or Emergency Department staff.

Please refer to MIEMSS protocol 12.22 for further questions, or you may contact myself or Dr. Kemp for further clarification regarding Carroll County Department of Fire & EMS expectations regarding our IVT program. Thank you.