



**MONITORING NEUROMUSCULAR BLOCKADE (PARALYTICS) DURING
INTERFACILITY TRANSPORT**

PROCEDURE:

- Assure endotracheal tube is in good position and document (listen for bilateral breath sounds and no sounds over epigastrium)
- Monitor cardiac rhythm and vital signs.
- Constant observation and frequent re-assessment of airway.
- **Assure constant ventilation.**
- If endotracheal tube becomes dislodged, remove and support ventilation with BVM during remainder of transport.
- Avoid injury, i.e., correctly position patient and make sure patient's eyes are gently taped closed.
- Question transferring facility personnel prior to transport:
 - Will the neuromuscular blocking agent wear off before hospital arrival?
 - Is the patient sedated and pain free?
- **If an adult requires additional sedation during transport and systolic BP greater than 90:**
 - Adult/Adolescent (may give as standing order):
→ *Midazolam 5 mg IV once*
- **If a child (13 months to less than 15 years) requires additional sedation during transport, contact Base Hospital (if 911 transport) for further orders.**
- Document patient physical and mental status on arrival to destination and inform receiving staff if midazolam administered.

Approved:

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