

**MEHLVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
GUIDELINES FOR PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE**

**SUBJECT: 1100.04
MISCELLANEOUS:
MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION**

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1. For shock/trauma patients, the largest IV catheter that can be inserted is the catheter of choice; for medical conditions an 18 or 20 gauge catheter should be used.
 2. In absence of other available vascular access, the external jugular vein is considered as a peripheral site and is considered suitable for cannulation in the field.
 3. Consider intraosseous infusion if no vascular access is readily available.
 4. Refer to the specific protocols for selection of intravenous fluids.
 5. Refer to the specific protocols for indicated medications, dosage and routes of administration.
 6. Aseptic technique should be used if at all possible and all IV attempts should be performed with gloves worn as per standard precautions.

STANDARD PRECAUTIONS MUST BE OBSERVED.