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Section 9-5

Medication Usage Under Direct Medical Control

Purpose:

The purpose of this protocol is to define the use of medications that the paramedic may find in the drug box that may not appear as a selection in a treatment protocol.

The following medications are designated for use **ONLY** under direct medical control.

Cefazolin
Ceftriaxone
Ketamine

To use the medication the paramedic must:

1. Request direct medical control to use the medication.
 - a. If there is communications failure the medication cannot be used.
2. Describe to the medical control physician the rationale for use of the medication.
3. Advise the physician that there is no treatment protocol in the GCMCA protocols that allows the use of this medication.
4. Advise the physician if they have been trained on the use of the medication.
5. Report the usage of the medication to their agency administration within 1 hour of its use.
6. The agency must notify the GCMCA within 72 hours of the medications use.
7. The agency must provide the incident ePCR along with proof that the paramedic has been trained to use this medication.
 - a. Any use of the medication by untrained paramedic may lead to disciplinary action.
8. The GCMCA PSRO shall review all administration of medications in this protocol.

Protocol Source/Reference: OCMCA 9.100 Medication Under Direct Medical Control; Version 9/14/23.