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RE: D10% Administration

BREMS Providers,

It has been brought to our attention that there has been some confusion on the administration of Dextrose 10%.

The following is the directive for its administration per Dr. Marilyn McLeod:

“Providers shall use the same considerations for the administration of D10% and the treatment of hypoglycemic patients just as they have in the past with D50%. In addition to this, if you have a patient who has regained a GCS of 15, is alert and oriented, and competent to make decisions, this patient may make an informed refusal of continued care and/or transport, just as they have in the past post D50% administration. If the patient does refuse further care and transport, the provider will D/C the infusion and D/C the peripheral intravenous access. However, please use the same critical thinking skills as you would have in the past with D50% before considering an informed patient refusal.

- Is this an isolated occurrence or is this patient non-compliant with medications & should receive further treatment and evaluation?
- Does this patient have a friend or family member who will remain in the home with them to ensure that follow up care is adequate?
- Has the patient eaten properly and will they take their medications as directed?

Just as you would in the past with D50% administration, obtain a good, thorough history and ask clarifying questions to ensure that the patient is receiving the care that they need.”

We hope that this clears the confusion. And as always, feel free to contact us here at the BREMS office anytime. (434) 947-5934

Thank you,

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