

VERMONT STATE BOARD OF NURSING

**THE ROLE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN
ACUTE CARE FACILITIES
POSITION STATEMENT**

“Emergency Medical Personnel” means persons, including volunteers, certified by the department of health to provide emergency medical treatment on behalf of an organization such as an ambulance service or first responder service whose primary function is the provision of emergency medical treatment. The term does not include duly licensed or registered physicians, dentists, nurses or physicians’ assistants when practicing in their customary work setting. (Vermont Department of Health - Title 24 Chapter 71)

Emergency medical personnel who are **employed in emergency departments** function as unlicensed personnel and may perform tasks that are properly delegated by a licensed nurse. Tasks delegated must be in compliance with the Vermont Board of Nursing rules and advisory opinion entitled “Delegation: Concepts and Decision-Making Process”.

Intravenous Therapy initiation on clients admitted to a health facility involves nursing assessment and nursing judgment and therefore is not an appropriate delegatable act.

This Position Statement represents the Board’s current thinking. Position statements are not legally binding.

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