

# VC EMS TRAINING BULLETIN

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## VCEMS Policy 705.19 - Pain Control

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Effective September 1st, 705.19 the half-dose consideration for patients 65 years of age and older will be moved from required back to the Special Considerations section of the policy. The recent change in dosage for this age group was made in an attempt to limit the amount of times elderly patients were being delivered to the emergency department in an altered state due to elevated narcotic administration.

After seeing that patients in need of pain control are not having an adequate reduction of pain in the prehospital setting, we are reverting back to the original dosage of Morphine Sulfate. Initial IV dose will be Slow IVP—0.1 mg/kg over 2 minutes. Maximum for any IV dose is 10mg. 2nd and 3rd subsequent doses remain as half of the initial morphine dose.

**These changes will be effective September 1, 2015 at 0700.**

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