

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMT SCOPE OF PRACTICE

ALL EMTs WORKING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUST BE TRAINED AND TESTED IN THE FOLLOWING SCOPE OF PRACTICE:

A. PATIENT ASSESSMENT		F. MEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL CARE:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate the ill or injured patient. 2. Obtain diagnostic signs to include, but not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. respiratory rate b. pulse rate c. skin signs d. blood pressure e. level of consciousness f. pupil status g. pain h. pulse oximetry (if available) 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply mechanical restraints 2. Set up ALS procedures, under the direction of a paramedic 3. Transport patients with one or more of the following physician prescribed medical devices: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. nasogastric (NG) b. orogastric tube (OG) c. gastrostomy tube (GT) d. saline/heparin lock e. foley catheter f. tracheostomy tube g. ventricular assist device (VAD) h. surgical drain(s) i. medication patches j. indwelling vascular lines <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. pre-existing vascular access device (PVAD) ii. Peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) 	
B. RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE		<p>NOTE: Excluded from transport are central venous catheter (CVP) monitoring devices, arterial lines, Swan Ganz catheters and thoracostomy (chest) tubes.</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic emergency care 2. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) 3. Mechanical adjuncts for basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation <i>(requires EMS Agency approval)</i> 4. Automated external defibrillation (AED) 			
C. AIRWAY MANAGEMENT AND OXYGEN ADMINISTRATION		G. OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Administer oxygen using the following adjunctive airway breathing aids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. oropharyngeal airway b. nasopharyngeal airway c. suction devices d. basic oxygen delivery devices including, but not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. nasal cannula ii. partial rebreather/oxygen mask iii. bag-valve-mask (BVM) iv. humidifier 2. Use manual/mechanical ventilating devices including continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) <i>[requires EMS Agency approval]</i> 3. Ventilate advanced airway adjuncts : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. endotracheal tube b. perilaryngeal airway device (King LTS-D) c. tracheostomy tube or stoma 4. Suction tracheostomy tube or stoma 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oral glucose or sugar for suspected hypoglycemia 2. Aspirin –for adults with suspected myocardial chest pain 	
D. MONITOR AND ADJUST, OR TURN OFF INTRAVENOUS (IV) FLUID		H. ASSIST PATIENTS WITH PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Glucose solutions 2. Isotonic balanced salt solutions (Normal Saline) 3. Ringer's Lactate 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sublingual nitroglycerin up to maximum of 3 doses (includes patient self-administration) if systolic blood pressure is ≥ 100mm/Hg. 2. Bronchodilator inhaler or nebulizer, if the patient is alert enough to use these devices 3. Epinephrine device (autoinjector) for signs/symptoms of severe allergic reaction or asthma. 	
E. TRAUMA CARE		I. MONITOR IV INFUSIONS WITH ADDITIVES ADJUSTED TO A KEEP OPEN (TKO) RATE	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perform field triage. 2. Extricate entrapped persons 3. Use various types of stretchers 4. Use spinal immobilization devices 5. Provide initial prehospital emergency trauma care including, but not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. tourniquets for bleeding control b. hemostatic dressings (requires EMS Agency approval) c. extremity splints d. traction splints 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Folic acid 2. Multi-vitamins (MVI) 3. Magnesium Sulfate (only in conjunction with MVI) 4. Thiamine 	
		J. MONITOR INTRAVENOUS INFUSIONS WITH ADDITIVES AT A PRE-SET RATE VIA INFUSION PUMP	
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Potassium Chloride 20mEq/1000mL 2. Total parenteral nutrition (TPN) 	
		K. TRANSPORT PATIENTS WITH A SPECIALIZED PUMP	
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any prescribed medication with an automated or patient operated medication pump. 2. Any prescribed pain medication via a patient controlled analgesia (PCA) pump. 	
		AUTHORITY	
		California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 100063	