SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMT SCOPE OF PRACTICE – FIELD REFERENCE

TRAUMA CARE

REFERENCE 802.1

- 1. Evaluate the ill or injured patient
- 2. Obtain diagnostic signs to include, but not limited to:

PATIENT ASSESSMENT

- 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)
 - RESCUE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE
- 1. Provide basic emergency care
- 2. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- 3. Utilize mechanical adjuncts for basic CPR

(requires EMS Agency approval – Approved EMS providers)

- Use a Public Access Automated External Defibrillator (AED) (carrying an AED requires EMS Agency approval as an AED Service Provider)
- Administer oral glucose or sugar for suspected hypoglycemia
- 6. Apply mechanical patient restraints

(per Reference No. 838)

- 7. Use various types of stretchers
- 8. Perform field triage
- 9. Extricate entrapped persons
- 10. Set up for ALS procedures under paramedic direction

AIRWAY MANAGEMENT & OXYGEN ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Use the following airway adjuncts:
 - a. oropharyngeal airway
 - b. nasopharyngeal airway
 - c. suction devices
- Administer oxygen using delivery devices including, but not limited to:
 - a. nasal cannula
 - b. mask nonrebreather, partial rebreather, simple
 - c. blow-by
 - d. humidifier
- 3. Use the following manual/mechanical ventilating devices:
 - a. bag-mask ventilation (BMV) device
 - b. continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP)

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- 4. Ventilate advanced airway adjuncts via bag-device:
 - a. endotracheal tube
 - b. perilaryngeal airway device (i-gel)
 - c. tracheostomy tube or stoma
- 5. Suction:
 - a. oropharynx
 - b. nasopharynx
 - c. tracheostomy tube or stoma

- 1. Provide initial prehospital emergency trauma care including, but not limited to:
 - a. tourniquets for bleeding control
 - b. hemostatic dressings (EMSA approved dressings only)
 - c. extremity splints
 - d. traction splints
 - . Use spinal motion restriction devices

ASSIST PATIENTS WITH PRESCRIBED EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS

- Assist patients with the administration of their physicianprescribed emergency devices and medications to include but not limited to:
 - a. Sublingual nitroglycerin
 - b. Aspirin
 - c. Bronchodilator inhaler or nebulizer
 - d. Epinephrine device (autoinjector)
 - e. Patient-operated medication pump

PATIENT TRANSPORT & MONITORING BY AN APPROVED EMS PROVIDER

- Transport and monitor patients in the prehospital setting and/or during an inter-facility transfer by an approved EMS Provider (Fire Department or a licensed Los Angeles County Ambulance Operator)
- Transport patients with one or more of the following medical devices:
 - 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
 - i. pre-existing vascular access device (PVAD)
 - ii. peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC)
 - k patient-operated medication pump
- Monitor, maintain at a preset rate or turn off if necessary, the following intravenous (IV) fluids:
 - a. glucose solutions
 - b. isotonic balanced salt solutions (normal saline)
 - c. ringer's lactate

LOCAL ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF PRACTICE REQUIRING LA COUNTY EMS AGENCY NOTIFICATION

EMS Providers (Fire Department or a licensed Los Angeles County Ambulance Operator) may implement and notify the EMS Agency of select additional therapies and medications. Authority: California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 100063

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