SUBJECT: **LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARAMEDIC SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

REFERENCE 803.1

IN ADDITION TO THE FOLLOWING, THE PARAMEDIC SCOPE OF PRACTICE INCLUDES REFERENCE NO. 802, LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMT SCOPE OF PRACTICE

PATIENT ASSESSMENT

1. Use capnometry and measuring devices to measure capnography waveforms
2. Utilize electrocardiographic devices and monitor electrocardiograms (ECG), including 12-lead ECGs
3. Obtain venous or capillary blood samples
4. Use electronic devices to measure glucose

AIRWAY MANAGEMENT & OXYGEN ADMINISTRATION

1. Use a laryngoscope to visualize the airway and remove a foreign body with Magill forceps
2. Insert and perform pulmonary ventilation by use of:
   a. supraglottic airway (i-gel) in adult and pediatric patients
   b. oral endotracheal intubation in adults and pediatric patients over the age of twelve (12) or height greater than the length of the pediatric resuscitation tape
   c. stomal intubation
3. Utilize mechanical ventilation devices for continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP).

RESCUE & EMERGENCY CARE

1. Perform needle thoracostomy
2. Perform defibrillation
3. Perform synchronized cardioversion
4. Perform transcutaneous pacing for symptomatic bradycardia
6. Utilize Valsalva maneuver
7. Monitor thoracostomy tubes
8. Monitor blood product transfusions

INTRAVENOUS & INTRAOSSEOUS ACCESS

1. Insert intravenous (IV) catheters, saline locks, or needles in peripheral veins
2. Monitor and administer medications and IV fluids through external venous pre-existing vascular access devices (PVADs) in the following:
   a. cardiac arrest
   b. extremis due to circulatory shock
   c. base station order
3. Monitor and administer normal saline solution
4. Monitor and adjust IV solutions of potassium, maximum 40mEq/L
5. Monitor total parenteral nutrition (TPN)
6. Perform adult and pediatric intraosseous insertion per Ref. No. 1375

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

1. Administer approved medications by the following routes:
   a. oral
   b. intranasal
   c. sublingual
   d. transcutaneous
   e. topical
   f. inhalation
   g. rectal
   h. intravenous
   i. intraosseous
   j. intramuscular
   k. subcutaneous
2. Administer the following medications (using pre-packaged unit dose products when available):
   a. 10%, 25%, and 50% dextrose
   b. adenosine
   c. aerosolized/nebulized albuterol by handheld nebulizer or handheld mask
   d. amiodarone
   e. aspirin
   f. atropine sulfate
   g. buprenorphine (if approved agency)
   h. calcium chloride
   i. diazepam *(disaster caches only)*
   j. diphenhydramine hydrochloride
   k. epinephrine
   l. fentanyl
   m. glucagon
   n. hydroxocobalamin
   o. ketorolac
   p. lidocaine
   q. magnesium sulfate
   r. midazolam
   s. morphine sulfate
   t. naloxone hydrochloride
   u. nitroglycerin tablet or spray
   v. olanzapine
   w. ondansetron
   x. pralidoxime chloride (2-PAMCl)
   y. sodium bicarbonate
   z. tranexamic acid (TXA)

PILOT PROGRAM

Procedures or medications may be implemented on a trial basis when approved by the Medical Director of the EMS Agency.

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CROSS REFERENCES:

Prehospital Care Manual:

Ref. No. 802, **EMT Scope of Practice**
Ref. No. 802.1, **EMT Scope of Practice (Table Format)**
Ref. No. 803, **Los Angeles County Paramedic Scope of Practice**
Ref. Series 1200s, **Treatment Protocols**
Ref. Series 1300s, **Medical Control Guidelines**