

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

REFERENCE 803.1

<b><i>IN ADDITION TO THE FOLLOWING, THE PARAMEDIC SCOPE OF PRACTICE INCLUDES REFERENCE NO. 802, LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMT SCOPE OF PRACTICE</i></b>	
<b>PATIENT ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Use capnometry and measuring devices to measure capnography waveforms</li><li>2. Utilize electrocardiographic devices and monitor electrocardiograms (ECG), including 12-lead ECGs</li><li>3. Obtain venous or capillary blood samples</li><li>4. Use electronic devices to measure glucose</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Administer approved medications by the following routes:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. oral</li><li>b. intranasal</li><li>c. sublingual</li><li>d. transcutaneous</li><li>e. topical</li><li>f. inhalation</li><li>g. rectal</li><li>h. intravenous</li><li>i. intraosseous</li><li>j. intramuscular</li><li>k. subcutaneous</li></ol></li><li>2. Administer the following medications (using pre-packaged unit dose products when available):<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. 10%, 25%, and 50% dextrose</li><li>b. adenosine</li><li>c. aerosolized/nebulized albuterol by handheld nebulizer or handheld mask</li><li>d. amiodarone</li><li>e. aspirin</li><li>f. atropine sulfate</li><li>g. calcium chloride</li><li>h. diazepam (<i>disaster caches only</i>)</li><li>i. diphenhydramine hydrochloride</li><li>j. epinephrine</li><li>k. fentanyl</li><li>l. glucagon</li><li>m. hydroxocobalamin</li><li>n. ketorolac</li><li>o. lidocaine</li><li>p. midazolam</li><li>q. morphine sulfate</li><li>r. naloxone hydrochloride</li><li>s. nitroglycerin tablet or spray</li><li>t. olanzapine</li><li>u. ondansetron</li><li>v. pralidoxime chloride (2-PAMCl)</li><li>w. sodium bicarbonate</li><li>x. tranexamic acid (TXA)</li></ol></li></ol>
<b>AIRWAY MANAGEMENT &amp; OXYGEN ADMINISTRATION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Use a laryngoscope to visualize the airway and remove a foreign body with Magill forceps</li><li>2. Insert and perform pulmonary ventilation by use of:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. supraglottic airway (i-gel) in adult and pediatric patients</li><li>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</li><li>c. stomal intubation</li></ol></li><li>3. Utilize mechanical ventilation devices for continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP).</li></ol>	
<b>RESCUE &amp; EMERGENCY CARE</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Perform needle thoracostomy</li><li>2. Perform defibrillation</li><li>3. Perform synchronized cardioversion</li><li>4. Perform transcutaneous pacing for symptomatic bradycardia</li><li>6. Utilize Valsalva maneuver</li><li>7. Monitor thoracostomy tubes</li><li>8. Monitor blood product transfusions</li></ol>	
<b>INTRAVENOUS &amp; INTRAOSSEOUS ACCESS</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Insert intravenous (IV) catheters, saline locks, or needles in peripheral veins</li><li>2. Monitor and administer medications and IV fluids through external venous pre-existing vascular access devices (PVADs) in the following:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. cardiac arrest</li><li>b. extremis due to circulatory shock</li><li>c. base station order</li></ol></li><li>3. Monitor and administer normal saline solution</li><li>4. Monitor and adjust IV solutions of potassium, maximum 40mEq/L</li><li>5. Monitor total parenteral nutrition (TPN)</li></ol>	
	<b>TRIAL STUDIES</b>
	Procedures or medications may be implemented on a trial basis when approved by the Medical Director of the EMS Agency.
	<b>CROSS REFERENCES:</b>

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6. Perform adult and pediatric intraosseous insertion per Ref. No. 1375	<u>Prehospital Care Manual:</u> Ref. No. 802 Ref. No. 802.1 Ref. No. 803 Ref. Series 1200s Ref. Series 1300s
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