

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

REFERENCE 803.1

<i>IN ADDITION TO THE FOLLOWING, THE PARAMEDIC SCOPE OF PRACTICE INCLUDES REFERENCE NO. 802, LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMT SCOPE OF PRACTICE</i>	
PATIENT ASSESSMENT	MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use capnometry and measuring devices to measure capnography waveforms2. Utilize electrocardiographic devices and monitor electrocardiograms (ECG), including 12-lead ECGs3. Obtain venous or capillary blood samples4. Use electronic devices to measure glucose	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Administer approved medications by the following routes:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. oralb. intranasalc. sublinguald. transcutaneouse. topicalf. inhalationg. rectalh. intravenousi. intraosseousj. intramusculark. subcutaneous2. Administer the following medications (using pre-packaged unit dose products when available):<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. 10%, 25%, and 50% dextroseb. adenosinec. aerosolized/nebulized albuterol by handheld nebulizer or handheld maskd. amiodaronee. aspirinf. atropine sulfateg. calcium chlorideh. diazepam (<i>disaster caches only</i>)i. diphenhydramine hydrochloridej. epinephrinek. fentanyll. glucagonm. ketorolacn. midazolamo. morphine sulfatep. naloxone hydrochlorideq. nitroglycerin tablet or sprayr. olanzapines. ondansetront. pralidoxime chloride (2-PAMCl)u. sodium bicarbonatev. tranexamic acid (TXA)
AIRWAY MANAGEMENT & OXYGEN ADMINISTRATION	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use a laryngoscope to visualize the airway and remove a foreign body with Magill forceps2. Insert and perform pulmonary ventilation by use of:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. supraglottic airway (i-gel) in adult and pediatric patientsb. oral endotracheal intubation in adults and pediatric patients over the age of twelve (12) or height greater than the length of the pediatric resuscitation tapec. stomal intubation3. Utilize mechanical ventilation devices for continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP).	
RESCUE & EMERGENCY CARE	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Perform needle thoracostomy2. Perform defibrillation3. Perform synchronized cardioversion4. Perform transcutaneous pacing for symptomatic bradycardia5. Utilize hemostatic dressings6. Utilize Valsalva maneuver7. Monitor thoracostomy tubes8. Monitor blood product transfusions	
INTRAVENOUS & INTRAOSSEOUS ACCESS	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Insert intravenous (IV) catheters, saline locks, or needles in peripheral veins2. 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">a. cardiac arrestb. extremis due to circulatory shockc. base station order3. Monitor and administer normal saline solution4. Monitor and adjust IV solutions of potassium, maximum 40mEq/L5. Monitor total parenteral nutrition (TPN)6. Perform adult and pediatric intraosseous insertion per Ref. No. 13757. Obtain venous or capillary blood samples	
	TRIAL STUDIES
	Procedures or medications may be implemented on a trial basis when approved by the Medical Director of the EMS Agency.
	CROSS REFERENCES:
	<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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