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

- respiratory rate
- h pulse rate
- skin signs C.
- blood pressure d.
- level of consciousness
- pupil status
- q. pain
- pulse oximetry (if available)

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

RESCUE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

- 1. Provide basic emergency care
- 2. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Utilize mechanical adjuncts for basic CPR

(requires EMS Agency approval – Approved EMS providers)

- 4. Use a Public Access Automated External Defibrillator (AED) (carrying an AED requires EMS Agency approval as an AED Service Provider)
- 5. 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

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

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- 4. Ventilate advanced airway adjuncts via bag-device:
 - a. endotracheal tube
 - perilaryngeal airway device (King LTS-D)
 - tracheostomy tube or stoma C
- Suction:
 - oropharvnx a.
 - nasopharynx
 - tracheostomy tube or stoma

ASSIST PATIENTS WITH PRESCRIBED **EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS**

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

PATIENT TRANSPORT & MONITORING BY AN APPROVED EMS PROVIDER

- 1. 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:
 - nasogastric (NG) a.
 - orogastric tube (OG)
 - gastrostomy tube (GT) C.
 - saline/heparin lock d.
 - folev catheter e.
 - tracheostomy tube f.
 - ventricular assist device (VAD) g.
 - surgical drain(s) h.
 - medication patches i.
 - indwelling vascular lines
 - i. pre-existing vascular access device (PVAD)
 - ii. peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC)
 - patient-operated medication pump
- Monitor, maintain at a preset rate or turn off if necessary, the following intravenous (IV) fluids:
 - glucose solutions
 - isotonic balanced salt solutions (normal saline)
 - ringer's lactate

LOCAL ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF PRACTICE REQUIRING LA COUNTY EMS AGENCY **N**OTIFICATION

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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