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Scope of Practice for all licensed EMSP levels

Emergency Medical Personnel are permitted to perform only those skills listed under their licensure level, and only once they have been trained on those skills, and credentialed to perform those skills by the agency Medical Director. Emergency Medical Personnel are permitted to administer only medications listed under their licensure level, and only once they are trained in the pharmacology of that medication, and credentialed to administer that medication by the EMS agency Medical Director.

Key to Provider Levels		
EMT	E	Emergency Medical Technician
AEMT	A	Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
PMDC	P	Paramedic

NOTE: : If a provider code (the single letter code from the table above) is listed for a skill, then that level of EMS Provider is permitted to perform the skill. Interpretive guidelines serve to clarify and/or modify the skill listed. If an asterisk (*) appears with the letter code for a specific provider level, then the interpretive guidelines may modify the skill for that provider level.

Airway and Breathing Skills					Interpretive Guidelines
1.	Supplemental oxygen therapy				
	a. Oxygen delivery devices	E	A	P	<i>Includes any type of cannula or mask designed for the delivery of supplemental oxygen</i>
	b. Humidified oxygen	E	A	P	
2.	Basic airway management				
	a. Manual maneuvers to open and control the airway	E	A	P	<i>Includes: head-tilt, chin-lift; tongue-jaw lift; modified chin lift; jaw thrust; Sellick's maneuver.</i>
	b. Manual maneuvers to remove an airway obstruction	E	A	P	
	c. Insertion of airway adjuncts intended to go into the oropharynx	E	A	P	
	d. Insertion of airway adjuncts intended to go into the nasopharynx	E	A	P	
3.	Ventilation management				
	a. mouth to barrier devices	E	A	P	
	b. bag-valve-mask	E	A	P	
	c. manually triggered ventilators		A	P	
	d. automatic transport ventilators		A	P	
	e. chronic-use home ventilators		A	P	

Airway and Breathing Skills				Interpretive Guidelines
4.	Suctioning			
	a. Upper airway suctioning	E	A	P
	b. Tracheobronchial suctioning		A*	P
<i>AEMTs are limited to tracheobronchial suctioning of patients with pre-established airways</i>				
5.	Advanced airway management			
	a. CPAP/BiPAP administration and management		A	P
	b. BIAD (Blind Insertion Airway Device) Insertion		A*	P
<i>This would also permit the removal of a BIAD under medically appropriate circumstances. AEMT's are limited to insertion of devices not intended to be placed into the trachea.</i>				
	c. Endotracheal intubation			P
<i>This includes nasal and oral endotracheal intubation. This would include the use of PEEP and EtCO2/Capnography as necessary</i>				
	d. Airway obstruction removal by direct laryngoscopy			P
	e. Cricothyrotomy			P
<i>This would include retrograde intubation techniques.</i>				
	f. Gastric decompression			P
	g. Pleural decompression via needle thoracostomy			P
	h. Chest tube monitoring			P

Assessment Skills				Interpretive Guidelines
1.	Basic assessment skills			
	a. Perform simple patient assessments	E	A	P
	b. Perform comprehensive patient assessments	E	A	P
	c. Obtaining vital signs manually	E	A	P
2.	Advanced assessment skills			
	a. Obtaining vital signs with electronic devices	E	A	P
<i>This would include the use of non-invasive blood pressure monitoring devices, as well as pulse oximetry measurement and blood glucose monitoring.</i>				
	b. Blood Chemistry Analysis			P

Cardiac/Medical Skills				Interpretive Guidelines
1.	Fundamental cardiac skills			
	a. Manual external CPR	E	A	P
	b. Use of an automated external defibrillator	E	A	P

Cardiac/Medical Skills				Interpretive Guidelines
2.	Advanced cardiac skills			
a.	Use of mechanical CPR assist devices	E	A	P
b.	ECG monitoring and interpretation			P <i>This includes obtaining and interpreting 12-Lead ECGs.</i>
c.	Manual cardiac defibrillation			P
d.	Emergency cardioversion, including vagal maneuvers			P
e.	Transcutaneous cardiac pacing			P
3.	Emergency childbirth management			
a.	Assist in the normal delivery of a newborn	E	A	P
b.	Assist in the complicated delivery of a newborn	E	A	P <i>Includes external fundal massage for post-partum bleeding, but NOT include internal fundal massage</i>
4.	Behavioral emergency skills			
a.	Manual and mechanical patient restraints for behavioral emergencies	E	A	P
b.	Chemical restraint of combative patients			P <i>See pharmacological skills.</i>

Trauma Care Skills				Interpretive Guidelines
1.	Managing injuries, including, but not limited to:			
a.	Manual cervical stabilization and cervical collar use	E	A	P
b.	Manual stabilization of orthopedic trauma	E	A	P
c.	Spinal motion restriction	E	A	P <i>Includes the use of commercial spinal motion restriction devices such as the KED®.</i>
d.	Splinting	E	A	P <i>This includes the use of traction splints.</i>
2.	Managing other traumatic injuries, including, but not limited to:			
a.	Fundamental bleeding control	E	A	P <i>Includes direct pressure and bandaging.</i>
b.	Progressive bleeding control	E	A	P <i>Includes the use of tourniquets</i>
c.	Fundamental eye irrigation	E	A	P
d.	Complex eye irrigation with the Morgan® lens			P
e.	Fundamental management of soft-tissue injuries	E	A	P
f.	Complex management of soft-tissue injuries	E	A	P
3.	Movement/extrication of patients, including, but not limited to:			
a.	Emergency moves for endangered patients	E	A	P
b.	Rapid extrication of patients	E	A	P

Pharmacological Intervention Skills				Interpretive Guidelines	
1.	Fundamental pharmacological skills				
	a. Use of unit dose commercially pre-filled containers or auto-injectors for the administration of life saving medications intended for self, peer, or patient rescue in hazardous materials situations	E	A	P	
	b. Assist patients in taking their own prescribed medications as approved by medical direction	E	A	P	
	c. Administration of over-the-counter medications with appropriate medical direction	E	A	P	<i>Includes oral glucose for hypoglycemia and aspirin for chest pain of suspected ischemic origin.</i>

Pharmacological Intervention Skills				Interpretive Guidelines	
2.	Advanced pharmacological skills: venipuncture/vascular access				
	a. Obtaining peripheral venous blood specimens		A	P	
	b. Peripheral IV insertion and maintenance (includes removal as needed)		A	P	
	c. Intraosseus device insertion (includes removal as needed)		A	P	
	d. Access indwelling catheters and implanted central IV ports for fluid and medication administration			P	
	e. Central line monitoring			P	
3.	Administration of medications/fluids				
	a. Crystalloid IV solutions		A*	P	
	b. Administration of hypertonic dextrose solutions for hypoglycemia		A	P	
	c. Administration of glucagon for hypoglycemia		A	P	
	d. Administration of SL nitroglycerine to a patient experiencing chest pain of suspected ischemic origin		A	P	
	e. Parenteral administration of epinephrine for anaphylaxis	E	A	P	
	f. Inhaled (nebulized) medications to patients with difficulty breathing and/or wheezing	E	A	P	
	g. Administration of a narcotic antagonist to a patient suspected of narcotic		A	P	
	h. Administration of nitrous oxide (50% nitrous oxide, 50% oxygen mix) for pain relief		A	P	
	j. Paralytic administration			P	
	k. Administration of other physician approved medications			P	
	l. Maintain an infusion of blood or blood products			P	