

Monterey County EMS System Policy



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EMT SCOPE OF PRACTICE

I. PURPOSE

To define the scope of practice for the EMT in Monterey County.

II. POLICY


- A. EMT personnel shall adhere to the Monterey County EMT scope of practice while working in a BLS assignment. This includes volunteer and paid call duty.
- B. The scope of practice of EMT personnel shall not exceed those activities authorized in California Code of Regulations Title 22 and by Monterey County EMS policy.
- C. Only those EMT's who hold a current California EMT certificate may function under this policy as part of the Monterey County EMS system.

III. SCOPE OF PRACTICE

- A. The EMT is authorized to do any of the following:
 - 1. Evaluate the ill and injured.
 - 2. Render basic life support, rescue and emergency medical care to patients according to training and Monterey County policy.
 - 3. Obtain diagnostic signs, including blood pressure, pulse and respiration rates, pulse oximetry, pupil status, and level of consciousness.
 - 4. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of mechanical adjuncts.
 - 5. Administer oxygen.
 - 6. Use the following adjunctive airway breathing aids:
 - a. Oropharyngeal airway
 - b. Nasopharyngeal airway
 - c. Suction devices
 - d. Basic oxygen delivery devices, and
 - e. Manual ventilating devices designed for prehospital use.
 - 7. Use various types of stretchers and spinal immobilization devices.
 - 8. Provide initial prehospital emergency care of trauma including the use of tourniquets and hemostatic dressings for uncontrolled extremity bleeding.
 - 9. Extricate entrapped persons.
 - 10. Spinal motion restriction.

11. Extremity splinting to include traction splints.
12. Administer oral glucose or sugar solutions
13. Perform START field triage.
14. Transport patients.
15. Apply mechanical patient restraint.
16. Set up for ALS procedures under the direction of an Advanced EMT or paramedic.
17. Self-administer or administer to other Fire, Law Enforcement, and/or EMS personnel, 2-PAM and Atropine by auto-injector (Mark 1 kit).
18. Apply and use an AED when part of an approved First Responder AED Program.
19. Assist patients with the administration of physician-prescribed devices including, but not limited to patient-operated medication pumps, sublingual nitroglycerin, and self-administered emergency medications, including epinephrine devices.
20. Monitor intravenous lines delivering glucose solutions or isotonic balanced salt solutions including Ringer's Lactate for volume replacement. Monitor, maintain, and adjust, if necessary in order to maintain, a preset rate of flow, and turn off the flow of intravenous fluid.
21. Transfer a patient, who is deemed appropriate for transfer by the transferring physician, and who has nasogastric (NG) tubes, gastrostomy tubes, heparin locks, foley catheters, tracheostomy tubes, and/or indwelling vascular access lines, excluding arterial lines.
22. Administer aspirin.

END OF POLICY


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