

Monterey County EMS System Policy



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SCOPE OF PRACTICE-EMR

I. PURPOSE

To define the scope of practice for Emergency Medical Responders in Monterey County.

II. POLICY


- A. EMR personnel shall adhere to the Monterey County EMR scope of practice while working in a BLS assignment with a Monterey County EMS service provider. This includes volunteer and paid call duty.
- B. The scope of practice of EMR personnel shall not exceed those activities authorized in California Code of Regulations, Title 22, and by Monterey County EMS policy.
- C. Only those individuals with EMR training and whose certificate of training remains current may function under this policy as part of the Monterey County EMS system.

III. SCOPE OF PRACTICE

- A. The Emergency Medical Responder is authorized to do any of the following:
 - 1. Render basic life support, rescue, and first aid to patients according to Monterey County EMS policy and protocol.
 - 2. Obtain diagnostic signs including blood pressure, pulse and respiration rates, and level of consciousness.
 - 3. Evaluate the ill and injured.
 - 4. Perform CPR.
 - 5. Provide basic treatment for shock.
 - 6. Use manual airway opening methods, including head-tilt chin lift and/or jaw thrust to support breathing.
 - 7. Use oral-pharyngeal airways.
 - 8. Manual methods to remove an airway obstruction in adults, children, and infants, and use hand-powered and mechanical suction devices.
 - 9. Administer oxygen.
 - 10. Use a bag-valve-mask resuscitator.
 - 11. Use the recovery position.
 - 12. Perform spinal motion restriction.
 - 13. Splinting of extremities.
 - 14. Emergency eye irrigation using water or normal saline.

15. Assist with the administration of oral glucose.
16. Assist patients with administration of physician prescribed epinephrine devices and naloxone.
17. Assist in emergency childbirth
18. Hemorrhage control using direct pressure, pressure bandages, principles of pressure points, and tourniquets. Hemostatic dressings may be used from the list approved by the EMS Authority.
19. Chest seals and dressings.
20. Simple decontamination techniques and use of decontamination equipment.
21. Care for amputated body parts.
22. Provide basic wound care.
23. Use intranasal naloxone when trained according to Monterey County policy and employed by an organization approved by Monterey County EMS Agency to use intranasal naloxone.
24. Use an AED when employed by an approved public safety AED service provider.
25. Use various types of stretchers.
26. Extricate entrapped persons.
27. Perform START field triage.
28. Self-administer or administer to other Fire, Law Enforcement, and/or EMS personnel 2-PAM and Atropine by auto-injector (Mark 1 kit).

END OF POLICY


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