

- I. **Authority:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.170 and 1798, 1797.202 and 1797.214.
- II. **Purpose:** To identify the scope of practice of an EMT in San Diego County.
- III. **Policy:**
 - A. During training, while at the scene of an emergency, and during transport of the sick or injured, or during interfacility transfer, a supervised EMT student or certified EMT is authorized to do any of the following:
 1. Evaluate the ill and injured.
 2. Render basic life support, rescue and first aid to patients.
 3. Obtain diagnostic signs, including but not limited to, temperature, blood pressure, pulse, respiratory rate, level of consciousness and pupil status.
 4. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation; including the use of mechanical adjuncts to basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (e.g. use of chest compression devices).
 5. Use the following adjunctive airway breathing aids:
 - a. Oropharyngeal airway.
 - b. Nasopharyngeal airway.
 - c. Suction devices.
 - d. Basic oxygen delivery devices, manual and mechanical ventilating devices designed for prehospital use.
 - e. Perilaryngeal Airway Adjuncts if authorized by the local EMS Agency.
 6. Use various types of stretchers and body immobilization devices.
 7. Provide initial prehospital emergency care for patients with trauma.

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8. Administer or assist patient to administer oral glucose or sugar solutions.
 9. Assist patient to take his or her own prescribed Nitroglycerine.
 10. Extricate entrapped persons.
 11. Perform basic field triage.
 12. Transport patients.
 13. Assist paramedics to set up for advanced life support procedures excluding any medications except Normal Saline.
 14. Manage patients within their scope of practice.
- B. A supervised EMT student or certified EMT may monitor and transport patients with peripheral lines delivering IV fluids under the following circumstances:
1. The patient's condition is not critical and is deemed stable by the transferring physician or base hospital physician.
 2. The fluid infusing is a glucose solution or isotonic balanced salt solution, including Ringer's Lactate.
 3. The IV is infusing at a pre-set rate of flow; turn off device only with base hospital direction.
 4. No other advanced life support equipment is attached to the patient that will require monitoring that is outside the scope of practice of the EMT.
 5. The patient has not received additional treatment by paramedics that are outside the scope of practice of the EMT if in the prehospital setting.
- C. A supervised EMT student or certified EMT may monitor and transport patients, as described in B.1. above, with nasogastric (N.G.) tubes, gastrostomy tubes, heparin

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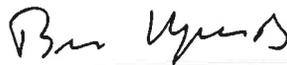


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locks, Foley catheters, tracheostomy tubes, and/or indwelling vascular access lines, excluding arterial lines and uncapped central lines or other items approved by local EMS Agency.

- D. A supervised EMT student or a certified EMT may assist patients with the administration of physician prescribed devices, including but not limited to, patient operated medication pumps and self-administered emergency medications, including epinephrine devices.
- E. An EMT may perform defibrillation on an unconscious, pulseless patient who is apneic or has agonal respirations when authorized by an EMT AED service provider, according to established policies.
- F. An EMT student or certified EMT may utilize additional skills and/or medications included as part of pilot study as determined by the EMS Medical Director in accordance with Section 1797.214 of the Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5.

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