

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Apparent Life Threatening Event (ALTE): an episode involving an infant less than 12 months of age which is frightening to the observer and is characterized by one or more of the following:

- 1) Apnea (central or obstructive)
- 2) Color change (cyanosis, pallor, erythema)
- 3) Marked change in muscle tone
- 4) Unexplained choking or gagging

Definitive therapy: Immediate or anticipated immediate need for administration of a fluid bolus or medications.

End Tidal CO₂ (EtCO₂)– Quantitative Capnography:

Quantitative capnometer to continuously monitor end tidal CO₂ is mandatory for use in the intubated patient.

Esophageal Tracheal Airway Device (ETAD): The "Combitube" is the only such airway approved for prehospital use in San Diego County. See also PAA.

IV/IO: Intravenous/Intraosseous.

Laryngeal/Tracheal (LT) Airway: The "King Airway" is the only such airway approved for prehospital use in San Diego County. See also PAA.

LEADSD: Acronym for the steps to be performed in the assessment and documentation of endotracheal intubation attempts:

Lung Sounds, End Tidal CO₂ Detection Device, Absence of Abdominal Sounds. Depth, Size, (Doctor) Hospital Verification.

Minor: A person under the age of 18 and who is not emancipated.

Opioid: Any derivative, natural or synthetic, of opium or morphine or any substance that has their effects on opioid receptors (e.g. analgesia, somnolence, respiratory depression).

Opioid Dependent Pain Management Patient: An individual who is taking prescribed opioids for chronic pain management, particularly those with opioid infusion devices.

Opioid Overdose, Symptomatic: Decreased level of consciousness and respiratory depression (e.g. respiratory rate of less than 12).

Nebulizer: O₂ powered delivery system for administration of Normal Saline or medications.

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Pediatric Patient: Children appearing to be <15 years

Pediatric Trauma patient is determined by age, regardless of weight. **Neonate:** up to 30 days.

Infant: one month to one year of age.

Perilaryngeal airway adjunct (PAA):

Esophageal Tracheal Airway Device (ETAD): The "Combitube" is the only such airway approved for prehospital use in San Diego County.

OR

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"Shock" is defined by the following criteria:

Patient's age:

1. ≥ 15 years:

Systolic BP <80 mmHg OR

Systolic BP <90 mmHg AND exhibiting any of the following signs of inadequate perfusion:

- a. altered mental status (decreased LOC, confusion, agitation)
- b. tachycardia
- c. pallor
- d. diaphoresis

2. <15 years:

Exhibiting any of the following signs of inadequate perfusion:

- a. altered mental status (decreased LOC, confusion, agitation)
- b. tachycardia (<5yrs ≥ 180 bpm; ≥ 5 yrs ≥ 160 bpm)
- c. pallor, mottling or cyanosis
- d. diaphoresis
- e. comparison (difference) of peripheral vs. central pulses.
- f. delayed capillary refill
- g. systolic BP < [70 + (2 x age)]

Unstable (adult): Systolic BP<90 and chest pain, dyspnea or altered LOC.

