



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

TREATMENT PROTOCOL

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ABBREVIATION LIST

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AAA	Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
AED	Automated External Defibrillator
AEMT	Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
AHA	American Heart Association
AICD	Automatic Implanted Cardiac Defibrillator
ALS	Advanced Life Support
AV	Arteriovenous (Fistula)
BEF	Basic Emergency Facility
BH	Base Hospital
BHO	Base Hospital Order
BHPO	Base Hospital Physician Order
BLS	Basic Life Support
BP	Blood Pressure
BPM	Beats Per Minute
BRUE	Brief, Resolved, Unexplained Event
BS	Blood Sugar (Blood Glucose)
BSA	Body Surface Area
BVM	Bag-Valve-Mask
CaCl ₂	Calcium Chloride
C/C	Chief Complaint
CHF	Congestive Heart Failure
CNS	Central Nervous System
CO	Carbon Monoxide
CO ₂	Carbon Dioxide
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
CPR	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
CVA	Cerebrovascular Accident
d/c	Discontinue
DCI	Decompression Illness
dL	Deciliter
D ₁₀	10% Dextrose
D ₅₀	50% Dextrose
ECPR	Extracorporeal Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
EJ	External Jugular
ECG	Electrocardiogram
EMSA	California Emergency Medical Services Authority
ePCR	Electronic Patient Care Record
EpiPen [®]	Brand name for Epinephrine Auto-Injector
ET	Endotracheal Tube
EtCO ₂	End-Tidal CO ₂
GI	Gastrointestinal
gm	Gram
GU	Genitourinary
HR	Heart Rate
ICS	Intercostal Space
IM	Intramuscular
IN	Intranasal

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in	Inches
IO	Intraosseous
IV	Intravenous
J	Joule
kg	Kilogram
L	Liter
LBBB	Left Bundle Branch Block
LBRT	Length-Based Resuscitation Tape
LEMSA	Local Emergency Medical Services Agency
LT Airway	Laryngeal-Tracheal Airway
LOC	Level of Consciousness or Loss of Consciousness
LOSOP	Local Optional Scope of Practice
LVAD	Left Ventricular Assist Device
mA	Milliampere
MAD	Mucosal Atomizer Device
max	Maximum
mcg	Microgram
MCI	Mass Casualty Incident
MDI	Metered-Dose Inhaler
mEq	Milliequivalent
mg	Milligram
MICN	Mobile Intensive Care Nurse
min	Minute
mL	Milliliter
MOI	Mechanism of Injury
MPI	Multiple Patient Incident
MR	May Repeat
MS	Morphine Sulfate
MTV	Major Trauma Victim
NaHCO ₃	Sodium Bicarbonate
NC	Nasal Cannula
NG	Nasogastric
NPO	Nothing by Mouth (<i>Nil Per Os</i>)
NS	Normal Saline
NTG	Nitroglycerin
O ₂	Oxygen
OD	Overdose
ODT	Oral Dissolving Tablet
OG	Orogastric
OPP	Organophosphate Poisoning
PAA	Perilaryngeal Airway Adjunct
PCR	Patient Care Record
PEA	Pulseless Electrical Activity
PO	By Mouth (<i>Per Os</i>)
POLST	Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment
PRN	As Needed (<i>Pro Re Nata</i>)
PVC	Premature Ventricular Complex
q	Every (<i>Quaque</i>)
RBBB	Right Bundle Branch Block
ROSC	Return of Spontaneous Circulation
SGA	Supraglottic Airway
SL	Sublingual
SLUDGE/BBB	Salivation, Lacrimation, Urination, Defecation, Gastric Emesis, Bronchorrhea, Bronchospasm, Bradycardia

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SMR	Spinal Motion Restriction
SO	Standing Order
SOB	Shortness of Breath
STEMI	ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction
SVT	Supraventricular Tachycardia
TAH	Total Artificial Heart
TdP	Torsades de Pointes
TIA	Transient Ischemic Attack
TKO	To Keep Open
TOP	Topical
TOR	Termination of Resuscitation
VAD	Ventricular Assist Device
VF	Ventricular Fibrillation
VSM	Valsalva Maneuver
VT	Ventricular Tachycardia
?	Possible, Questionable, or Suspected
<	Less Than
≥	Greater Than or Equal To
★	Regulatory Reference
Ⓐ	Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) Scope of Practice