



## I. PURPOSE

To identify the scope of practice of Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT) in San Diego County.

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**II. AUTHORITY:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.107, 1797.171, 1797.56, and 1798; and California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 3.2, Section 100076.02.

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## III. POLICY

- A.** An AEMT may perform any activity identified in the scope of practice of an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) (see County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services (CoSD EMS) Policy B-450 “EMT Scope of Practice”).
- B.** A certified Advanced EMT or an Advanced EMT trainee, as part of an organized EMS system, while caring for patients in a hospital as part of their training or continuing education, under the direct supervision of a Physician or Registered Nurse, or while at the scene of a medical emergency or during transport, or during interfacility transfer is authorized to do all of the following:
1. Perform trachea-bronchial suctioning of an intubated patient
  2. Institute intravenous (IV) catheters, saline locks, needle or other cannula (IV lines), in peripheral veins
  3. Administer the following intravenously:
    - a. Glucose solutions
    - b. Isotonic balanced salt solutions (including Ringer’s lactate solution)
    - c. Naloxone
  4. Establish and maintain intraosseous access in a pediatric patient
  5. Obtain venous and/or capillary blood samples for laboratory analysis
  6. Use blood glucose measuring devices
  7. Administer the following medications in a route other than intravenous:
    - a. Sublingual nitroglycerin
    - b. Aspirin

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- c. Glucagon
  - d. Inhaled beta-2 agonists (bronchodilators)
  - e. Activated charcoal
  - f. Naloxone
  - g. Epinephrine
8. Utilize additional skills and/or medications that are approved as Local Optional Scope of Practice (LOSOP) or included as part of a pilot study as determined by the CoSD EMS Medical Director in accordance with Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.214.