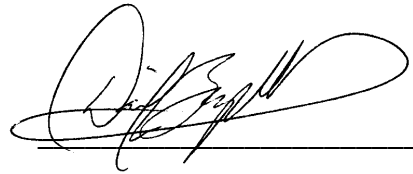


EL DORADO COUNTY EMS AGENCY

FIELD POLICY

Effective: January 1, 2017



EMS Agency Medical Director

EMT Basic Scope of Practice

PURPOSE:

To standardize and identify all skills and procedures an Emergency Medical Technician can do while on scene of an emergency incident, during transport of the sick and injured, or during an interfacility transfer.

AUTHORITY:

Title 22, chapter 2, §100063.

PROCEDURES:

1. Evaluate the ill and injured
2. Render Basic life support, rescue and emergency medical care to patients.
3. Obtain diagnostic signs to include, but not limited to, temperature, blood pressure, pulse and respiration rates, pulse oximetry, level of consciousness, and pupil status.
4. Perform Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), including the use of mechanical adjuncts to basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
5. Administer oxygen
6. Use the following adjunctive airway and breathing aids:
 - Oropharyngeal airway;
 - Nasopharyngeal airway;
 - Suction devices;
 - Basic oxygen delivery devices for supplemental oxygen therapy including, but not limited to, humidifiers, partial rebreathers, and venturi masks; and
 - Manual and mechanical ventilating devices designed for prehospital use including continuous positive airway pressure.
7. Use various types of stretchers and spinal immobilization devices.

8. Provide initial prehospital emergency care of trauma, including but not limited to:
 - Bleeding control through the application of tourniquets
 - Use of hemostatic dressings from a list approved by the authority;
 - Spinal immobilization
 - Seated spinal immobilization
 - Extremity splinting
 - Traction splinting

9. Administer over the counter medications when approved by the medical director of LEMSA, including, but not limited to:
 - Oral glucose or sugar solutions
 - Aspirin

10. Extricate entrapped persons

11. Perform field triage

12. Transport patients

13. Mechanical patient restraints (i.e. Backboard, c-collar, SMR)

14. Set up for ALS procedures, under the direction of an advanced EMT or Paramedic

15. Perform automated external defibrillation

16. Assist patients with the administration of physician-prescribed devices including, but not limited to, patient operated medication pumps, sublingual nitroglycerin, and self-administered emergency medications, including epinephrine devices.

NOTE:

The scope of practice of an EMT shall not exceed any of the above activities that are authorized in Title 22, Chapter 2, §100064 and §100063.