

**San Joaquin County
Emergency Medical Services Agency**



BLS Routine Medical Care

AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.60, 1797.80, 1797.197, 1797.197a, 1797.204, 1797.220, 1798; California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 2, Sections 100062, 100063, 100064

PROCEDURE:

Routine Medical Care is provided to all patients regardless of presenting complaint.

I. Standard precautions:

- A. Application of body substance isolation precautions including the use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) shall apply to all patients receiving care, regardless of their diagnosis or presumed infectious status.
- B. Body substance isolation precautions apply to:
 1. Blood;
 2. All bodily fluids, secretions, and excretions except sweat, regardless of whether or not they contain visible blood;
 3. Non intact skin; and
 4. Mucous membranes. Standard precautions are designed to reduce the risk of transmission of microorganisms from both recognized and unrecognized sources of infection in the prehospital setting.

II. Patient Assessment:

- A. Primary Survey.
- B. Secondary Survey.

III. Initiation of appropriate basic life support (BLS) treatment including, when appropriate:

- A. Monitoring of vital signs:
 1. Initial set.
 2. Repeated every 5 minutes for unstable patients and every 15 minutes for stable patients.
- B. Initiation of spinal motion restrictions as indicated.
- C. Administration of oxygen as indicated.
- D. Hemorrhage control as indicated.
- E. Ensuring ALS transport response.
- F. Initiation of specific treatments in accordance with San Joaquin County EMS Agency Policies and Procedures.