



ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (OCEMS) POLICY 315.00 ATTACHMENT I - FIELD REFERENCE GUIDE

TREATMENT PROTOCOLS FOR OCEMS ACCREDITED EMTS DURING INTERFACILITY AND 911 FIELD RESPONSES



Treatment during Interfacility Transport

During the transport of a patient requiring a BLS level of care, an OCEMS Accredited EMT may transport a patient with the following:

Transport of Intravenous Infusions with the Specified Solutions and Medications when set at a Preset Rate of Flow by Medical Staff of the Sending Facility:

1. Folic Acid
2. Thiamine
3. Multivitamins
4. Normal Saline
5. Total parenteral nutrition (TPN)
6. Lactated Ringer's Solution

Transport Patients with Medical Devices

Arterial lines and central vascular access lines used for monitoring of patient vital or infusing fluid or Meds are EXCLUDED from BLS transport.

1. Nasogastric tubes
2. Gastrostomy tubes
3. Enteric Feeding tubes
4. Thoracostomy (chest) tubes
5. Heparin locks
6. Colostomy and Urostomy bags
7. Foley catheters
8. Hemodialysis shunts (subcutaneous and external)
9. Long term established central venous lines used for on-going medication administration (PIC lines)
10. Tracheostomy tubes
11. Continuous flow oxygen

Patient Operated Medication Pumps

Implanted or external pumps infusing to include but not limited to:

1. Insulin
2. Morphine
3. Total parenteral nutrition (TPN)

Patients with Medication Patches

Patches must be previously placed by facility

1. Fentanyl patches
2. Nitrobid, Nitroglycerine patches or Nitroglycerine paste
3. Clonidine (Catapress) patches

Treatment on Scene

An OCEMS Accredited EMT may perform or assist ALS with the following procedures:

1. Evaluate the ill and injured and render basic life support
2. Perform field MCI triage (OCEMS policy 900.00)
3. Obtain vital signs to include assessment of:
 - a. Blood pressure, Pulse, Temperature, Respiratory rate, and Pulse oximetry
 - b. Level of consciousness
 - c. Pupil status
4. Perform Automated External Defibrillation
5. Perform CPR including use of Autopulse® device
6. Utilize FDA approved mechanical tourniquets for uncontrolled bleeding of extremities.
7. Administer Oxygen
8. Perform finger stick blood glucose determination.
9. Administer oral glucose solutions
10. Self-administration of Mark 1/ Duodote® autoinjector
11. Render basic life support, rescue and emergency medical care to patients
12. Use of adjunctive airway and breathing aids
13. Perform field triage and patient extrication

Assist patients with prescribed meds:

Assistance to patients with prescribed or home medications requires ALS response for the following:

1. Nitroglycerine aerosol or tablets
2. Albuterol inhalation - metered dose or nebulizer
3. Epinephrine auto-injector
4. Aspirin for cardiac chest pain

Assist Paramedics with the following:

OCEMS Accredited Paramedic must be on scene or enroute for an EMT to perform the following:

1. Placement of ECG leads for 12 lead acquisition
2. Prepare Intravenous (IV) fluid therapy
3. Assist with preparation for ALS airway procedures

Honor DNR Request

1. Physician signed DNR or Copy
2. Advance Healthcare Directive
3. California POLST Form (Refer to OCEMS policy 350.51)

Withhold Resuscitative Efforts

EMT's may withhold resuscitative efforts consistent with OCEMS P&P 350.50 Patients meeting criteria "declared dead"