

**OCEMS OPTIONAL SCOPE OF PRACTICE PETITION PROCEDURE****I. AUTHORITY:**

*Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.172 and 1798, California Code of Regulations, Section 100144.*

**II. APPLICATION:**

Only procedures and medications approved by the Medical Director of the local EMS agency may be used.

This policy defines the process for approval of the addition of a medication(s) or procedure(s) to the scope of practice in Orange County.

**III. REQUEST FOR OPTIONAL PROCEDURE(S) AND MEDICATION(S):**

Any individual, including base hospitals or provider agencies, may submit a request to the OCEMS Medical Director to consider the addition of a medication or procedure to the scope of practice. This request shall be in writing and include the rationale for submitting the request and appropriate supporting information/research regarding efficacy and safety.

**IV. EMS RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Upon receipt of an optional scope written request, the OCEMS Medical Director shall review the request and may approve, disapprove, or submit the request to the appropriate Orange County committee for evaluation.

If the OCEMS Medical Director approves the request, and the medication or procedure is not in the State Defined Scope of Practice, the OCEMS Medical Director shall make application to the State EMS Authority (EMSA) and the EMS Medical Directors Association of California (EMDAC) Scope of Practice Committee for approval.

Upon approval by the State EMS Authority, OCEMS shall prepare appropriate protocols and arrange for training.

**Approved:**

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