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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-PARAMEDIC (EMT-P) SCOPE OF PRACTICE

AUTHORITY:

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22, DIVISION 9, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE, DIVISION 2.5, 1797.220

PURPOSE/POLICY:

To establish the Paramedic Scope of Practice as approved by the Solano County Medical Director in accordance with Title 22, Division 9, California Code of Regulations.

- I. The Scope of Practice of an EMT-P in Solano County shall be as follows:
 - A. Any Activity identified in the EMT-I Scope of Practice (Solano County Policy Memo #6300).
 - B. Utilize electrocardiographic devices and monitor electrocardiograms, including 12-lead electrocardiograms (ECG).
 - C. Perform defibrillation and/or synchronized cardioversion or external cardiac pacing.
 - D. Visualize the airway by use of the laryngoscope and remove foreign objects with Magill forceps.

- E. Perform pulmonary ventilation by use of lower airway multi-lumen adjuncts, the esophageal airway, perilyngeal airways, stomal intubation, adult oral endotracheal intubation, and Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP).
- F. Perform percutaneous needle cricothyroidotomy.
- G. Institute intravenous (IV) catheters saline locks, needles, or other cannulae (IV lines), in peripheral veins; and monitor and administer medications through pre-existing vascular access.
- H. Institute intraosseous needles or catheters for infusions.
- I. Administer intravenous or intraosseous glucose solutions or isotonic balanced salt solutions.
- J. Obtain venous blood samples.
- K. Perform Valsalva's maneuver.
- L. Perform needle thoracostomy.
- M. Monitor thoracostomy tubes.
- N. Monitor IV solutions containing potassium < 20 mEq/L.
- O. Use laboratory devices, including point of care testing, for pre-hospital screening use to measure lab values including, but not limited to: glucose, capnometry, capnography, and carbon monoxide when appropriate authorization is obtained from State and Federal agencies, including from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services pursuant to the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA).
- P. Administer approved medications by the following routes: IV, IO, intramuscular, subcutaneous, inhalation, transcutaneous, rectal, sublingual, endotracheal, intranasal, oral or topical.
- Q. Administer, using prepackaged products when available, the following medications:
 - 1) 25% and 50% Dextrose;
 - 2) Adenosine;
 - 3) Aerosolized or nebulized beta-2 specific bronchodilators;
 - 4) Aspirin;
 - 5) Atropine sulfate;
 - 6) Calcium chloride;
 - 7) Diphenhydramine hydrochloride;
 - 8) Dopamine hydrochloride;
 - 9) Epinephrine;
 - 10) Fentanyl;
 - 11) Glucagon;
 - 12) Lidocaine Hydrochloride;

- 13) Morphine Sulfate;
 - 14) Midazolam;
 - 15) Naloxone Hydrochloride;
 - 16) Nitroglycerin tablets or spray;
 - 17) Ondansetron;
 - 18) Sodium Bicarbonate.

II. The EMT-P shall administer prehospital care using the prehospital Advanced Life Support Treatment Protocols prescribed by the Solano County EMS Agency Medical Director (See ALS Protocols).

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