

EMS Personnel**EMT-P Scope of Practice****Date: 07/01/23****Policy #2410**

- I. **Purpose:** To establish the scope from which Paramedics may practice in Imperial County while staying within the California paramedic basic scope of practice.
- II. **Authority:** California Code of Regulations, Title 22. Division 9. Chapter 3, Sections 100146. Health and Safety code 1797.10 – 1979.214
- III. **Definitions:**
 - A. Paramedic (EMT-P) - An individual who is educated and trained in all elements of prehospital advanced life support (ALS).
- IV. **Policy:** During training, while at the scene of an emergency, during transport of the sick or injured, or during interfacility transfer, a certified EMT-P or supervised EMT-P student is authorized to render care as described herein in accordance with Imperial County EMS Policies, Procedures, and Protocols:
 - A. Perform any activity identified in the California Code of Regulations, Division 9, Section 100106 (Scope of Practice of an AEMT) and Section 100063 (Scope of Practice of an EMT-I).
 - B. Perform the following procedures:
 1. Utilize electrocardiographic devices and monitor electrocardiograms including 12-lead electrocardiograms.
 2. Perform defibrillation, synchronized cardioversion, and external cardiac pacing.
 3. Visualize the airway by the use of the laryngoscope and remove foreign body(ies) with the use of Magill forceps.
 4. Perform ventilation by use of lower airway adjuncts, the esophageal airway, perilyngeal (supraglottic) airways, and adult oral endotracheal intubation.
 5. Utilize mechanical ventilation devices for continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) in the spontaneously breathing patient
 6. Institute intravenous (IV) catheters, saline locks, needles or other cannula (peripheral, including external jugular)
 7. Monitor and administer medications through pre-existing vascular access
 8. Institute Intraosseous needles or catheters
 9. IV and IO medication and solution administration
 10. Monitor capnography
 11. Utilize Valsalva maneuver
 12. Perform needle thoracostomy

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13. Monitor thoracostomy tubes
14. Monitor intravenous solutions with potassium ≤ 40 mEq/l
15. Blood glucose measurement by venous blood/finger stick
16. Administer approved medications by the following routes: IV, IO, intramuscular, subcutaneous, inhalation, transcutaneous, sublingual, endotracheal, intranasal, or oral.

C. Administer the following medications:

1. Acetaminophen (IV)
2. Activated charcoal
3. Adenosine
4. Albuterol, nebulized
5. Amiodarone
6. Aspirin
7. Atropine sulfate
8. Calcium chloride
9. Dextrose 10%, 25% and 50%
10. Diphenhydramine
11. Dopamine hydrochloride
12. Epinephrine (1:1,000 and 1:10,000)
13. Fentanyl
14. Glucagon
15. Ketorolac
16. Ipratropium Bromide
17. Irrigation solutions (sterile water, saline)
18. Lidocaine hydrochloride
19. Midazolam
20. Morphine sulfate
21. Naloxone
22. Nitroglycerine (sublingual tablets or spray)
23. Nitroglycerine Paste
24. Normal Saline
25. Ondansetron

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26. Oxygen
 27. Sodium Bicarbonate
 28. Tranexamic Acid
- D. Administer any/all medications within local optional scope of practice as approved by the state EMS Authority

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