

SAEMS PREHOSPITAL PROTOCOLS

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

I. PURPOSE

This protocol defines the scope of authority afforded to prehospital providers in the performance of their duties with and without on-line medical direction. This protocol will enable the prehospital provider to understand all skills allowed without on-line medical direction, specialized skills allowed with verification of training, and skills allowed only **AFTER** on-line medical direction has concurred.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. STANDARD PERMISSIVE SKILLS

STANDARD PERMISSIVE SKILLS are defined as skills that **MAY** be performed by prehospital personnel after approved initial training and **WITHOUT** on-line medical direction. Contact with an on-line medical direction authority must be made following stabilization, unless interventions are implemented as part of a standing/administrative order. On-line contact will be established as soon as communication capabilities allow.

ALS	BLS
Intubation (oral, nasal, LMA, ETLAD [Esophageal Tracheal Double Lumen Airway Device e.g. Combitube, King Airway])	Application & use of an Automatic External Defibrillator
	Activated Charcoal Administration
	Epi-pen Auto-injector
Spinal Immobilization	Oral Glucose Gel
Cricothyrotomy	ASA per Chest Pain Standing Order
Needle Thoracostomy	Initiation of Oxygen
Intraosseous Infusion	Temperature Assessment and Monitoring
Parenteral Glucose	
Initiation of IV fluid, Oxygen and Cardiac Monitoring	Pulse Oximetry Assessment and Monitoring
ACLS or other approved resuscitative measures	Interfacility Monitoring of approved IV fluids
	Spinal Immobilization
	Airway Maintenance, Control and Ventilation
	BCLS or other approved resuscitative measures

B. EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE:

EXPANDED SCOPE OF PRACTICE is defined as those interventions requiring advance training. Prior approval of the provider's administrative medical director is required. These skills **MAY** require on-line medical direction at the discretion of the provider's administrative medical director.

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ALS	BLS
HAZ-MAT Drug Antidote Therapy by Toxicology Paramedics	Patient Assisted Medication Administration
Interfacility IV Infusion Pump Utilization	EMT IV Access
Transport Ventilators	Endotracheal Intubation
Immunization Administration	ETDLAD (Esophageal Tracheal Double Lumen Airway Device) Insertion e.g. Combitube, King Airway
Rapid Sequence Intubation	
CPAP	