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SUBJECT: 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. Perform defibrillation and/or synchronized cardioversion or external cardiac pacing.
 - C. Visualize the airway by use of the laryngoscope and remove foreign body(ies) with forceps.
 - D. Perform pulmonary ventilation by use of the esophageal airway, endotracheal intubation, multi-lumen airways and CPAP.
 - E. Perform Needle Cricothyrotomy.

- F. 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.
 - G. Institute intraosseous infusions.
 - H. Administer intravenous glucose solutions or isotonic balanced salt solutions.
 - I. Obtain venous blood samples.
 - J. Use pneumatic antishock trousers.
 - K. Perform Valsalva's maneuver.
 - L. Perform needle thoracostomy.
 - M. Monitor thoracostomy tubes.
 - N. Monitor IV solutions containing potassium < 20 mEq/L.
 - O. 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) Glucagons.
 - 11) Lidocaine hydrochloride.
 - 12) Morphine sulfate.
 - 13) Midazolam.
 - 14) Naloxone hydrochloride.
 - 15) Nitroglycerine tablets or spray or paste.
 - 16) 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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