NOR-CAL EMS	05-0103	Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)- Scope of Practice
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Authority

1. Health and Safety Code Division 2.5, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9.
2. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2, § 100063 and 100064.
3. NHTSA National EMS Scope Of Practice Model, February 2007.

Purpose

To establish the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) scope of practice in the NOR-CAL EMS region.

Policy

4. A certified EMR is authorized to perform the following medical care while at the scene of an emergency or while assisting other EMS personnel during transport:
   A. Evaluate the ill and injured.
   B. Render basic life support, rescue and emergency medical care to patients.
   C. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
   D. Perform automated external defibrillation (AED).
   E. Provide treatment for shock.
   F. Obtain diagnostic signs to include the assessment of temperature, blood pressure, pulse and respiration rates, level of consciousness, and pupil status.
   G. Use any of the following techniques to support airway and breathing:
      a. Manual airway opening methods, including head-tilt/chin-lift and/or jaw thrust.
      b. Manual methods to remove an airway obstruction in adults, children and infants.
      c. Use the recovery position.
      d. Use an oropharyngeal airway.
      e. Use a nasopharyngeal airway.
      f. Use of manual or mechanical suction devices.
      g. Use of manual ventilating devices designed for prehospital care (e.g., BVM).
   H. Administer supplemental oxygen therapy using a nasal cannula, non-rebreather mask or in conjunction with a manual ventilation device.
   I. Perform the following during emergency care:
      a. Spinal stabilization.
      b. Splinting of extremities (including the use of traction splints).
      c. Emergency eye irrigation using water or normal saline.
      d. Assist with administration of oral glucose.
      e. Assist patients with administration of physician-prescribed epinephrine devices and naloxone.
      f. Assist in emergency childbirth.
      g. Hemorrhage control using direct pressure, pressure bandages, principles of pressure points, approved hemostatic dressings and tourniquets.
      h. Chest seals and dressings.
      i. Simple decontamination techniques and use of decontamination equipment.
      j. Care for amputated body parts.
      k. Provide basic wound care.
   J. Provide initial prehospital emergency care of trauma.
   K. Extricate entrapped persons.
   L. Perform field triage.
   M. Administration of nerve agent auto injectors (atropine and pralidoxime chloride by auto- injector) in accordance with NOR-CAL EMS policies/protocols.
5. In addition, EMR personnel may use any or all of the following optional skills when functioning under the oversight of an NOR-CAL EMS approved BLS provider, authorized by the BLS provider to use the optional skills and have received adequate training on the optional skills they have been authorized to utilize. Training records for the providers must be documented with Nor-Cal EMS:
   A. Administration of epinephrine by auto-injector for suspected anaphylaxis in accordance with NOR-CAL EMS policies/protocols.
   B. Administration of IN naloxone nasal spray in accordance with NOR-CAL EMS policies/protocols.