

ADVANCED EMT SCOPE OF PRACTICE

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I. PURPOSE

To identify the scope of practice of Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT) in San Diego County

II. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.107, 1797.171, 1797.56, and 1798.

III. POLICY

- A. An AEMT may perform any activity identified in the scope of practice of an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) (see County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services (CoSD EMS) Policy B-450 "EMT Scope of Practice").
- **B.** During training, while at the scene of an emergency, and during transport of the sick or injured, a supervised AEMT student or certified AEMT may, in accordance with CoSD EMS policies, procedures, and protocols, perform the following procedures and administer the following medicines:
 - 1. Perform pulmonary ventilation by use of a perilaryngeal airway adjunct
 - 2. Institute intravenous (IV) catheters in peripheral veins
 - 3. Administer IV glucose solutions or isotonic balanced salt solutions
 - 4. Obtain venous and/or capillary blood samples for laboratory analysis
 - 5. Use blood glucose measuring devices
 - 6. Administer the following medications:
 - a. Sublingual nitroglycerine
 - b. Oral aspirin
 - c. Intramuscular glucagon
 - d. Inhaled beta-2 agonists (bronchodilators)
 - e. Oral activated charcoal
 - f. Intramuscular or intranasal naloxone
 - g. Intramuscular or subcutaneous epinephrine
 - h. Intravenous administration of 50% dextrose

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C. A supervised AEMT student or certified AEMT may utilize additional skills and/or medications included as part of pilot study as determined by the CoSD EMS Medical Director, in accordance with Section 1797.214 of Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code.