

# Monterey County EMS System Policy



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## **SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

To define the scope of practice for an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) in Monterey County.

### **II. POLICY**

- A. EMR personnel shall adhere to the Monterey County EMR scope of practice while working in a BLS assignment with a Monterey County EMS service provider. This includes volunteer and paid staff.
- B. The scope of practice of EMR personnel shall not exceed those activities authorized in California Code of Regulations, Title 22, and by Monterey County EMS policy.
- C. Only those individuals with EMR training, who are currently accredited as an EMR in Monterey County, and whose certificate of training remains current may function under this policy as part of the Monterey County EMS system.

### **III. SCOPE OF PRACTICE**


- A. The Emergency Medical Responder is authorized to perform any of the following:
  - 1. Render Basic Life Support, rescue, and first aid to patients according to Monterey County EMS policies and protocols.
  - 2. Obtain vital signs including blood pressure, heart rate, and respiratory rate.
  - 3. Evaluate the ill and injured.
  - 4. Perform CPR.
  - 5. Provide basic treatment for shock.
  - 6. Use manual airway opening methods, including head-tilt-chin-lift and/or jaw thrust to support breathing.
  - 7. Use oral-pharyngeal airways.
  - 8. Perform manual methods to remove an airway obstruction in adults, children, and infants, and use hand-powered and mechanical suction devices.
  - 9. Administer oxygen.
  - 10. Use a bag-valve-mask ventilation device.
  - 11. Place patients into the recovery position.
  - 12. Perform spinal motion restriction.

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13. Splint injured extremities.
14. Perform emergency eye irrigation using water or normal saline.
15. Assist with the administration of oral glucose.
16. Assist patients with administration of physician-prescribed epinephrine devices and naloxone.
17. Assist in emergency childbirth.
18. Control hemorrhage using direct pressure, pressure bandages, pressure points, and tourniquets. Hemostatic dressings may be used from the list approved by the EMS Authority.
19. Apply chest seals and dressings.
20. Perform simple decontamination techniques and use decontamination equipment.
21. Package and transport amputated body parts
22. Provide basic wound care.
23. Use intranasal naloxone when trained according to Monterey County policy and employed by a Monterey County EMS service provider.
24. Use an AED when employed by an approved public safety AED service provider.
25. Use various types of stretchers.
26. Extricate entrapped persons.
27. Perform field triage in accordance with Monterey County protocol.
28. Self-administer or administer to other Fire, Law Enforcement, and/or EMS personnel 2-PAM and atropine by auto-injector (Mark 1 kit) when trained according to Monterey County policy and employed by a Monterey County EMS service provider.
29. Administer epinephrine by auto-injector for suspected anaphylaxis when employed by a Monterey County EMS service provider.

### END OF POLICY

  
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