

Louisiana Emergency Medical Services Scope of Practice Matrix

Trauma and Injury Management

SKILL/PROCEDURE	EMR	EMT	AEMT	PARAMEDIC
Cervical Spine Immobilization (C-Collar)	√*	√	√	√
Cervical Spine Immobilization (Manual)	√	√	√	√
Eye Irrigation (Flush with Water or Saline)	√	√	√	√
Rigid Splints	√	√	√	√
Soft Splints	√	√	√	√
Soft Tissue Management	√	√	√	√
Spinal Immobilization (Long Spine Board)	√*	√	√	√
Spinal Immobilization (Manual)	√	√	√	√
Tourniquet Application	√	√	√	√
Wound Care: Occlusive Dressing	√	√	√	√
Wound Care: Pressure Bandage (Inclusive of Hemostatic Bandage)	√	√	√	√
Helmet Removal		√	√	√
PASG		√	√	√
Rapid Extrication Procedures		√	√	√
Spinal Immobilization (Seated/KED)		√	√	√
Traction Splints (Femur Fracture)		√	√	√
Morgan Lens Eye Irrigation				√

Airway Management

SKILL/PROCEDURE	EMR	EMT	AEMT	PARAMEDIC
BVM	√	√	√	√
Manual Removal of Obstructed Airway	√	√	√	√
Mouth to Barrier Devices	√	√	√	√
Nasal Cannula	√	√	√	√
Nasopharyngeal Airway Insertion	√	√	√	√
Non-Rebreather Mask	√	√	√	√
Open and Maintain the Airway	√	√	√	√
Oral Suctioning	√	√	√	√
Oropharyngeal Airway Insertion	√	√	√	√

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Airway Management (continued)

SKILL/PROCEDURE	EMR	EMT	AEMT	PARAMEDIC
Ventilation With A Flow Restricted Oxygen-Powered Device	√	√	√	√
Capnography Application And Monitoring	√*	√	√	√
Carbon Monoxide Monitoring	√*	√	√	√
Pulse Oximetry	√*	√	√	√
Dual Lumen Airway		√	√	√
Endotracheal Suctioning		√	√	√
Extraglottic Airways		√	√	√
Partial Rebreather Mask		√	√	√
Positive Pressure Ventilation Devices (Manually Triggered Or Automatic Ventilators)		√	√	√
Tracheostomy Maintenance		√	√	√
Venturi Mask		√	√	√
Administration Of Nebulized Bronchodilators		√*	√	√
Automatic Transport Ventilator		√*	√	√
CPAP Administration And Management		√*	√	√
Laryngoscopy For Removal Of Airway Obstruction			√	√
Tracheostomy Tube Replacement			√	√
BiPAP Administration And Management				√
Endotracheal Intubation				√
Nasogastric Tube Insertion				√
Needle Decompression				√
Orogastic Tube Insertion				√
Percutaneous /Needle Cricothyrotomy				√
Positive End- Expiratory Pressure (PEEP)				√
Surgical Cricothyrotomy				√
Transport Ventilator (Manual Adjustments)				√
Medication Assisted Intubation				√*

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Pharmaceuticals

SKILL/PROCEDURE	EMR	EMT	AEMT	PARAMEDIC
Aspirin (PO)	√	√	√	√
Epinephrine (Auto-Injector)	√	√	√	√
Epinephrine 1:1,000 (Intramuscular)	√*	√*	√	√
Epinephrine 1:1,000 (Subcutaneous or Intramuscular)			√	√
Glucagon (Auto-Injector)	√	√	√	√
MDI (Patient Assist)	√	√	√	√
Sublingual NTG (Patient Assist)	√	√	√	√
Oral Glucose	√	√	√	√
Naloxone (Auto-Injector)	√	√	√	√
Naloxone (IN)	√	√	√	√
Naloxone (Intramuscular)	√*	√*	√	√
Naloxone (Intravenous)			√	√
Bronchodilators		√*	√	√
Benzodiazepines			√	√
Dextrose in Water			√	√
Glucagon			√	√
Lidocaine for Pain Relief after Intraosseous Needle Insertion			√	√
Nalbuphine			√	√
Nitrous Oxide			√	√
Normal Saline			√	√
Ondansetron (PO, Adults)			√	√
Medication Administration with Evidence of Written Protocol and Education				√*

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Medication Administration Routes (for Medications in the Approved Scope of Practice)

SKILL/PROCEDURE	EMR	EMT	AEMT	PARAMEDIC
Auto Injector Devices	√	√	√	√
Intranasal Medication Administration	√	√	√	√
MDI (Patient Assist)	√	√	√	√
Sublingual NTG (Patient Assist)	√	√	√	√
Oral Medication Administration	√*	√	√	√
OTC Medication should (Patient Assist)	√*	√	√	√
Maintenance of Pre-Established Non-Medicated IV Fluids (D ₅ W, LR, NS)		√*	√	√
Intramuscular Medication Administration			√	√
Intraosseous Medication Administration			√	√
Intravenous Medication Administration			√	√
Subcutaneous Medication Administration			√	√
Sublingual Medication Administration			√	√
Intravenous Pump Medication Administration				√
Rectal Medication Administration				√

Vascular Access

SKILL/PROCEDURE	EMR	EMT	AEMT	PARAMEDIC
Blood Glucose Analysis	√*	√*	√	√
Blood Sample Collection for Analysis			√	√
Intraosseous Access			√	√
Peripheral Venous Access (Excluding External Jugular)			√	√
Central Line Maintenance				√
Peripheral Venous Access (Including External Jugular)				√
Umbilical Venous Access				√*

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Cardiac Arrest Management

SKILL/PROCEDURE	EMR	EMT	AEMT	PARAMEDIC
CPR: Manual	√	√	√	√
Defibrillation: AED	√	√	√	√
Application of Cardiac Rhythm Monitor	√*	√*	√	√
CPR: External Automated Device	√*	√*	√	√
Interpretation of Cardiac Rhythm Strips			√	√
Defibrillation: Manual			√*	√
Interpretation of 12-Lead EKG				√
Synchronized Cardioversion				√
Transcutaneous Pacing				√

Other Skills and Procedures

SKILL/PROCEDURE	EMR	EMT	AEMT	PARAMEDIC
Body Substance Isolation Precautions	√	√	√	√
Nerve Agent Antidote Auto-Injector Kit	√	√	√	√
Patient Care Report (PCR) Documentation	√	√	√	√
Taking and Recording of Vital Signs	√	√	√	√
Trauma Triage	√	√	√	√
Emergency Childbirth	√*	√	√	√
Taser Barb Removal	√*	√	√	√
Urinary Catheter Maintenance and Troubleshooting		√	√	√
Blood Chemistry Analysis				√
Maintenance of Blood Administration				√
Thrombocytes Therapy Initiation and Monitoring				√
Arterial Line Monitoring				√*
Thoracostomy (Tube, Needle, Finger)				√*
PICC Line: Access and Use				√*
CVP Line Monitoring				√*
Digital Nerve Block				√*
ICP Monitoring				√*
Pericardiocentesis				√*
Extremity Wound Closure (Suturing/Stapling)				√*
Swan-Ganz Catheter Monitoring				√*

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Other Skills and Procedures (continued)

SKILL/PROCEDURE	EMR	EMT	AEMT	PARAMEDIC
Transvenous Pacing: Maintenance and Troubleshooting				√*
Urinary Catheter Insertion				√*
Access and Use of Existing Central Venous Catheters and Access Ports				√*

Community Wellness, Health Promotion, Prevention, Mobile Integrated Healthcare

SKILL/PROCEDURE	EMR	EMT	AEMT	PARAMEDIC
Determination of Alternate Transport Location		√*	√*	√*
Fall Prevention Assessment		√*	√*	√*
Injury Risk Assessment/Home Safety Assessment		√*	√*	√*
Treat and Release Protocol Implementation		√*	√*	√*
Care Plan Follow-Up				√*
Comprehensive Physical Exam				√*
Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) Assessment (Advanced)				√*
Hospital Discharge Follow Up				√*
Immunizations/Vaccinations				√*
Medication Compliance Monitoring				√*
Mental Health Assessment (Advanced)				√*
Oral Health Assessment (Advanced)				√*
Social Evaluation (Advanced)				√*
Physician Extension Under Direct Tele-Medicine Supervision in Accordance with LRS 37:1271				√*

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Notes on Scope of Practice

EMS Practitioners must be licensed by the Louisiana Bureau of EMS and affiliated with a medical director.

All skills/procedures/interventions must be included in agency specific protocols approved by a medical director.

Procedures with a “√*” are approved as optional modules. Agencies utilizing these skills must maintain documentation demonstrating all individuals authorized by the agency’s Medical Director to perform these skill(s)/procedure(s) have attended an agency specific training module. Agency documentation of competency validation is required every 24 months.

A licensed Louisiana EMS Practitioner may be licensed/credentialed/certified by the other recognized credentialing boards. It is the responsibility of both the employee and the employer to clearly delineate if/when the individual is functioning as an EMS Practitioner or under a separate license/credential