



The following are 911 field Standing Orders (SO) for OCEMS Accredited EMT personnel:

An OCEMS Accredited EMT may perform or assist ALS at a scene with any of the following:

- Provide basic life support, rescue, and emergency medical care to patients.
- Ensure patent airway and dislodge any airway obstruction.
- Consider insertion of nasopharyngeal airway (NPA) or oropharyngeal airway (OPA).
- Ensure proper positioning for adequate ventilation and suction as needed.
- Obtain vital signs (should be done with all EMS encounters) to include:
 - Blood Pressure
 - Pulse Rate
 - Respiratory Rate
 - Pulse Oximetry (SPO2), when available.
 - Level of consciousness
 - Pain level
 - Skin signs
 - Pupil size and symmetry
- Administer supplemental oxygen (O2) as necessary, either by mask or nasal cannula, for a SPO2 < 94%. Use the lowest concentration and flow rate of O2 possible.
- Consider bag-valve mask (BVM) for moderate to severe respiratory distress, apnea, or agonal respirations, altered level of consciousness with hypoventilation or hypoxia despite maximal supplemental O2.
- Apply and monitor continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) devices as indicated to support patient ventilation.
- Initiate and perform CPR including use of Autopulse™ device.
- Perform Automated External Defibrillation when appropriate.

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- ~~0. Provide positive pressure ventilation using a Bag Valve Mask (BVM) device with supplemental oxygen.~~
- ~~0. Initiate and perform CPR including use of Autopulse™ device.~~
- ~~0. Obtain vital signs (should be done on all EMS encounters) to include:~~
 - ~~e. Blood pressure, pulse and respiration rates.~~
 - ~~f. Level of consciousness.~~
 - ~~g. Pain level, skin signs and pupil size and symmetry as indicated by patient status.~~
- ~~1. Primary and Secondary Assessment.~~
- ~~2. Perform field MCI triage as appropriate.~~
- ~~3. Obtain blood oxygen saturation level using pulse oximeter device for those with respiratory distress and provide supplemental oxygen by mask or cannula when oxygen saturation is less than 95% on room air.~~
- ~~4. Perform Automated External Defibrillation when appropriate.~~
- ~~5. Utilize California EMS Authority approved mechanical tourniquets for uncontrolled bleeding of extremities.~~
- ~~6. Administer oxygen for respiratory distress by mask or cannula.~~
- ~~7. Obtain blood glucose level and administer oral glucose solutions for suspected hypoglycemia as indicated by a blood glucose level equal to or less than 60.~~
- ~~8. Deliver epinephrine auto-injector as dictated by history and assessment.~~
- ~~9. Administer naloxone as dictated by history and assessment.~~
- ~~10. Administer Duodote™ injector as appropriate for nerve agent or organophosphate poisoning.~~

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- ~~11.~~ Apply hemostatic dressing approved by the California EMS Authority to assist in control of wound hemorrhage.
- ~~12.~~ Extricate entrapped persons.
- ~~13.~~ ~~Apply and monitor continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) devices as indicated to support patient ventilation.~~
- ~~14.~~ Place into and transport patients in spinal motion restriction or full spinal immobilization as indicated.
- Apply extremity splints and traction for suspected long bone fracture.
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Assist Patient with prescribed medications, limited to:

- ~~1.~~ Nitroglycerin aerosol, powder or tablets as prescribed.
- ~~2.~~ Albuterol metered dose inhaler or nebulizer as prescribed.
- ~~3.~~ Aspirin for cardiac chest pain as prescribed.

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Assist paramedics with:

- ~~1.~~ Placement of ECG leads for 12-lead acquisition.
- ~~2.~~ Prepare intravenous (IV) fluid for infusion.
- ~~3.~~ Assist with preparation for ALS airway procedures.

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Honor DNR request:

- ~~1.~~ Physician signed DNR or copy.
- ~~2.~~ Advance Healthcare Directive.
- ~~3.~~ End of Life Options Act.
- ~~4.~~ California POLST form.

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Transport Patients with the following:

- ~~1.~~ Saline or Ringers Lactate intravenous solutions at a set rate of infusion or adjust the infusion rate as necessary to maintain a preset rate of flow.
- ~~2.~~ Pre-existing vascular access devices with saline or heparin lock devices (excluding arterial lines).
- ~~3.~~ Use of mechanical restraints to assure patient and bystander safety.
- Patients who have nasogastric tubes, gastrostomy tubes, heparin and saline locks, Foley catheters, and tracheostomy tubes in place.
- Pediatric patients are to be transported securely in a size appropriate restraint system (e.g. Neo-mate, Pedi-mate, car seat, etc).

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