



The following General Basic Life Support (BLS) Standing Orders authorize Orange County EMS (OCEMS) Accredited Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) to provide assessment, treatment, monitoring, and transport of patients within their approved scope of practice (OCEMS Policy #315.00).

Additional patient condition-specific Standing Orders, Procedures, Treatment Guidelines, and Policies shall be followed when applicable.

ASSESSMENT

- Perform a primary and secondary assessment to include:
 - Level of consciousness / Glasgow Coma Scale (OCEMS Procedure B-002)
 - Pain level
 - Skin signs
 - Pupil size and symmetry
 - Pediatric Assessment Triangle (PAT) for patient ages < 15 years of age (OCEMS Procedure B-001)
- Obtain vital signs (should be done with all EMS encounters) to include:
 - Blood Pressure
 - Pulse Rate
 - Respiratory Rate
 - Pulse Oximetry (SPO2), when available
 - End Tidal CO2 monitoring, when indicated
- Obtain blood glucose level as indicated.
- Reassess patient condition as clinically indicated.

AIRWAY AND BREATHING

- Ensure a patent airway and remove any airway obstructions.
- Utilize airway adjuncts, including:
 - Oropharyngeal airway (OPA)
 - Nasopharyngeal airway (NPA)
- Position patients to support airway patency and ventilation.
- Suction as indicated.
- Administer supplemental oxygen (O2) as necessary for SPO2 $\leq$ 94%.
- Provide positive pressure ventilation using a bag-valve mask (BVM) device when indicated.
- Apply and monitor continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) devices as indicated.

CIRCULATION AND RESUSCITATION

- Initiate and perform CPR, including use of an approved Automated Chest Compression Device (ACCD).
- Perform Automated External Defibrillation (AED) when indicated.

HEMORRHAGE AND TRAUMA CARE

- Utilize approved tourniquet for uncontrolled extremity hemorrhage.
- Apply hemostatic dressings when indicated.



- Apply spinal motion restriction as indicated.
- Apply extremity splints and traction splints as indicated.
- Perform field triage, including mass casualty incident (MCI) triage, when indicated.
- Assist with patient extrication when necessary.

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

- Administer naloxone (Narcan) as indicated.
- Administer oral glucose as indicated.
- Administer epinephrine auto-injector as indicated.
- Administer atropine and pralidoxime chloride injection (DuoDote®) or equivalent approved nerve agent antidote as indicated.
- Assist patients with prescribed medications as indicated, including:
 - Nitroglycerin
 - Albuterol and/or ipratropium (Atrovent®) inhalation metered dose inhaler (MDI) or nebulizer
 - Aspirin
 - Patient's own physician-prescribed devices and medications

ALS ASSISTANCE

- Assist with placement of ECG leads for cardiac monitoring or 12-lead acquisition.
- Prepare intravenous fluid administration equipment as directed.
- Assist with preparation for advanced airway procedures.
- Assist Paramedics with authorized ALS procedures that are within the EMT scope of practice.

PATIENT DISPOSITION

- Honor valid Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) requests and end-of-life documents in accordance with OCEMS policy, including:
 - Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST)
 - Advance Healthcare Directive
 - Physician-signed DNR orders
 - Other legally recognized end-of-life documents

TRANSPORT CONSIDERATIONS

- Transport patients in accordance with applicable OCEMS Standing Orders, Procedures, Treatment Guidelines, and Policies.
- Monitor and maintain pre-existing intravenous lines delivering glucose solutions or isotonic balanced salt solutions, including Lactated Ringer's at a set rate of infusion.
- Transport patients with approved pre-existing vascular access devices and indwelling medical devices in accordance with EMT Scope of Practice and OCEMS Policy 310.20.
- Utilize patient restraints when necessary to protect the patient, EMS personnel, or others, in accordance with applicable policies.
- Transport pediatric patients utilizing an age- and size-appropriate restraint system (e.g., Neo-mate, Pedi-mate, car seat, etc.).



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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:

1. Provide positive pressure ventilation using a Bag-Valve-Mask (BVM) device with supplemental oxygen.
2. Initiate and perform CPR including use of Autopulse™ device.
3. Obtain vital signs (should be done on all EMS encounters} to include:
 - a. Blood pressure, pulse and respiration rates.
 - b. Level of consciousness.
 - c. Pain level, skin signs and pupil size and symmetry as indicated by patient status.
4. Primary and Secondary Assessment.
5. Perform field MCI triage as appropriate.
6. 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.
7. Perform Automated External Defibrillation when appropriate.
8. Utilize California EMS Authority approved mechanical tourniquets for uncontrolled bleeding of extremities.
9. Administer oxygen for respiratory distress by mask or cannula.
10. 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.
11. Deliver epinephrine auto injector as dictated by history and assessment.
12. Administer naloxone as dictated by history and assessment.
13. Administer Duodote™ injector as appropriate for nerve agent or organophosphate poisoning.
14. Apply hemostatic dressings approved by the California EMS Authority to assist in control of wound hemorrhage.
15. Extricate entrapped persons.
16. Apply and monitor continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) devices as indicated to support patient ventilation.
17. Place into and transport patients in spinal motion restriction or full spinal immobilization as indicated.
18. Apply extremity splints and traction for suspected long bone fracture.

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.

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.

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.
4. Patients who have nasogastric tubes, gastrostomy tubes, heparin and saline locks, Foley catheters, and tracheostomy tubes in place.

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