San Joaquin County
Emergency Medical Services Agency

BLS Scope of Practice Summary

AUTHORITY: Division 2.5, Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.220 & 1798 et al.

Procedures	Special Considerations	EMR	EMT
Patient assessment		Yes	Yes
Obtain vital signs	BP, pulse, resp, etc.	Yes	Yes
Perform CPR and external airway maneuvers	Chest compressions, abdominal thrusts, back blows	Yes	Yes
Oropharyngeal airway		Yes	Yes
Nasopharyngeal airway		Yes	Yes
i-Gel supraglottic airway		No	Yes
Bag valve mask device		Yes	Yes
Oxygen devices	Cannula, mask, tubing	Yes	Yes
Suction devices	Manual and mechanical	Yes	Yes
Splints	Soft, rigid	Yes	Yes
Traction splints		No	Yes
Spinal immobilization	X collar, KED, etc.	Yes	Yes
AED		Yes	Yes
Assist with childbirth		Yes	Yes
Assist with ALS procedures	Under paramedic direction	No	Yes
Monitor IV infusions	Isotonic solutions (NS, LR) and D5W (inter-facility transfers)	No	Yes

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Monitor indwelling IV lines	Excluding arterial lines	No	Yes

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Procedures, cont.	**Special Considerations**	**EMR**	**EMT**
Monitor gastrostomy tubes		No	Yes
Monitor foley catheters		No	Yes
Monitor tracheostomy tubes		No	Yes
Monitor nasogastric tubes		No	Yes
Monitor Heparin locks		No	Yes
Determine Blood Glucose level		No	No
Monitor SpO2		No	Yes
Medications	**Special Considerations**	**EMR**	**EMT**
Oxygen		Yes	Yes
Oral Glucose	BLS personnel are not authorized to use glucometers to determine blood glucose levels	No	Yes
Mark I Kits	Nerve agent exposure only and only trained personnel	No	Yes
Assisting patients with administering their own prescribed medications:	• Inhalers • Allergic reaction kits (epinephrine kit) • Sublingual Nitroglycerine	No	Yes
Naloxone		No	No
Aspirin		No	No

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Epinephrine Auto Injector Adult and Pediatric		No	No
Acetaminophen		No	Yes
Diphenhydramine		No	Yes
Ibuprofen		No	Yes
Ondansetron		No	Yes

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