

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Southern Tier Regional Emergency Medical Services



This defines the skills and procedures permitted for each level of certification within Southern Tier Regional Emergency Medical Services system.

EMT-Intermediate

Airway: Basic airway management, plus:

Oral tracheal intubation using a laryngoscope (direct vision), if unsuccessful, Combitube™ placement

Tracheal tube placement confirmation with esophageal detector device or non-colorimetric end tidal CO₂ monitor.

Tracheal suctioning via the endotracheal tube

Pulse Oximetry, where available

IV Therapy:

Venous cannulation of peripheral veins

IV attempts limited to three in not more than 10 minutes; **do not delay transport**

IV sites limited to arms

Blood draws

Blood Glucose Determination as authorized by Service Medical Director.

Medication Administration:

Assist the patient in taking their prescribed medication

Oral Glucose

EMT-Critical Care

Airway:

- Oral tracheal intubation using a laryngoscope (direct laryngoscopy), if unsuccessful, Combitube™ placement
- Tracheal tube placement confirmation with esophageal detector device or non-colorimetric end tidal CO₂ monitor.
- Tracheal suctioning through ET tube
- Pulse Oximetry, where available

Cardiac:

- Transcutaneous Pacing, 12-lead ECG
- Monitor rhythm with a manual monitor/defibrillator
- Rhythm interpretation
- Defibrillation
- Synchronized cardioversion

IV Therapy:

- Peripheral venous cannulation, limited to extremities (including IO)
- IV attempts limited to 3 in 10 minutes; repeated attempts should not delay transport
- Blood draws
- Blood Glucose Determination

Medications:

- Assist patients in taking their prescribed medication
- Administer medications from the regional medication schedule per protocol and medical control order.

EMT-Paramedic

Airway:

- Pulse Oximetry, where available
- Endotracheal intubation using laryngoscope (direct laryngoscopy)
- Blind nasotracheal intubation
 - If either above intubation methods are unsuccessful, Combitube™ placement
- Tracheal tube placement confirmation with esophageal detector device or non-colorimetric end tidal CO₂ monitor.
- Digital oral intubation
- Tracheal suctioning via ET tube
- Needle chest decompression (needle thoracostomy)
- Cricothyrotomy (kit only)
- Needle Cricothyrotomy with transtracheal jet insufflation

Cardiac:

- 12-lead ECG
- Rhythm monitoring and interpretation with a manual monitor/defibrillator
- Defibrillation
- Synchronized cardioversion
- Transcutaneous pacing

IV Therapy:

- Venous access including external jugular cannulization (includes IO)
- Blood Draws
- Blood Glucose Determination

Medication:

- Assist patients in taking their prescribed medication
- Administer medications on the regional medication schedule per protocol and medical control order.

