

EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS

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EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS/SCOPE OF PRACTICE

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3	Activated Charcoal <i>Call Drug</i>		X	X	X	X	
4	Adenosine					X	
5	Albuterol		X	X	X	X	
6	Amiodarone			X	X	X	
7	Amyl Nitrite					X	
8	Aspirin	X	X	X	X	X	
9	Ativan					X	
10	Atropine Sulfate		X	X	X	X	EMT-SLUDGE Only
11	Atrovent			X	X	X	
12	Calcium Gluconate <i>Call Drug</i>					X	
13	Captopril					X	
14	Dexamethasone					X	
15	Dextrose 50% (IV)			X	X	X	
16	Dextrose (Oral)	X	X	X	X	X	
17	Diphenhydramine			X	X	X	
18	Dopamine					X	
19	Duoneb			X	X	X	
20	Epinephrine 1:1,000	X	X	X	X	X	EMR-EpiPen Only
21	Epinephrine 1:10,000			X	X	X	
	Etomidate					X	
22	Fentanyl			X	X	X	
23	Furosemide			X	X	X	
24	Glucagon			X	X	X	
25	IV Solutions (BSS)			X	X	X	
	Ketamine					X	

26	Labetalol CALL DRUG					X	
27	Lidocaine			X	X	X	
28	Lidocaine Pre-Mix			X	X	X	
29	Magnesium Sulfate					X	
30	Midazolam					X	
31	Morphine Sulfate			X	X	X	
32	Naloxone			X	X	X	
33	Nitroglycerine		X	X	X	X	EMT-Assist w/ Pt NTG only
34	Nubain			X	X	X	
35	Oxygen	X	X	X	X	X	
36	Oxytocin CALL DRUG					X	
37	Phenergan					X	
38	Rocuronium					X	
39	Sodium Bicarbonate					X	
40	Succinylcholine					X	
41	Thiamine					X	
	Toradol					X	
42	Vasopressin			X	X	X	
43	Vecuronium					X	
44	Zofran			X	X	X	

ACTIVATED CHARCOAL

Activated Charcoal	[EMT/AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Absorbent
Actions:	Absorbs toxins by binding to them to prevent GI absorption.
Indications:	Adsorbent used in overdoses and poisonings eg. Acetaminophen [Tylenol] ingestion
Contraindications:	<p>Absolute (may be harmful):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vomiting/Inability to protect airway 2. Petroleum product ingestion 3. Corrosive ingestion (mineral acids, strong bases) <p>Relative (unlikely to be effective):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Toxic Alcohol ingestion (ethanol, methanol, isopropanol, ethylene glycol) 2. Lithium ingestion 3. Metals ingestion (iron, lead, mercury, etc.)
Precautions:	1. Patient must be alert and able to avoid aspiration.
Side Effects:	Vomiting, aspiration, constipation, bowel obstruction
Dosage:	<p><i>Adults:</i> 50 gm PO</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i> 1 gm/kg PO, NMT 50 gm</p>
Supply:	25 gm bottles
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Activated Charcoal interferes with some antidotes. 2. It is unlikely to be useful unless given in the first hour after ingestion. 3. Shake vigorously before using.

ADENOSINE (Adenocard)

Adenosine (Adenocard)		[Paramedic]
Class:	Anti-arrhythmic	
Actions:	Slows conduction through the AV node.	
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stable Narrow-QRS Tachycardia refractory to vagal maneuvers 2. Unstable Narrow-QRS Tachycardia if IV access immediately available: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rate \geq 150/min. (adult), \geq 220 (children) b. Regular rhythm c. QRS < 0.12 seconds 	
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Wide QRS (> 0.12 seconds) Tachycardia 3. Second or Third degree heart block 4. Sick Sinus Syndrome 	
Precautions	In the presence of carbamazepine (Tegretol), may produce higher degrees of heart block or may develop asystole (1%) which can last for 3 days	
Side Effects:	Transient asystole, AV block, PVCs, Hypotension	
Dosage:	<p><i>Adults:</i> 6 mg (2 ml) IV/IO over 1-2 sec. If not effective after 2 min., administer: 12 mg [4 ml] IV/ IO. Follow each dose with a 20 ml NS IV flush.</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i> 0.1 mg/kg IV/IO over 1-2 sec. If not effective after 2 minutes, administer: 0.2 mg/kg. NMT 12 mg. Follow each dose with a 5 ml NS IV flush.</p>	
Supply:	6mg/2ml Prefilled syringe 12mg/4ml Prefilled syringe	
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does not convert atrial flutter, atrial fibrillation, or ventricular tachycardia. May cause temporary slowing. 2. Adenosine is antagonized by methylxanthines (such as caffeine, theophylline) May require larger dose to treat. 3. Adenosine effects are potentiated by diprydomole and will require smaller doses to treat. 4. Use injection port closest to body and follow immediately with flush. 	

ALBUTEROL (Proventil, Ventolin)

Albuterol (Proventil, Ventolin)	[EMT/AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Sympathomimetic (β_2 selective)
Actions:	Bronchodilation
Indications:	Wheezing and respiratory distress due to asthma, emphysema, COPD, anaphylaxis Hyperkalemia
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Avoid in the following unless symptoms are severe: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chest pain b. Pulse > 140/min. (adults) or > 180/min. (children) c. Systolic BP > 180
Precautions:	Risk of transient hypokalemia
Side Effects:	Tachycardia, hypertension, arrhythmias, tremor, anxiety, headache
Dosage:	<i>Adults:</i> 1 unit dose, nebulized <i>Pediatric:</i> 1 unit dose, nebulized May repeat in 10 minutes if inadequate response
Supply:	Bottle of 0.083% solution contains 2.5 mg in 3 ml.
Comments:	Set oxygen at 6-10 LPM [until nebulizer mists] < 4 yrs old: nebulizer held under the face ≥ 4 yrs old: nebulizer with mouth piece or face mask

AMIODARONE (Pacerone)

Amiodarone (Pacerone)	[AEMT/Intermediate/RN/Paramedic]
Class:	Anti-arrhythmic
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Depresses automaticity of SA node. 2. Slows conduction & increases refractoriness of the AV node. 3. Increases Atrial & Ventricular refractoriness
Indications:	Pulseless VF / VT, V-tach with pulse, Wide complex Tachycardia
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Sinus node dysfunction, 2°/3° AV block, bradycardia, cardiogenic shock
Precautions:	May cause hyperthyroidism
Side Effects:	May produce vasodilation, hypotension, a prolonged QT interval, and a negative inotropic effect
Dosage:	<p><i>Adults:</i> 1. V-fib / Pulseless V-tach: 300 mg IV/IO may repeat once in 3 – 5 min. at 150 mg IV/IO. If pt converts administer drip at rate of 1mg/min</p> <p>2. V-tach with pulse / Wide complex Tachycardia: 150 mg in 100 ml LR or NS. Rapid infusion of 15 mg/min over 10 min., may repeat 150mg rapid infusion in 10 min. If pt converts administer drip at rate of 1mg/min</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i> 1. V-fib / Pulseless V-tach: 5 mg/kg IV/IO may repeat once in 3 – 5 min. at 2.5 mg/kg IV/IO.</p> <p>2. V-tach with pulse / Wide complex Tachycardia: 2.5 mg/kg IV/IO over 10 min.</p>
Supply:	50mg in 3 ml preload 150mg in 3 ml vial
Comments:	<p><i>Maintenance drip:</i> May mix drip 150 mg in 100ml LR or NS and administer at 45 gtts to give 1mg/min on Micro drip set.</p> <p><i>Rapid Infusion:</i> Mix in macro solu-set, or 150 mg in 100 ml LR or NS and administer at 150 gtts/min. over 10 min. for 15 mg/min infusion. (Approx. 37 gtts/15 sec.)</p> <p><i>Pediatric Infusion:</i> Mix with 2 ml/kg of NS in Buretrol and infuse over 10 min.</p>

ASPIRIN (Acetylsalicylic Acid)

Acetylsalicylic Acid (Aspirin)	[EMR/EMT/AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Analgesic, antipyretic
Actions:	Blocks platelet aggregation
Indications:	Chest pain suggestive of AMI
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allergy to aspirin or aspirin induced asthma. 2. History of active bleeding disorder (i.e., hemophilia). 3. Current GI bleeding. 4. Suspected aortic dissection.
Precautions:	Caution in patients with known active peptic ulcer
Side Effects:	Urticaria, angioedema, bronchospasm, anaphylactic shock, nausea, vomiting, heartburn, GI bleed and prolonged bleeding
Dosage:	<i>Adults:</i> 4 chewable baby aspirin (81 mg each) PO <i>Pediatric:</i> Not Indicated
Supply:	81 mg tablets
Comments:	Do not use in pediatric patients with chicken pox or influenza like illness due to association with increased risk of Reye's Syndrome

AMYL NITRITE

Amyl Nitrite	[Paramedic]
Class:	Inhalant
Actions:	Amyl Nitrate has affinity for cyanide ions; reacts with hemoglobin to form methemoglobin.
Indications:	Cyanide or hydrocyanic poisoning
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy to organic nitrites 2. Recent (last 24 hr) Sildenafil (Viagra) or other phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitor use. 3. Severe anemia
Precautions:	May cause postural hypotension. Patient should be sitting down during and immediately after inhaling.
Side Effects:	Headache
Adults & Pediatric:	<i>Adults & Pediatric:</i> Breathe Amyl Nitrate vapors for 30 seconds, then breathe Oxygen for 30 seconds repeat this procedure continuously
Supply:	0.3 mL capsules
Comments:	Protect yourself from exposure to cyanide sources. DO NOT BECOME A VICTIM YOURSELF.

ATIVAN (Lorazepam)

Ativan (Lorazepam)		[Paramedic]
Class:	Benzodiazepine	
Actions:	Anti-convulsant, tranquilizer and skeletal muscle relaxant	
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seizures/status epilepticus 2. As an amnesic / anxiolytic prior to cardioversion 3. Chemical restraint 	
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Severe respiratory insufficiency (unless mechanically ventilated) 3. CNS depression 	
Precautions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inadvertent intra-arterial injection may produce arteriospasm, potentially leading to amputation. 2. Use cautiously and monitor closely in patients with sleep apnea. 	
Side Effects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drowsiness, dizziness, fatigue and ataxia. 2. Most likely to produce respiratory depression in patients who have taken other depressant drugs, especially alcohol and barbiturates, or when given rapidly. 	
Dosage:	<i>Adults:</i> 0.5-2.0 mg IV/IO/IM <i>Pediatric:</i> 0.1mg/kg IV/IO/IM May repeat in 10 min NMT 4.0 mg.	
Supply:	2 mg/ml Carpuject / Vial 2 mg/ml – 2 ml Vial	
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If given IM, do not dilute. 2. Dilute 1:1 for IV/IO. 3. Consider rectal administration (if unable to administer IV) in seizing children. Contact Medical Control hospital prior to doing so. 	

ATROPINE

Atropine Sulfate	[EMT/AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Parasympatholytic (anticholinergic)
Actions:	Blocks acetylcholine receptors (decreases vagal tone thus increasing heart rate)
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Narrow-QRS (< 0.12 sec) bradycardia with systolic BP < 90, decreased LOC, chest pain, or PVC's 2. Severe organophosphate (insecticide) poisoning
Contraindications:	Wide-QRS (\geq 0.12 sec) Bradycardia
Precautions:	Glaucoma
Side Effects:	Tachycardia, chest pain, blurred vision, headache, dry mouth, flushing, urinary retention
Dosage: <i>Bradycardia</i>	<p><i>Adults:</i> 0.5 - 1 mg IV/IO/ET q 5 min, NMT 3 mg</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i> 0.02 mg/kg IV/IO or 0.03 mg/kg ET (Avoid age < 1 month).</p> <p>MINIMUM DOSE: 0.1 mg</p> <p>MAXIMUM TOTAL DOSE (child): 1.0 mg(0.04 mg/kg)</p> <p>MAXIMUM TOTAL DOSE (adolescent): 2.0 mg (0.04 mg/ kg)</p>
Dosage: <i>Organophosphate Poisoning</i>	<p><i>Adults:</i> 1 - 2 mg IV/IO/IM</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i> 0.01 - 0.02 mg/kg (0.1-0.2 ml/kg) IV/IO/IM</p> <p>Repeat q 5 - 10 min until muscarinic symptoms disappear or atropine toxicity appears.</p>
Supply:	Prefilled syringe contains 1 mg (10 ml) Vial: 20 ml – 0.4 mg/ml
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use cautiously in patients with chest pain 2. Severe organophosphate poisoning requires double doses if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Systolic BP < 90 b. Decreased LOC c. Respiratory distress d. Excessive oral secretions e. Pulse < 60

ATROVENT (Ipratropium Bromide)

Atrovent (ipratropium bromide)	[AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Anticholinergic
Actions:	Inhibits interaction of acetylcholine at receptor sites of the bronchial smooth muscle resulting in bronchial dilation
Indications:	For Relief of Bronchospasms in those with COPD
Contraindications:	Hypersensitivity/allergy
Precautions:	Narrow angle glaucoma,
Side Effects:	N/V, Dry mouth, cramps, anxiety, dizziness, H/A, cough , worsening of Bronchospasms
Dosage:	<i>Adults & Pediatric:</i> 0.5 mg nebulized mixed with albuterol dose.
Supply:	2.5 ml of solution (0.5 mg) per unit dose for nebulization
Comments:	Mix with Albuterol to form "Duoneb" – Administer once, all subsequent Neb treatments are to be Albuterol. Duoneb will be second treatment for pediatric patients if Albuterol treatment does not break asthma.

CALCIUM GLUCONATE

Calcium Gluconate	[EMT-P]
Class:	Membrane stabilizer and antidote
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Calcium is the most common cation in the human body and the majority of the body stores are located in bone. 2. It is critical in many different cellular processes and is essential for the functional integrity of muscle (skeletal, smooth and cardiac) and nervous tissues.
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hyperkalemia 2. Calcium channel blocker overdoses 3. Hydrofluoric acid poisoning 4. Iatrogenic magnesium intoxication
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Digoxin Poisoning. 3. Hypercalcemia
Precautions:	Avoid use with patients who are on Digoxin since calcium can augment the positive inotropic and negative chronotropic effects of digitalis preparations.
Side Effects:	<p>Rapid IV administration can cause:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bradycardia 2. Vasodilatation 3. Hypotension 4. Syncope 5. Local irritation & burning
Dosage:	<p><i>Adults:</i> 10 - 20 mL IV/IO over 10 min</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i> 0.2 - 0.3 mL/kg IV/IO</p>
Supply:	10 mL of 10% solution contains 93 mg (4.65 mEq) of calcium.
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Administer slowly (no faster than 2.0 ml/min) and stop if the patient complains of pain. 2. Inject using a small needle in large vein and do not mix with bicarbonate. 3. As a membrane stabilizer in suspected hyperkalemia, it reverses EKG changes pending correction of the extracellular potassium concentration. Suspect hyperkalemia in patient with wide complex arrhythmia or tall peaked T-waves and Hx of renal failure.

CAPTOPRIL (Capoten)

Captopril (Capoten)	[EMT-P]
Class:	Angiotensin Conversion Inhibitor (ACE-I)
Actions:	Vasoconstrictor Lowers blood pressure
Indications:	1. Flash pulmonary Edema 2. CHF
Contraindications:	Hypersensitivity/allergy to any ACE-I
Precautions:	Impaired renal function Auto-immune disease (Lupus, etc.) Elderly may be more sensitive to drug's hypotensive effects.
Side Effects:	Tachycardia, hypotension, angina. Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain. Allergic Reaction may be rash, swelling of tongue, angioedema of the face and extremities.
Dosage:	<i>Adults:</i> 12.5 mg sublingual (May dampen with small amount of sterile water or normal saline to help tablet to dissolve.)
Supply:	12.5 mg white tab.
Comments:	1. Prevents conversion of angiotensin I to angiotensin II, a potent vasoconstrictor. 2. Decreases peripheral arterial resistance so there is reduced sodium and water retention and lowers blood pressure. 3. Onset occurs in 15-30 minutes. Duration is 6-12 hours.

DEXAMETHASONE (Decadron)

Dexamethasone (Decadron)		[EMT-P]
Class:	Corticosteroid	
Actions:	Anti-inflammatory	
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moderate to severe asthma/COPD 2. Severe allergic reactions 3. Croup 	
Contraindications:	Systemic fungal infection	
Precautions:	Pregnancy, peptic ulcer disease Hypersensitivity/allergy	
Side Effects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hyperglycemia 2. Hypertension 3. Anxiety/psychosis 4. Adrenal suppression 5. N/V, headache or dizziness 	
Dosage:	<i>Adults (>40 lb):</i> 10 mg IV/IO/IM/PO <i>Pediatric (< 40 lb):</i> 0.6 mg/kg IV/IO/IM/PO NMT 10 mg	
Supply:	10 mg/1 ml Vial	
Comments:	Dexamethasone is a synthetic steroid that suppresses acute and chronic inflammation. In addition, it potentiates vascular smooth muscle relaxation by beta-adrenergic agonists and may alter airway hyperactivity.	

DEXTROSE/GLUCOSE

DEXTROSE (Glucose)	[EMR/EMT/AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Carbohydrate
Actions:	Elevates blood glucose level
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Symptomatic hypoglycemia <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a.BGL < 60 mg/dl b.BGL < 60 mg/dl in Child (1 year to puberty) c.BGL < 40 mg/dl in Infant (Birth to 1 year) 2.Consider in patients when unable to assess BGL or if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a.GCS ≤ 12 b.Seizures lasting ≥ 3 minutes
Contraindications:	No absolute contraindications.
Precautions:	Relative contraindications are intracranial hemorrhage and stroke.
Side Effects:	Tissue injury if infiltration occurs. Aspirate blood before and during injection.
Dosage: EMR/EMT	<i>Adults:</i> 15 - 25 g orally if patient can protect airway <i>Pediatric:</i> 0.5 g/kg orally if patient can protect airway
Dosage: AEMT/EMT-I/RN Paramedic	<i>Adults:</i> D50: 10-50 mL (5 - 25 g) IV or IO <i>Any age:</i> D10: 1 mL/kg (0.1 g/kg) IV or IO <i>Any age:</i> D5: 2 mL/kg (0.1 g/kg) IV or IO May repeat NMT 0.5 g/kg
Supply:	25 g per tube; Glucose: 15 gm tube Prefilled syringe contains 25 gm (50 ml) D50 contains 5 g glucose per 10 ml (50% glucose) D10 contains 5 g glucose per 50 ml (10% glucose) D5 contains 2.5 g glucose per 50 ml (5% glucose)
Comments:	Perform rapid glucose determination before administration. Maximum single dose: 25 g dextrose = 500ml D5 = 250 ml D10 = 50 ml D50. Recheck BGL before administering additional glucose. May repeat every 3-5 minutes as needed for persistent hypoglycemia. Effect is delayed in elderly people with poor circulation.

DIPHENHYDRAMINE (Benadryl)

Diphenhydramine HCL (Benadryl)	[AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Antihistamine
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blocks histamine receptors 2. Antiemetic effect
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Second Line for Anaphylaxis 2. Dystonic reactions to antipsychotic drugs
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Weight < 22 lbs (10 kg)
Precautions:	May precipitate narrow angle glaucoma BPH
Side Effects:	Sedation, confusion Anticholinergic effects such as urinary retention
Dosage:	<i>Adults:</i> Adults 25 to 50 mg slow PO/IV/IO/IM <i>Pediatric:</i> 1 mg/kg PO/IM/IV/IO NMT 50 mg
Supply:	Prefilled carpuject contains 50 mg (1 ml) 25 mg capsules
Comments:	Reduce dose in elderly

DOPAMINE (Intropin)

Dopamine HCL (Intropin)	[Paramedic]
Class:	Sympathomimetic
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increases cardiac contractility 2. Causes peripheral vasoconstriction 3. Increases chronotropic and inotropic effects
Indications:	Non-hypovolemic shock
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Hypovolemic shock (volume replacement MUST be accomplished prior to using Dopamine)
Precautions	Not compatible with Sodium Bicarbonate or other alkaline solution
Side Effects:	Tachycardia, hypertension, arrhythmias, chest pain
Dosage:	<p><i>Adults:</i> 5-20 mcg/kg/min IV/IO. Titrate to systolic BP \geq 100. Mix 400 mg in 250 ml D5W (1600 mcg/ml)].</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i> Start at 2 – 5 mcg/kg/min IV/IO. Titrate for effect. NMT 30 mcg/kg/min Mix 100mg in 250ml D5W (400 mcg/ml) Shake to mix</p>
Supply:	Vial contains 200 mg (5 ml) Premixed – 1600mcg/250ml
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Very Low Dose (0.5 - 2 mcg/kg/min): dopaminergic 2. Low Dose (2 - 10 mcg/kg/min): β effects predominate 3. High Dose (> 10 mcg/kg/min): α effects predominate

mcg/kg/min	Patient weight in kg											
	2.5	5	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
2 mcg				1.5	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8
5 mcg		1	2	4	6	8	9	11	13	15	17	19
10 mcg	1	2	4	8	11	15	19	23	26	30	34	38
15 mcg	1.4	3	6	11	17	23	28	34	39	45	51	56
20 mcg	2	4	8	15	23	30	38	45	53	60	68	75
Microdrops per minute (or ml/hr)												
Mix 400 mg in 250 ml D5W (1600 mcg/ml) or Mix 800 mg in 500 ml D5W (1600 mcg/ml) & run at:												

DUONEB (Albuterol/Atrovent mix)

Duoneb (Albuterol/Atrovent mix)	[AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Bronchodilator
Actions:	Smooth muscle relaxant. Opens up narrowed breathing passages
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asthma 2. Emphysema 3. COPD 4. Anaphylactic respiratory distress
Contraindications:	Albuterol or atrovent allergy
Precautions:	Chest pain. Pulse > 140 /min. (adults) or > 180/min. (children) Systolic B/P > 180 Narrow angle glaucoma
Side Effects:	Chest discomfort, angina. Fast or irregular heartbeat
Dosage:	<i>Adults & Pediatric:</i> 3 ml vial in nebulizer.
Supply:	3 ml vial (Fish) containing 2.5 mg Albuterol/0.5 mg Atrovent
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First line in adults. 2. 2nd line in children. (1st line is albuterol) 3. All subsequent neb treatments are to be Albuterol unless directed otherwise by OLMC.

EPINEPHRINE 1:1,000

Epinephrine 1:1,000 (Adrenalin)		[EMR/EMT/AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Sympathomimetic	
Actions:	<p>α - Vasoconstriction: improves coronary blood flow and supports BP in anaphylactic shock</p> <p>β_1 – Inotropic and chronotropic effects.</p>	
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ACLS: (VF, pulseless VT, Asystole, PEA) 2. Anaphylaxis 3. Stridor & lower airway wheezing not broken by albuterol 	
Contraindications:	Pediatric cardiac arrest (see Epinephrine 1:10,000)	
Precautions:	<p>Avoid use in the following unless symptoms are severe:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chest pain 2. Pulse > 140/min. (adults) or > 180/min. (children) 3. Systolic BP > 180 	
Side Effects:	Tachycardia, hypertension, arrhythmias, tremor, anxiety, headache, chest pain	
Dosage: Anaphylaxis	<p><i>Adult:</i> 0.3 mg (0.3 ml) IM, SQ</p> <p><i>Child:</i> 0.2 mg (0.2 ml) IM, SQ</p> <p><i>Infant:</i> 0.1 mg (0.1 ml) IM, SQ</p> <p>May repeat this dose once after 10 min PRN</p> <p>Consult OLMC if patient is 50 years or older or has history of heart disease.</p> <p>EMR use Epipen (0.3 mg) or Epipen Jr (0.15 mg) IM auto-injector only</p>	
Dosage: Respiratory Distress	<p><i>Adult & Pediatric:</i> 3 ml in nebulizer for stridor, wheezing or severe respiratory distress not broken with Albuterol \pm Atrovent</p> <p>May repeat this dose once after 10 min PRN</p> <p>Use with caution if patient is 50 years or older or has history of heart disease. Consider OLMC consult before administration.</p>	
Dosage: ACLS	<p><i>Adult:</i> 1 mg (1 ml) IV/IO q 3-5 min PRN</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i> See Epinephrine 1:10,000</p>	
Supply:	30 ml Vial – 1 mg/ml	
Comments:	IM route preferred over SQ due to improved absorption in shock state.	

EPINEPHRINE 1:10,000

Epinephrine 1:10,000 (Adrenalin)		[AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Sympathomimetic	
Actions:	α - Vasoconstriction: improves coronary blood flow and supports BP in anaphylactic shock β_1 – Inotropic and chronotropic effects.	
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ACLS: (VF, pulseless VT, Asystole, PEA) 2. (Paramedic Only) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pediatric Bradycardia unresponsive to ventilation b. Anaphylaxis not responding to IM/SC treatment 	
Contraindications:	No absolute indications in ACLS	
Precautions:	Avoid use in the following unless symptoms are severe: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chest pain 2. Pulse > 140/min. (adults) or > 180/min. (children) 3. Systolic BP > 180 	
Side Effects:	Tachycardia, hypertension, arrhythmias, tremor, anxiety, headache, chest pain	
Dosage:	<i>Adults: 0.5 mg (5 ml) IV/IO</i>	
Anaphylaxis	<i>Child/Infant: 0.01 mg/kg (0.1 ml/kg) IV/IO NMT 0.5 mg</i> Use with caution if patient is 50 years or older or has history of heart disease. Consider OLMC consult before administration. (Paramedic Only)	
Dosage:	<i>Adult: 1 mg (10 ml) IV/IO. Repeat every 3-5 minutes until pulse returns.</i>	
ACLS	<i>Pediatric: 0.01 mg/kg (0.1 ml/kg) IV/IO. Repeat every 3-5 minutes until pulse returns or bradycardia resolves.</i>	
Supply:	Preload 1 mg /10 ml (1 ml = 0.1mg)	
Comments:	IM route preferred over SQ due to improved absorption in shock state.	

ETOMIDATE (Amidate)

Etomidate (Amidate)	[EMT-P]
Class:	Sedative/hypnotic Induction Agent
Actions:	Non-barbiturate hypnotic; lacks analgesic activity
Indications:	Induction for RSI
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Sepsis/septic shock
Pregnancy:	Category C - not recommended
Precautions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excessively rapid injection may be followed by a fall in blood pressure. 2. IV incompatibility with vecuronium
Side Effects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adrenal suppression 2. Myoclonus 3. Transient pain on injection 4. Nausea/vomiting
Dosage:	<i>Adults:</i> 0.3 mg/kg IV/IO <i>Pediatric:</i> 0.3 mg/kg IV/IO Administer undiluted over 10 - 20 seconds
Supply:	2 mg/mL Supplied in a pre-load syringe containing 40 mg in 20 mL
Kinetics:	<i>Onset:</i> within 60 seconds <i>Duration:</i> 3-5 minutes
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First line induction agent for RSI. 2. Advantages: Cerebroprotective and minimal myocardial/respiratory depression 3. Disadvantages: Adrenal suppression/increased risk of death in septic patients.

FENTANYL (Sublimaze)

Fentanyl (Sublimaze)	[AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Narcotic Analgesic
Actions:	Acts on the opiate receptors in the brain to cause: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analgesia 2. CNS depression 3. Vasodilation
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Treatment of acute pain if patient has allergy to Morphine 3. 1st line analgesic with the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Traumatic injuries with severe pain (i.e. orthopedic injuries.) b. Pain from burns
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respiratory depression 2. Acute severe bronchial Asthma 3. Within 2 weeks of MAO inhibitor use
Precautions:	Use with Caution in patients with head injury at risk for ICH
Side Effects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sedation 2. Respiratory depression or arrest. 3. Chest wall rigidity 4. Bradycardia, QT-prolongation, arrhythmia 5. Hypotension 6. Nausea & vomiting, constipation 7. Raised ICP
Dosage:	<i>Adults:</i> 25-100 mcg (0.5-1 mcg/kg) IV/IO/IM/IN slowly over 1-2 min NMT 200 mcg <i>Pediatric:</i> 1 - 2 mcg/kg IV/IO/IM slowly over 1-2 min NMT 4 mcg/kg Repeat with ½ initial dose prn
Supply:	Carpject 100 mcg / 2 ml
Kinetics:	<i>Onset:</i> 2 – 3 min <i>Duration:</i> 30 – 60 min
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approximately 80 times more potent than Morphine 2. Rapid administration may cause muscle rigidity of respiratory muscles. Muscle rigidity may be treated with benzodiazepine, but may require treatment with paralytic.

FUROSEMIDE (Lasix)

Furosemide (Lasix)	[AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Diuretic
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inhibits reabsorption of NaCl 2. Promotes prompt diuresis 3. Vasodilatation
Indications:	Pulmonary edema with signs and symptoms of volume overload (recent weight gain, peripheral edema, JVD, rales)
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Systolic BP < 100 3. Known severe hypokalemia
Pregnancy:	Category C - not recommended
Precautions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should be not given prior to nitrates in patients with CHF 2. Small risk of cross-reaction in patients with allergy to sulfa compounds
Side Effects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypotension 2. Hypokalemia
Dosage:	<p><i>Adults:</i> 40 mg (4 ml) IV/IO at 15-20 mg/min. Double the dose (80 mg) for patients taking PO Lasix daily.</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i> 1 mg/kg (0.1 ml/kg) IV/IO at 15-20 mg/min</p>
Supply:	<p>Vial contains 40 mg (4 ml)</p> <p>Ansyrr LL Syringe – 40 mg / 4 ml</p>
Comments:	

GLUCAGON

Glucagon HCL	[AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Hormone (Antihypoglycemic agent)
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Causes breakdown of glycogen to glucose 2. Elevates blood glucose level
Indications:	Unable to administer IV D50 in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rapid glucose determination < 70 mg/dl. 2. Rapid glucose determination suspected stroke pt.< 60 mg/dl 3. Suspected but hypoglycemia if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. GCS ≤ 12 b. Seizure lasting ≥ 3 min.
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Pheochromocytoma
Precautions:	Caution if history of pheochromocytoma or insulinoma
Side Effects:	Nausea, vomiting, hyperglycemia
Dosage:	<i>Adults:</i> 1 mg (1 ml) IM/SC q 20 min PRN <i>Pediatric if ≥ 20 kg:</i> 1 mg (1 ml) IM/SC <i>< 20 kg – 0.1 mg/kg IM/SC NMT 1 mg (1 ml)</i>
Supply:	Vial containing 1 mg powder Mix with vial containing 1 ml diluent for 1 mg/ml solution
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. May be useful in β-blocker or Ca-channel blocker overdose. Requires significant quantity to be effective. 2. IM preferred over SC due to improved absorption. 3. Call OLMC for dosing in overdose.

IV SOLUTION (BSS)

IV Solution (BSS)	[AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Electrolyte/Fluid Replacement
Actions:	Provide water and electrolytes for replacement of acute extracellular fluid losses
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypotension 2. PEA 3. Dehydration, moderate to severe, due to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inadequate intake b. Acute loss from vomiting and/or diarrhea 4. Acute blood loss due to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Trauma b. GI Bleeding
Contraindications:	
Precautions:	Caution in patients with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Renal impairment 2. CHF/Pulmonary edema 3. Extremes of age.
Side Effects:	Fluid overload resulting in pulmonary edema
Dosage:	<i>Adults:</i> 500 - 1000 mL bolus BSS IV/IO May repeat bolus PRN NMT 2 L <i>Pediatric:</i> 10 - 20 mL/kg bolus NS IV/IO May repeat bolus PRN NMT 40 mL/kg
Supply:	100, 250, 500 and 1,000 ml bags of either Lactated Ringers or Normal Saline 0.9%
Comments:	NS is initial fluid of choice. May consider LR in trauma patients requiring more than 2 boluses of BSS. Warmed fluids in trauma patients if available. Chilled (4° C) fluids in ROSC to induce hypothermia Reassess fluid status and lung sounds between boluses. In elderly or patients with history of CHF or renal failure, use caution and bolus in increments of 250 mL.

KETAMINE (Ketalar)

Ketamine (Ketalar)	[EMT-P]
Class:	Sedative, Analgesic
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analgesia 2. Amnesia 3. Releases endogenous catecholamines 4. Dilates bronchial smooth muscles 5. Stimulates beta receptors in the lungs
Indications:	Induction for RSI (Good choice in Asthma/COPD or pregnancy)
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Head trauma 3. Acute globe injury
Precautions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Known or suspected schizophrenia 2. Coronary artery disease 3. Glaucoma
Pregnancy:	Category B
Kinetics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Onset: within 1 - 2 minutes 2. Duration: 15 - 30 minutes
Side Effects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Laryngospasm 2. Hypersalivation 3. Emesis 4. Hypertension 5. Emergence reaction 6. Possible increase intracranial and intraocular pressure
Dosage:	<p><i>Adults & Pediatric: 2 mg/kg IV/IO</i> Administer slow IV/IO over 60 seconds <i>Adults & Pediatric: 4 mg/kg IM</i></p>
Supply:	10 mg/mL
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phencyclidine (PCP) derivative 2. Does not inhibit protective airway reflexes, spontaneous respirations or cardiopulmonary stability. 3. Monitor closely for laryngospasm 4. Administer midazolam 2.5 - 5 mg IV/IO in adults to treat severe emergence reaction

LABETALOL (Trandate)

Labetalol (Trandate)	[EMT-P: OLMC Approval Required]
Class:	Alpha- and beta-adrenergic blocker
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Competitive alpha 1-receptor blocker 2. Nonselective beta-receptor blocker.
Indications:	Hypertensive Crisis (BP approximately 200/115)
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Bronchial asthma 3. Overt congestive heart failure 4. Bradycardia 5. Second- and third-degree heart block 6. Cardiogenic shock
Precautions:	DM, CVD, hepatic impairment, renal impairment, elderly, CHF
Pregnancy:	Category C
Kinetics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Onset: within 5 minutes 2. Duration: 6 - 8 hours
Side Effects:	<p>Hypotension, Postural hypotension Ventricular dysrhythmias Aggravate CHF, bronchospasm Headache, Dizziness, Facial flushing, diaphoresis</p>
Dosage:	<p><i>Adults:</i> 10 mg slow IV/IO over 1-2 min; Repeat 10 - 20 mg q10 min NMT 150 mg. <i>Pediatric:</i> 0.2 - 1 mg/kg IV q 10 min PRN NMT 3 mg/kg/hr</p>
Supply:	20 mg Carpuject
Comments:	<p>Blood pressure, pulse rate, ECG should be continuously monitored. Observe for signs of congestive heart failure, bradycardia, dysrhythmia and bronchospasm. Should only be administered with the patient in a supine position.</p>

LIDOCAINE (Xylocaine)

Lidocaine HCL (Xylocaine)	[AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Antiarrhythmic
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suppresses ventricular ectopy 2. Elevates threshold of ventricular fibrillation 3. Decreases ventricular automaticity
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cardiac arrest from V-Fib/V-Tach 2. Stable V-Tach 3. Pain from IO in conscious patient
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Slow V-Tach (heart rate < 100/min., QRS ≥ 0.12 sec) 3. Bradycardia (heart rate < 60/min. adult; < 80/min. children) 4. Torsades de pointes
Precautions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce maintenance dose in liver or LV dysfunction 2. Discontinue immediately if signs of toxicity develop
Side Effects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decreased LOC, dizziness, confusion, numbness, seizures 2. Arrhythmia, hypotension, cardiac arrest 3. Malignant hyperthermia
Dosage: Cardiac Arrest	<p><i>Adults:</i> 1.5 mg/kg rapid IV/IO PRN q 5 min NMT 3 mg/kg. 3 mg/kg ET (one dose only).</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i> 1 mg/kg rapid IV/IO PRN q 5 min NMT 100 mg. 2 mg/kg ET (one dose only).</p>
Dosage: Wide QRS Tachycardia	<p><i>Adults:</i> 1.5 mg/kg IV/IO at 50 mg/min. or 3 mg/kg ET. Repeat IV doses: 0.75 mg/kg at 50 mg/ min q 5 min NMT 2 doses (3 mg/kg total).</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i> 1.0 mg/kg IV/IO over 1 minute or 2 mg/kg ET. Repeat IV doses: 1.0 mg/kg over 1 minute every 5 min NMT 2 doses (3 mg/kg total).</p> <p>Avoid additional doses in CHF, shock, liver failure, and age > 70</p>
Dosage: Conscious IO	<p><i>Adults & Pediatric:</i> 0.5 mg/kg IO NMT 50 mg. (See Hixson Lidocaine Chart on following page) Onset 30 – 60 seconds</p>
Supply:	<p>Prefilled syringe: 100 mg (5 ml) 2% solution Pre-mixed: 2 gm in 250 ml D5W bag</p>
Comments:	

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Hixson Lidocaine Chart

VOLUME OF PRESERVATIVE-FREE LIDOCAINE – TITRATE TO ANALGESIC EFFECT					
AGE	WEIGHT (KG)	VOLUME OF 2% (ML) 1ML OF 2% = 20 MG/ML		VOLUME OF 1% (ML) 1ML OF 1% = 10 MG/ML	
		Initial	Subsequent	Initial	Subsequent
Neonate	3	0.07	0.03	0.15	0.07
Neonate	4	0.1	0.05	0.2	0.1
7 weeks	5	0.12	0.06	0.25	0.12
3 months	6	0.15	0.07	0.3	0.15
5 months	7	0.17	0.08	0.35	0.17
7 months	8	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.2
1 year	9	0.22	0.11	0.45	0.22
15 months	10	0.25	0.12	0.5	0.25
2 years	12	0.3	0.15	0.6	0.3
3 years	14	0.35	0.17	0.7	0.35
4 years	16	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.4
5 years	18	0.45	0.22	0.9	0.45
6 years	20	0.5	0.25	1	0.5
7 years	23	0.57	0.28	1.1	0.57
8 years	26	0.65	0.32	1.3	0.65
9 years	29	0.72	0.36	1.4	0.72
10 years	32	0.8	0.4	1.6	0.8
11 years	35	0.87	0.43	1.7	0.87
12 years	39	0.97	0.48	1.9	0.97
13 years	44	1.1	0.55	2.2	1.1
14 years	50	1.2	0.62	2.5	1.2
15 years	54	1.3	0.67	2.6	1.3
16 years	58	1.4	0.72	2.8	1.4
Adult	60	1.5	0.75	3	1.5
	70	1.7	0.87	3.4	1.7
	80+	2	1	4	2
The lower volumes of 2% lidocaine (<1 ml) may be difficult to accurately measure and use of, or dilution to, 1% lidocaine should be considered under these circumstances. Use the appropriate syringe size for the volume to administer to ensure maximum accuracy:				Volume	Syringe Size
				0 - 1 ml	1 ml
				1 - 2.5 ml	2.5 ml
				2.5 - 5 ml	5 ml

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MAGNESIUM SULFATE

Magnesium Sulfate 50%		[EMT-P]
Class:	Anticonvulsant	
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CNS depressant 2. Anticonvulsant 3. Smooth muscle relaxant (vasodilation, bronchodilation) 	
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refractory V-Fib and Pulseless V-Tach 2. Cardiac arrest with suspected hypomagnesemia 3. Torsades de Pointes 4. Eclampsia 5. Asthma not responding to other treatments 	
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Complete heart block 	
Precautions:	Monitor reflexes in Eclampsia	
Side Effects:	Hypotension, bradycardia, complete heart block Respiratory paralysis, Depressed reflexes, confusion, flushing, sweating,	
Dosage: Vfib/ Pulseless Vtach	<i>Adults:</i> 2 gm (10% - 20 ml) IV/IO q 5 min PRN NMT 4 gm <i>Pediatric:</i> 25 - 50 mg/kg IV/IO NMT 2 gm	
Dosage: Torsades de Pointes	<i>Adults:</i> 2 gm (10% - 20 ml) IV/IO over 1 minute. May repeat in 5 min PRN NMT 4 gm <i>Pediatric:</i>	
Dosage: Eclampsia	4 gm (10% - 40 ml) IV/IO over 4 minutes	
Dosage: Asthma	<i>Adults:</i> 2 gm (10% - 20 ml) IV/IO over 10 - 20 min <i>Pediatric:</i> 25 - 50 mg/kg IV/IO over 10 - 20 min NMT 2 gm	
Supply:	Vial contains 10 gm/ 20 ml = 1 gm/2 ml of a 50% solution.	
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 10% solution: Add 8 ml of Normal Saline to each 1 gm (2 ml) of Magnesium Sulfate 2. Magnesium drip: Add 1gm (2ml) Magnesium Sulfate to 250 ml NS. Run through macro drip @ 60 gtt per min for 1 gm/hour 	

MIDAZOLAM (Versed)

Midazolam HCL (Versed)	[EMT-P]
Class:	Sedative, hypnotic (Benzodiazepine)
Actions:	Sedation by direct action on CNS
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seizures 2. Sedation 3. Chemical restraint 4. Shivering during induced hypothermia
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Hypotension 3. Shock 4. Coma
Precautions:	Most likely to produce respiratory depression in patients who have taken other depressant drugs, especially opioids, alcohol and barbiturates, or when given rapidly.
Side Effects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respiratory depression, apnea 2. Hypotension 3. Drowsiness, dizziness, fatigue, amnesia, and ataxia
Dosage: RSI	<p><i>Adults:</i> 0.3 mg/kg IM/IV/IO Consider lower dose (0.2 mg/kg) in patients over 60 yo</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i> 0.2 mg/kg IM/IV/IO < 6 y.o. NMT 3 mg > 6 y.o. NMT 5 mg</p> <p>May repeat every 15 min PRN post-intubation to maintain sedation</p>
Dosage: Seizures Chemical Restraint Sedation Cardioversion	<p><i>Adults:</i> 2 – 5 mg IV/IO/IM/IN May repeat in 5 min NMT 10 mg total</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i> 0.05 – 0.1 mg/kg IV/IO NMT 2.5 mg; 0.2 mg/kg IM/IN NMT 5 mg</p> <p>May repeat in 5 min NMT 5 mg total</p>
Supply:	<p>10mg / 2ml</p> <p>2mg / 2ml</p>
Comments:	<p>Advanced airway management equipment must be readily available.</p> <p>Be prepared for respiratory depression</p>

MORPHINE SULFATE

Morphine Sulfate	[AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Narcotic Analgesic
Actions:	Acts on the opiate receptors in the brain to cause: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analgesia 2. CNS depression 3. Vasodilation
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Acute pain</i> from isolated extremity trauma, back spasms, burns, kidney stones, non-traumatic abdominal pain 2. <i>Chronic pain</i> from cancer
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Multiple trauma, especially head trauma 3. Decreased LOC from any cause 4. Systolic BP < 110 (children: systolic BP < 80) 5. RR < 14 breaths per minute, O2 saturation less than 90%, or significant respiratory depression.
Precautions:	For pediatric patients, vital signs should be maintained within the normal age-appropriate range.
Side Effects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sedation 2. Respiratory depression or arrest. 3. Hypotension 4. Nausea & vomiting, constipation
Dosage:	<p><i>Adults:</i> 2 - 5 mg IV/IO; 5 mg – 10 mg IM. May repeat q 5 min PRN NMT 10 mg (NMT 20 mg in burn patients)</p> <p><i>Pediatric < 20 kg:</i> 0.1 mg/kg IV/IO/IM May repeat q 5 min PRN NMT 4 mg For children > 20 kg, follow adult dosing</p>
Supply:	Vial contains 10 mg (1 ml) Carpject 10 mg/1 ml
Comments:	With the exception of chronic pain from a terminal illness such as cancer, opiates should not be administered in the field to patients with chronic pain syndromes.

NALOXONE (Narcan)

Naloxone (Narcan)	[AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Narcotic Antagonist
Actions:	Reverses effects of narcotics by competing for opiate receptors.
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Altered mental status with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Respiratory depression b. Systolic BP < 90 c. Suspected narcotic overdose. 2. Cardiopulmonary arrest when narcotic overdose is suspected
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Intubated patients
Precautions:	May precipitate withdrawal seizures in neonates of narcotic addicted mothers.
Kinetics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Onset: 1 -2 min IV/IO; 2-5 min IM/SC 2. Duration: 1 - 4 hours
Side Effects:	May precipitate withdrawal. Awakened or awakening patient may become anxious or combative and may develop nausea/ vomiting.
Dosage:	<i>Adults:</i> 0.4 - 2 mg IV/IO/IM/SQ/SL/ET NMT 8 mg <i>Pediatric (< 20 kg):</i> 0.1mg/kg IV/IO/IM/SQ/SL/ET NMT 2 mg For children > 20 kg, follow adult dosing
Supply:	Carpuject contains 2 mg Prefilled Syringe – 2 mg
Comments:	Halt the IV injection if agitation occurs. Reversal of coma, hypotension and respiratory depression is only temporary. If patient does not have reaction after 1 - 2 doses, consider other causes

NITROGLYCERIN

Nitroglycerin (Nitrostat, nitro paste)	[EMT*/AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P] *EMT can assist patient with own NTG only
Class:	Coronary vasodilator
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dilatation of coronary arteries 2. Reduces peripheral vascular resistance 3. Reduces cardiac work
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Angina - chest pain presumed due to coronary disease 2. Pulmonary Edema 3. Hypertensive emergency
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Systolic BP < 100 3. NTG is contraindicated in patients who have recently taken Viagra® (sildenafil citrate) or Levitra® (vardenafil HCl) within 24 hours OR taken Cialis® (tadalafil) within 48 hours.
Precautions:	Should be avoided in acute CVA Use cautiously in suspected R sided MI or bradycardic patients
Side Effects:	Hypotension, tachycardia, syncope, headache.
Dosage: Anginal/ CHF	<i>Adults:</i> 0.4 mg SL q 5 minutes PRN chest pain NTE 3 doses. Hold for systolic BP < 100. 1" to ACW if SBP remains >160 mm Hg and/or the DBP is >100 mm Hg
Dosage: Autonomic Dysreflexia	<i>Adults:</i> 1" to ACW if SBP remains >150 mm Hg after conservative measures.
Supply:	Tablet: 0.4 mg Pump Spray: each squirt = 0.4 mg Packets containing 2 % ointment (1 inch/packet)
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the patient has taken nitroglycerin before without problems, nitroglycerin may be administered sublingually before an IV is started. If the patient has never taken nitroglycerin, an IV must be attempted prior to nitroglycerin administration. If unsuccessful with IV, give NTG SL, then reattempt IV. 2. Wear gloves when applying ointment. 3. Because nitroglycerin causes generalized smooth muscle relaxation, it may also be effective in relieving chest pain caused by esophageal spasm.

NUBAIN (Nalbuphine HCL)

Nalbuphine HCL (Nubain)	[AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Synthetic opioid agonist-antagonist
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Narcotic analgesic 2. CNS depression 3. Vasodilation
Indications:	Use in place of Morphine when patient is allergic to Morphine or you are a long distance from your MS supply.
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Diarrheal illness due to risk of pseudomembranous colitis
Precautions:	Avoid in patients chronically using narcotics.
Side Effects:	Sedation, dizziness, blurred vision, Hypotension, hypertension, bradycardia Respiratory depression, dyspnea, bronchospasm
Dosage:	<i>Adults: 2.0-10mg IV/IO/IM, q 5-30 min PRN NMT 10 mg</i> <i>Pediatric: Safety not established</i>
Supply:	1ml ampule 10 mg/ml (1 mg = 0.1 ml)
Comments:	

OXYGEN

Oxygen	[EMR/EMT/AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Medical gas
Actions:	Oxygen added to the inspired air raises the amount of oxygen in the blood and, therefore, the amount delivered to the tissues. Tissue hypoxia causes cell damage and death.
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suspected hypoxemia or respiratory distress from any cause. 2. Acute chest pain in which a myocardial infarction is suspected. 3. Shock (decreased oxygenation of tissues) from any cause. 4. Major Trauma. 5. Carbon monoxide poisoning.
Contraindications:	<p>In a small percentage of patients with chronic lung disease, administration of O₂ will decrease respiratory drive.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not withhold oxygen because of this possibility. 2. Be prepared to assist ventilation if needed. 3. Initial O₂ flow should be no greater than 2 liters per minute in these patients.
Precautions:	<p>Restlessness may be an important sign of hypoxia. If the patient is not breathing adequately, the treatment of choice is ventilation, not just supplemental O₂.</p>
Side Effects:	Non humidified O ₂ is drying and irritating to mucous membranes.
Dosage: Patients with chronic lung disease	<i>Adults & Pediatric:</i> Low flow (1-2 L/min)
Dosage: Precautionary use	<i>Adults & Pediatric:</i> Moderate flow (4-6 L/min) (Precautionary use for trauma, chest pain, etc)
Dosage: Severe respiratory distress	<i>Adults & Pediatric:</i> High flow (10-15 L/Min)
Supply:	See Oxygen Flow Chart
Comments:	<p>Oxygen supports combustion. Oxygen toxicity is not a risk in acute administration. Nasal cannulas work equally well on nose and mouth breathers.</p>

OXYGEN FLOW CHART

Method	Flow Rate	% Oxygen Inspired (approximate)
Room air		21
Nasal Cannula (prongs)	1 L/min 2 L/min 8 L/min	24 28 40
Face Mask	6 L/min	50 to 60
Oxygen reservoir (mask)	10 to 12 L/min	90
Mouth to mask	10 L/min 15 L/min 30 L/min	50 80 100
Bag/valve/mask (Regulated to inflate bag at proper rate.)	Room air 12 L/min With Reservoir	21 40 90+

OXYTOCIN (Pitocin)

Oxytocin (Pitocin)	[EMT-P] Call OLMC before administration
Class:	Hormone
Actions:	Increases electrical and contractile activity in uterine smooth muscle.
Indications:	Control of post-partum hemorrhage. Call Drug
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. IM use not indicated in the presence of intrauterine pregnancy
Precautions:	Prior to its administration, the presence of a second fetus must be considered. Administration with fetus in uterus can cause rupture of uterus and/or death of fetus.
Side Effects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vasodilatation 2. Reflex tachycardia. 3. Cardiac arrhythmias
Dosage:	<i>Adults: 10 Units (20 mg) IM</i> <i>Pediatric: not applicable</i>
Supply:	10 Units/ml (20mg/ml)
Comments:	Oxytocin can initiate or enhance rhythmic contractions at any time during pregnancy, but the uterus is most sensitive at term. Administration should follow delivery of placenta whenever possible

PHENERGAN (Promethazine)

Phenergan (Promethazine)		[EMT-P]
Class:	Antiemetic	
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Antihistamine effect: Blocks H1-receptor sites 2. Antidopamine effect: Blocks CNS dopamine receptors 	
Indications:	Second line antiemetic: may be used 10 – 15 min after use of Zofran if no improvement.	
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Children less than 2 years old 3. Altered mental status 	
Precautions:	Use cautiously in patients with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acute head injury 2. Sleep apnea 	
Side Effects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respiratory depression 2. Sedation, confusion, disorientation 3. Dry mouth, blurred vision 	
Dosage:	<i>Adults: 12.5 mg – 25 mg IV/IO/IM PRN 6.25 mg Adults > 60 yo Pediatric > 2 yo: 1 mg/kg IV/IM PRN Pediatric < 2 yo: contraindicated</i>	
Supply:	25 mg / 1 ml - preload	
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requires cardiac & pulse oximetry monitoring. 2. Administer Phenergan slowly in port furthest from IV site with NS free flowing during administration. 	

ROCURONIUM (Zemuron)

Rocuronium (Zemuron)	[EMT-P]
Class:	Neuromuscular blocking agent
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non-depolarizing neuromuscular blockade 2. Cholinergic receptor agonist
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2nd line paralytic for RSI 2. Maintenance of paralysis after intubation 3. 1st line paralytic for RSI in pregnancy
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Lack of ventilatory support
Precautions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Succinylcholine produces paralysis, but does not alter a person's level of consciousness. 2. May experience resistance with > 25% TBSA burns 3. May experience hypersensitivity with electrolyte disorders (hyperMg, hypoK, hypoCa)
Kinetics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Onset: 1 -2 min 2. Duration: 30 - 60 minutes
Pregnancy:	Category B
Side Effects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apnea 2. Tachycardia
Dosage:	<p><i>Adults & Pediatric:</i></p> <p>Intubation: 1 mg/kg IV/IO</p> <p>Maintenance: 0.1 – 0.3 mg/kg IV/IO q 20 - 30 min</p>
Supply:	10 mg/ml - 10 ml vial
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dose should be calculated when possible based on ideal body weight 2. Paralysis in the conscious patient is very frightening, therefore, sedation should be provided in any conscious or responsive patient. 3. Verbal explanations should be provided to the patient during the procedure, even if you do not think the patient can hear you.

SODIUM BICARBONATE

Sodium Bicarbonate (NaHCO₃)		[EMT-P]
Class:	Alkalizing agent	
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Buffers metabolic acidosis 2. Increases pH 	
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cardiac arrest in a dialysis patient or suspected hyperkalemia. 2. Tricyclic antidepressant overdose 	
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Hypokalemia 	
Precautions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sodium Bicarbonate may worsen outcome in cardiac arrest. 2. Providing optimum chest compressions and ventilation is best treatment of acidosis in cardiac arrest. 3. May increase cerebral acidosis, especially in diabetics who are ketotic 	
Side Effects:	Metabolic alkalosis Increases sodium Decreases potassium	
Dosage:	<i>Adults & Pediatric:</i> 1 mEq/kg IV/IO (1 ml/kg). May repeat 0.5 mEq/kg or 1 amp until pulse is restored	
Supply:	Prefilled syringe contains 50 mEq (50 ml)	
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sodium Bicarbonate should be an early treatment consideration in dialysis patients in cardiac arrest. 2. Common tricyclic antidepressants – Elavil® (amitriptyline), Norpramin® (desipramine), Pamelor® (nortriptyline), Sinequan® (doxepin), Tofranil® (imipramine) 	

SUCCINYLCHOLINE (Anectine)

Succinylcholine (Anectine)		[EMT-P]
Class:	Depolarizing neuromuscular blocking agent	
Actions:	Short acting, motor nerve depolarizing, skeletal muscle relaxant	
Indications:	Rapid sequence intubation (RSI)	
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Major burns and crush injuries > 48 hours and < 6 months old. 3. Stroke or spinal cord injury with profound residual deficits > 48 hours and < 6 months old. 4. Neuromuscular disease (muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, etc). 5. Suspected hyperkalemia such as end-stage renal disease patients who have missed dialysis. 	
Precautions:	Succinylcholine produces paralysis, but does not alter a person's level of consciousness.	
Side Effects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apnea 2. Tachycardia, arrhythmia 3. Fasciculations 	
Dosage:	<i>Adults:</i> 1.5 mg/kg IV/IO push or 3 mg/kg IM <i>Pediatric:</i> > 6 years: see Adult dosing <6 years: 2 mg/Kg IV/IO push or 4 mg/kg IM	
Supply:	200 mg/10 ml vial	
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paralysis in the conscious patient is very frightening, therefore, sedation should be provided in any conscious or responsive patient. 2. Verbal explanations should be provided to the patient during the procedure, even if you do not think the patient can hear you. 	

THIAMINE

Thiamine	[EMT-P]
Class:	B1 Vitamin
Actions:	Replace or supplement vitamin B1
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In suspected alcoholics before or after the administration of 50% dextrose.2. In suspected Wernicke's or Korsakoff's syndrome.3. In malnourished patients.
Contraindications:	Hypersensitivity/allergy
Precautions:	Rapid IV administration has been associated with hypotension.
Side Effects:	Allergic reactions occur but are extremely rare.
Dosage:	<i>Adults:</i> 100 mg IV/IO/IM. <i>Pediatric:</i>
Supply:	100 mg / 1 ml - vial 200 mg / 2 ml - vial
Comments:	

VASOPRESSIN

Vasopressin	[AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Vasopressor
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vasopressin is a non peptide hormone made in the posterior pituitary. 2. Its primary role is water regulation with secondary role of vasoconstriction. 3. It increases GI and uterine motility, platelet aggregation, and results in secretion of ACTH, aldosterone, factor VIII.
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. V-Fib/Pulseless VT 2. Asystole 3. PEA
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Pregnancy
Precautions:	Asthma, CAD, CHF, Renal disease
Pregnancy:	Category C
Side Effects:	Pallor, sweating, tremor, headache, vertigo Abdominal cramps, N/V/D
Dosage:	<i>Adults: 40 units IV/IO</i> <i>Pediatric: Not indicated</i>
Supply:	20 units/1ml Vial
Comments:	Vasopressin IV/IO is rapidly distributed. No dosage adjustments are needed for patients with renal, liver, heart failure, or advanced age.

VECURONIUM (Norcuron)

Vecuronium (Norcuron)	[EMT-P]
Class:	Neuromuscular blocking agent
Actions:	Non-depolarizing neuromuscular blockade Cholinergic receptor agonist
Indications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintenance of paralysis after intubation 2. RSI
Contraindications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypersensitivity/allergy 2. Lack of ventilatory support
Precautions:	Vecuronium produces paralysis, but does not alter a person's level of consciousness.
Kinetics:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Onset: 2 - 3 min 2. Duration: 20 - 35 minutes
Pregnancy:	Category C
Side Effects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apnea 2. Tachycardia 3. Hypersensitivity associated with histamine release (bronchospasm, flushing, urticaria, hypotension, tachycardia)
Dosage:	<p><i>Adults:</i> Intubation: 0.1 mg/kg IV/IO Maintenance: 0.01 mg/kg IV/IO q 20 min PRN</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i> Intubation: 0.1 mg/kg IV/IO Maintenance: 0.05 mg/kg IV/IO q 60 min PRN</p>
Supply:	10 mg/10 ml – Vial (Comes in two vials, to be mixed)
Comments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paralysis in the conscious patient is very frightening, therefore, sedation should be provided in any conscious or responsive patient. 2. Verbal explanations should be provided to the patient during the procedure, even if you do not think the patient can hear you.

ZOFRAN (Ondansetron)

Zofran (Ondansetron HCL)	[AEMT/EMT-I/RN/EMT-P]
Class:	Antiemetic
Actions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Selective antagonist of 5-HT₃ serotonin receptor 2. Acts centrally (DNS) and peripherally (vagus nerve)
Indications:	Prevention and control of nausea and vomiting
Contraindications:	Hypersensitivity/allergy
Precautions:	Zofran contains phenylalanine (caution for phenylketonurics)
Side Effects:	Headache
Dosage:	<p><i>Adults:</i> 4 mg IM or slow IV/IO (Over 2 min) 4 mg Tablet placed in mouth of conscious patient. Repeat 4 mg dose in 15 minutes if no relief from first dose</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i> < 2 years – 2 mg IM/IV/IO > 2 years – 4 mg IM/IV/IO</p>
Supply:	2 mg/ml - 2 ml Vial 4 mg oral dissolving tablet.
Comments:	Does not typically cause sedation Peak concentration occurs 10 min after IV dose & 40 min after IM