

West Virginia EMR Scope of Practice

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)

EMRs may render rescue, basic first aid, CPR, and the following:

1. Perform initial, focused, and ongoing assessment
2. Perform vital sign assessments
 - 2.1. Manual blood pressure
3. Provide airway opening and respiratory assistance utilizing the following
 - 3.1. Head tilt chin lift maneuver
 - 3.2. Jaw Thrust maneuver
 - 3.3. Oral Airways
 - 3.4. Nasal Airways
 - 3.5. Bag-valve-mask (BVM)
 - 3.6. Mouth to barrier
 - 3.7. Mouth to mask
 - 3.8. Mouth to mouth
 - 3.9. Mouth to nose
 - 3.10. Mouth to stoma
4. Deliver oxygen therapy utilizing the following
 - 4.1. Nasal cannula
 - 4.2. Non-rebreather mask
5. Perform suctioning techniques of the upper airway utilizing the following
 - 5.1. Manual suctioning unit
 - 5.2. Powered suctioning unit with Yankauer tip
6. Utilize an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in addition to CPR in the cardiac arrest patient
7. Manage Bleeding and wounds utilizing the following
 - 7.1. Hemorrhage Control
 - 7.1.1. Direct Pressure
 - 7.1.2. Tourniquet
 - 7.1.3. Wound packing
8. Provide Splinting, Spinal Motion Restriction (SMR), and Immobilization utilizing the following
 - 8.1. Cervical Stabilization
 - 8.1.1. Manual cervical stabilization
 - 8.1.2. Cervical Collar
 - 8.2. Extremity Immobilization
 - 8.2.1. Manual extremity immobilization

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8.2.2. Extremity immobilization

8.2.2.1. Cardboard splints

8.2.2.2. Ladder splints

8.2.2.3. SAM splints

9. Utilize emergency moves for endangered patients

10. Provide care for obstetrical emergencies including childbirth

10.1. Assist with normal childbirth only

10.2. Assisting with complicated childbirth is prohibited

11. Provide administration of approved medications utilizing the following routes

11.1. Intramuscular – Auto-injector

11.2. Intranasal – unit-dosed, premeasured

12. Approved Medications

12.1. Epinephrine (Auto-injector) for anaphylaxis [supplied and carried by the patient]

12.2. Antidotes for chemical/hazardous materials exposures (Auto-injector)

12.3. Opioid antagonist

12.3.1. Intramuscular auto-injector

12.3.2. Intranasal

12.4. Oral glucose

12.4.1. Patient must be awake, alert, and able to swallow

13. May serve as the attendant in charge on a class A (Rapid Responder, NON-transporting) vehicle

14. May serve as an assistant to an EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic in a class B, C, or D ground vehicle

15. May serve as a vehicle operator (with the addition of WVOEMS approved EVOC course) for class A, B, C, and D vehicles