

PARAMEDIC SKILLS MANDATORY ACTIONS

Skill:

Mandatory Actions:

Endotracheal Intubation

Checks/prepares ETT and related equipment
Inserts ETT to proper depth
Limits attempts to no more than 30 seconds
Properly Secures Device
Confirms proper placement via auscultation over lungs and epigastrium
Confirms proper placement via secondary confirmation device (capnography, esophageal detector device, etc.)
Observes patient via color changes, capnography, and/or pulse oximeter to determine adequacy of ventilation

Fluid Bolus

Five Rights of Medication Administration (Patient, Medication, Dose, Route, and Time)
Uses proper aseptic technique prior to administration
Reassesses patient post fluid administration for intended and untoward effects

IV Therapy - Peripheral

Checks selected IV fluid for clarity and expiration date
Prepares administration set (fills chamber and primes tubing)
Takes or verbalizes appropriate PPE prior to venipuncture
Utilizes proper aseptic technique
Disposes/verbalizes disposal of needle in appropriate sharps container

Bleeding Control / Shock Management

Stops bleeding
Applies appropriate O2 therapy
Warms patient

Pleural Decompression

Selects appropriately sized decompression needle
Identifies appropriate site (2nd/3rd IC mid-clavicular or 4th/5th IC anterior axillary)
Utilizes proper aseptic technique
Disposes/verbalizes disposal of needle in appropriate sharps container

Occlusive Dressing

Assures proper device functionality



PARAMEDIC SKILLS MANDATORY ACTIONS (Cont.)

Skill:

Mandatory Actions:

Analgesic Administration

Five Rights of Medication Administration (Patient, Medication, Dose, Route, and Time)

Uses proper aseptic technique prior to administration

Considers appropriate contraindications for analgesic usage

Reassesses patient post medication administration for intended and untoward effects

Appropriately monitors patient (cardiac monitor, EtCO₂, etc.)

IO Initiation

Selects appropriately sized IO needle

Utilizes proper aseptic techniques

Identifies appropriate site

Ensures proper placement by aspiration of bone marrow

Properly secures IO device to patient

Medication Administration

Five Rights of Medication Administration (Patient, Medication, Dose, Route, and Time)

Uses proper aseptic technique prior to administration

Considers appropriate contraindications for analgesic usage

Reassesses patient post medication administration for intended and untoward effects

Appropriately monitors patient (cardiac monitor, EtCO₂, etc.)

CPAP Application

Applies device correctly

Sets pressures and FiO₂ as per patient need