

First Aid**EMR****EMT****AEMT****Paramedic**

Activated Charcoal Suspension (April 2013)

Item: Liquid suspension of activated charcoal used to treat overdoses and poisonings following oral ingestion.
Classification: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LALS Procedure• Specified in existing regulations.
Use and Level: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not authorized for EMR or EMT use• AEMT and Paramedic authorized to administer
Authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 100106(b)(8)(E) of the AEMT Regulations, Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations allows AEMT to administer activated charcoal.• Section 100146(a) of the Paramedic Regulations, Chapter 4, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations states that a Paramedic may perform any activity identified in the scope of practice for an AEMT.
Training: As specified in EMT and Paramedic regulations for level of provider.
Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appropriate volume of activated charcoal suspension depending on patient's weight• Available suction in case of regurgitation
Medical Direction: Used in accordance with a protocol written and approved by the local EMS agency medical director (HS 1797.220).
Considerations and Recommendations: No longer recommended for routine use by the American College of Medical Toxicology; see J Toxicol Clin Toxicol 2000; 38(7): 689-90.