

Manual Blood Pressure (April 2013)

<p>Item: Use of a sphygmomanometer to obtain a patient's blood pressure.</p>
<p>Classification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Life Support procedure • Specified in existing regulations.
<p>Use and Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorized for First Aid providers and EMR • Authorized for all levels of EMT as basic scope of practice.
<p>Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 100063(a)(3) of the EMT Regulations, Chapter 2, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations allows EMTs to obtain diagnostic signs including blood pressure. • Section 100106(a) of the AEMT Regulations, Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations allows an AEMT to perform any activity identified in the EMT scope of practice. • 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 EMT.
<p>Training: As specified in EMT and Paramedic regulations for level of provider.</p>
<p>Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Properly sized sphygmomanometer.
<p>Medical Direction: Used in accordance with a protocol written and approved by the local EMS agency medical director (HS 1797.220).</p>
<p>Considerations and Recommendations: No additional guidance at this time.</p>