

Appendix B:

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Bernalillo County EMS Approved Skills

- Basic Airway management (including airway adjuncts and obstructed airway interventions)
- BVM
- Extraglottic Airways
- LMA Supreme/Aura Gain
- King LT
- CPAP
- Direct Laryngoscopy
- Endotracheal Intubation
- End-tidal CO2 monitoring
- Surgical Cricothyrotomy
- Needle Thoracostomy
- Bleeding Control Including Temporary Tourniquet application
- Wound management and Wound dressings
- Splinting Extremities
- Spinal Immobilization
- Patient Restraint
- Peripheral IV
- Glucometry
- IO placement
- Emergency Childbirth
- Defibrillation
- Synchronized Cardioversion
- External Cardiac Pacing
- Cardiac Monitoring
- 12 Lead ECG

Protocols: In Bernalillo County most EMT and paramedic medical functions are determined by protocols approved by the Medical Control Board and individual service Medical Directors. The general philosophy of these protocols is that the emergency lifesaving interventions must be made by Emergency Medical Technicians, utilizing standing orders, without direct on-line medical control. On-line medical control should be contacted “as soon as possible” for guidance in situations not specifically covered by written protocol, or in certain circumstances that are mandated by protocol, (e.g., requesting D/C orders for a cardiac arrest). Medical Control Emergency Physicians (MCEP) are authorized to give orders outside of the Bernalillo County protocols provided that such orders do not violate the scope of practice of the provider, or involve the use of medications that have not been approved for use in Bernalillo County. (See above list for allowable medications and approved skills.) Once an MCEP has been contacted the Paramedic & EMTs provide care under the direction of the on-line MCEP. EMTs are also encouraged to directly contact medical control if they have difficulties at the scene that a physician may help to resolve (e.g., if a patient refuses transport or desires to go in by private vehicle against the medical advice of the EMT).