



Skill Set Variations in the Current Ohio Scope of Practice Compared to the National EMS Scope of Practice Model

The State EMS Board adopted the National EMS Scope of Practice as a minimum guideline for Ohio EMS providers on 1/8/2009. The action does not reduce the current Ohio EMS scope of practice in fact, additional psychomotor skills will need to be added to scope of practice at each level. No change in the current Ohio scope of practice will occur until the Ohio curriculums and scope of practice rules have been updated.

FIRST RESPONDER

Ohio SOP Exceeds	Ohio SOP Falls Below	Not Definitively Addressed
Epinephrine auto-injector (patient assist)	Eye irrigation	Manual blood pressure measurement
Application of spinal immobilization devices		
Application of splints and management of suspected fractures		
Ventilation with flow-restricted oxygen powered device		

EMT-BASIC

Ohio SOP Exceeds	Ohio SOP Falls Below	Not Definitively Addressed
Orotracheal intubation of pulseless and apneic patients with ETTs, dual lumen airways, or LMAs	Venturi masks and partial rebreathers	Manual and automated blood pressure measurements
CPAP administration and management	Humidifiers	Cardiac monitor and 12-lead EKG not addressed in National SOP model at this level
Blood glucose monitoring		Mechanical CPR (Chest compression assist devices are not specifically mentioned in the National SOP model)
Set-up of cardiac monitor or 12-lead EKG/Performance of 12-lead EKG with mandatory electronic transmission		Mechanical patient restraints
Chest compression assist devices		
End tidal CO ₂ monitoring and detection		
Helmet removal		

EMT-INTERMEDIATE

Ohio SOP Exceeds	Ohio SOP Falls Below	Not Definitively Addressed
Orotracheal intubation with of apneic patients ETTs, dual lumen airways, and LMAs	Esophageal-tracheal multi-lumen airways(<i>no requirement for apnea</i>)	Limits intraosseous IV placement to pediatric patients
Tracheostomy tube replacement		Routes of medication administration are delineated in the National SOP model (<i>includes intranasal</i>)
CPAP administration and management		12-lead EKG is not addressed in National SOP model at this level
End tidal CO ₂ monitoring and detection		Mechanical CPR (Chest compression assist devices are not specifically mentioned in the National SOP model)
Intraosseous IV placement without patient age restrictions		
Needle decompression of the chest		
Set-up of 12-lead EKG/Performance of 12-lead EKG with mandatory electronic transmission		
Chest compression assist devices		
Manual defibrillation		
Cardiac monitor strip interpretation		

EMT-Paramedic

Ohio SOP Exceeds	Ohio SOP Falls Below	Not Definitively Addressed
Surgical and needle cricothyrotomy	Chest tube monitoring	Percutaneous cricothyrotomy
End tidal CO ₂ monitoring and detection	Airway obstruction removal by direct laryngoscopy	Routes of medication administration are delineated in the National SOP model (<i>includes intranasal</i>)
CPAP administration and management	PEEP	12-lead EKG is not addressed in National SOP model at this level
End tidal CO ₂ monitoring and detection detection (<i>capnography</i> not specifically stated within Ohio's EMS scope of practice)	Blood chemistry analysis	Mechanical CPR (Chest compression assist devices are not specifically mentioned in the National SOP model)
Chest compression assist devices	Thrombolytics initiation	Routes of medication administration ARE delineated in the National SOP model (<i>includes nasogastric, topical, accessing central IV port</i>)
	Maintenance of blood administration	Capnography
	Morgan Lens	