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Authorization Level

THIS REFERENCE APPLIES TO: The procedures and medications each EMT, AEMT/Advanced EMT or Paramedic in the AEMSS is authorized to initiate by the AEMSS Medical Director

Procedure / Medication	Paramedic	Advanced EMT	EMT
Bag-Valve Mask	X	X	X
Bandaging	X	X	X
Blood Pressure	X	X	X
Bougie	X	X	X
Capillary Blood Glucose	X	X	X
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	X	X	X
Chest Seal	X	X	X
Combat Application Tourniquet	X	X	X
Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)	X	X	X
Cricothyroidotomy	X	X	X
Endotracheal Intubation	X	X	X
Focused History & Physical Examination	X	X	X
Focal Neurological Deficit Exam	X	X	X
Foreign Body Airway Obstruction – Direct Laryngoscopy	X	X	X
Foreign Body Airway Obstruction – Manual Removal	X	X	X

Helmet Removal	X	X	X
Hemostatic Gauze	X	X	X
Intraosseous Access	X	X	
Israeli Bandage	X	X	X
IV Access	X	X	
Kendrick Extrication Device (KED)	X	X	X
Initial Patient Assessment	X	X	X
Initial History and Examination	X	X	X
Medical History	X	X	X
Neurological Exam	X	X	X
Physical Exam	X	X	X
Physical Exam	X	X	X
Respiratory Exam	X	X	X
Speech Exam	X	X	X
Vital Signs	X	X	X
Logroll	X	X	X
Medication Administration Cross Check	X	X	X
Nasopharyngeal Airway (NPA)	X	X	X
Needle Thoracostomy	X		
Oropharyngeal Airway (OPA)	X	X	X
Oxygen Administration	X	X	X
PediaTape	X	X	X
Positive End-Expiratory Pressure (PEEP)	X	X	X
Pulse Oximeter	X	X	X

RAD-57	X	X	X
Restraint of Violent Patient	X	X	X
Semi-Automatic External Defibrillation	X	X	X
SpCO/SpMet monitoring	X	X	X
Splinting	X	X	X
Supraglottic Airway Device	X	X	X
Synchronized Cardioversion	X		
Traction Splinting	X	X	X
Transcutaneous Pacing	X		
Treatment of Tasered Patient	X	X	X
Vagal Maneuvers	X		
Video Laryngoscope	X	X	
Capnometry Capnography	X	X	X
Drug Administration: 2-Pam CL (Pralidoxime Chloride)	X	X2	X2
Acetylsalicylic Acid (Aspirin)	X	X	X
Adenosine (Adenocard)	X		
Albuterol (Proventil, Ventolin)	X	X	X
Amiodarone (Cordarone)	X		
Atropine Sulfate	X	X2	X2
Calcium Chloride	X		
Cyanokit	X	X	
Dextrose (D25)	X	X	
Dextrose (D10)	X	X	
Dextrose (D50)	X	X	
Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)	X	X	X
Epinephrine 1:1,000	X	X	X
Push Dose Pressor	X		
Croup/Stridor	X		
Epinephrine 1:10,000	X	First 3 doses	
Fentanyl Citrate (Fentanyl)	X		

Glucagon Hydrochloride	X	X	X6
Glucose (Glucose)	X	X	X
Ipratropium (Atrovent)	X	X	X
Labetalol	X		
Lidocaine (Xylocaine)	X		
Magnesium Sulfate	X		
Methylprednisolone (Solu-Medrol)	X		
Midazolam (Versed)	X		
Morphine Sulfate	X		
Naloxone (Narcan)	X	X	X
Nitroglycerin (Nitrostat)	X	X	X4
Ondansetron (Zofran)	X	X	X
Sodium Bicarbonate	X5	X	
Terbutaline	X		
Tranexamic Acid (TXA)	X		

Automatic Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator

Applies to: The treatment of patients with an implantable cardiac defibrillator (AICD).

Exclusion Criteria: None

Authorization: All Levels

Guidelines:

When caring for a patient with an implantable cardiac defibrillator (ICD), rescuers should know:

- If the ICD discharges while the rescuer is touching the victim, the rescuer may feel the shock, but it will not be dangerous. Personnel shocked by ICDs report sensations similar to contact with an electrical outlet.
- Apply ECG monitoring, SAED or hands-free defibrillation electrodes in the standard fashion at least one inch away from the ICD. Otherwise, treat the patient as any other requiring emergency care.
- ICDs are protected against damage from conventional transthoracic defibrillator shocks, but they require a readiness check after external defibrillation occurs.
- If a lethal ventricular dysrhythmia occurs in a patient with an ICD, the ICD has probably failed. Immediately defibrillate the patient. After an initial series of defibrillations, the ICD will likely become operative again only after a period of nonfibrillatory rhythm occurs to reset the unit.
- ICD units generally use patch electrodes that cover a portion of the epicardial surface. These may reduce transcardiac current from externally delivered transthoracic shocks.
 - If external shocks of 200J fail to defibrillate an ICD patient, the Quik-Combo pads should immediately be changed to the anterior/posterior position (described in the Defibrillation LifePak 15 and Semi-Automatic External Defibrillation procedures) and the transthoracic shocks repeated.
 - The different electrode positions may increase transcardiac current flow and facilitate defibrillation.

Bag-Valve Mask

THIS PROCEDURE APPLIES TO: Any patient unable to adequately ventilate him/herself who needs supplemental oxygen delivered via a bag-valve mask.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA: None

AUTHORIZATION: All Levels

PROCEDURE

1. Observe body substance isolation precautions.
2. Rescuer 1 should position him/herself at the top of the victim's head. Rescuer 2 should kneel at the patient's side.
3. Open the patient's airway and maintain it with an oropharyngeal airway.
4. Because bag-valve masks are most effective when used by at least two rescuers working together, when two rescuers are available the bag-valve mask will be a two-person skill.
5. When two persons use the bag-valve mask:
 1. Rescuer 1, using both hands, positions the mask to maintain a seal around the nose and mouth.
 2. Rescuer 2 squeezes the bag with both hands, delivering each breath over 2 seconds.
 3. Apply cricoid pressure throughout the entire procedure or until the patient is successfully intubated.
6. If only one rescuer is available:
 1. With one hand, apply the mask to the patient's face.
 2. Grip the mandible with the last two or three fingers while gripping the mask with the remaining fingers.
 3. Maintain head tilt and jaw lift while maintaining a seal around the nose and mouth.
 4. Compress the bag with the other hand while observing the chest to ensure chest rise.
 5. Connect the bag-valve mask to an oxygen source.

Ventilating the Conscious Patient

1. To avoid resistance or combativeness due to fear, explain the procedure to the patient.
2. Begin by matching the volume and rate of the patient's ineffective breathing. Adjust the rate and volume until you are ventilating at the necessary rate and volume.

Ventilating During CPR

1. Administer each ventilation over one second, regardless of the patient's size or age.
2. Each ventilation should be of sufficient volume to make the patient's chest rise.
3. Ventilations administered during CPR increase pressure in the chest. This pressure reduces the amount of blood that refills the heart and in turn reduces the blood flow generated by the next set of chest compressions. For these reasons, ventilating too frequently or with too large a volume (hyperventilating) may be harmful because it may reduce blood flow generated by chest compressions.

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Positive End-Expiratory Pressure (PEEP)

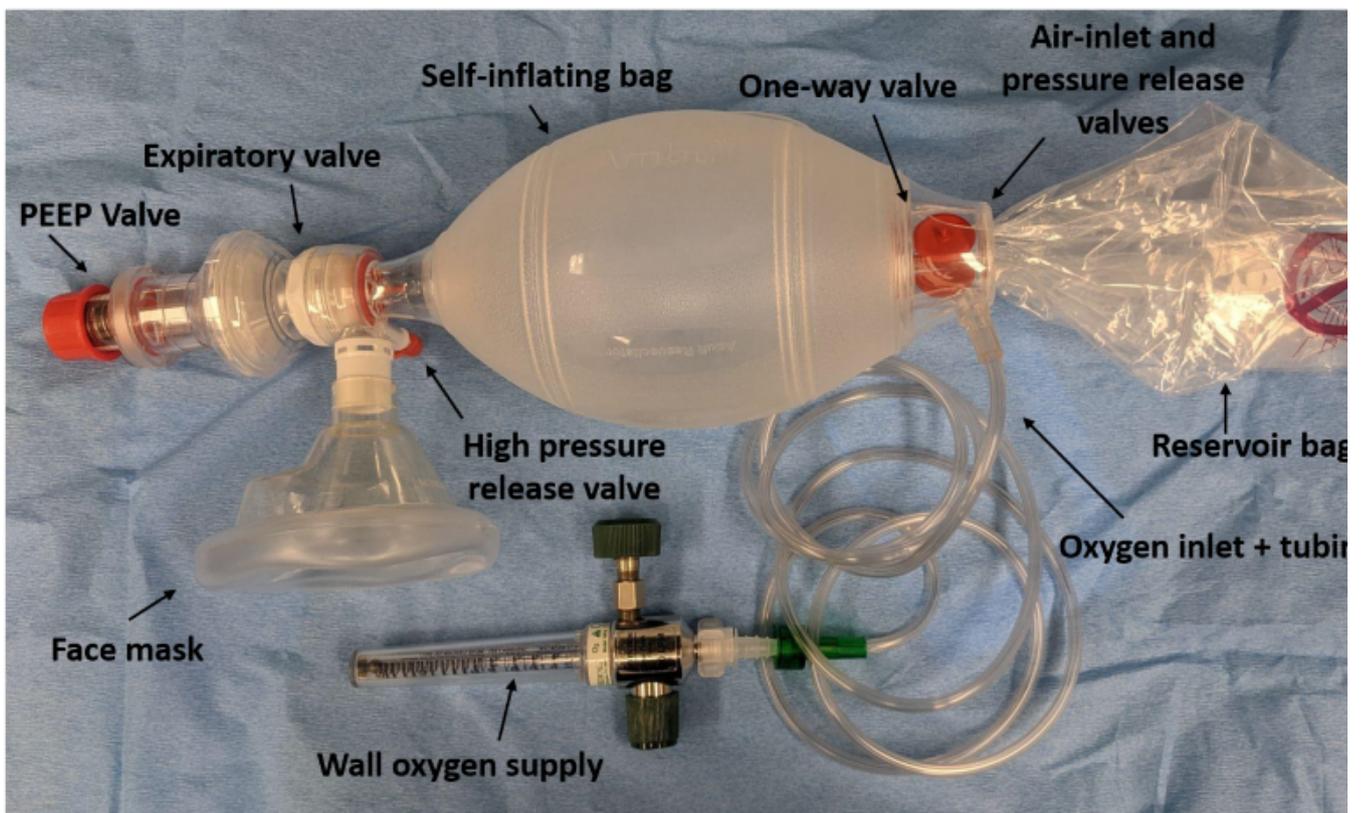
THIS PROCEDURE APPLIES TO: Patients for whom adequate oxygenation cannot be achieved by ventilations with a bag-valve mask alone due to alveolar collapse, decreased lung compliance, pulmonary edema, near drowning, cardiac arrest or other condition causing poor oxygen transfer in the alveoli.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA: Pneumothorax

AUTHORIZATION: AEMT and Paramedic

PROCEDURE

1. Attach PEEP valve to the bag-valve mask.



2. Begin ventilating the patient with PEEP set at 5 - 10 cm H₂O.

3. Increase or decrease PEEP in increments of 2 – 3 cm H₂O. Usually, PEEP settings of 5 – 10 cm H₂O are adequate. The goal of titration is to achieve the level of PEEP associated with maximal oxygenation while avoiding adverse effects induced by PEEP.
4. After each adjustment of PEEP, assess the effects on oxygenation by considering such things as waveform capnography, pulse oximeter measurements, the patient's use of accessory muscles to breathe, skin color and moisture, changes in heart rate, blood pressure and sensorium.
5. Watch for development of pneumothorax and decreased cardiac output caused by increased pressure in the airways.

Pulse Oximetry

THIS PROCEDURE APPLIES TO: Using a pulse oximeter to determine:

- Blood oxygen saturation.
- Carboxyhemoglobin concentrations for patients who may have inhaled smoke from a fire in a closed space and/or carbon monoxide.
- Methemoglobin concentration.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA: Do not use in the presence of flammable anesthetics, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment, or computed tomograph (CT) equipment. **MAY NOT BE RELIABLE IN CARDIAC ARREST.**

AUTHORIZATION: All Levels

GUIDELINES

1. Two general types of pulse oximeter sensors are carried on Arlington ambulances:
 - Sensors that measure only blood oxygen saturation (non-disposable and disposable).
 - A combination probe that measures blood oxygen saturation, carboxyhemoglobin (SpCO), and methemoglobin (SpMet) concentrations.
2. The combination sensor should be used on patients who may have inhaled smoke or carbon monoxide. Use a sensor that measures only SpO2 for other patients.
3. The combination SpCO/SpMet sensor will measure and continuously monitor:
 - **Carboxyhemoglobin concentration (SpCO):** A percent value indicating the level of carbon monoxide bound to hemoglobin. Normal values are typically less than 9%. The LifePak 15 measures and displays SpCO levels from 0 - 40%.
 - **Methemoglobin concentration (SpMet):** A percent value indicating methemoglobin, which impedes oxygen delivery. Normal values are typically less than 2%. Higher values assist in identifying methemoglobinemia. The LifePak 15 measures and displays SpMet levels from 0 - 15%.
 - **Oxygen saturation (SpO2):** A percent value for oxygen saturation of hemoglobin. Normal values are typically 95% to 100%. The LifePak 15 measures and displays SpO2 levels from 50 - 100%.
4. The combination SpCO/SpMet sensor looks similar to the non-disposable sensor that measures only SpO2. However, the end of the cable that connects the combination sensor to the LifePak 15 is labeled rainbow and specifies the three measurements, SpCO, SpMet and SpO2, it provides.

Special Considerations

- Patients exposed to carbon monoxide may not exhibit symptoms, so assess all patients with known or suspected exposure.
- Dyes such as Cyanokit may cause erroneous readings. Pulse oximetry cannot determine accurate SpCO% or SpO2% during or after Cyanokit administration.
- Refer to Poisoning: Carbon Monoxide & Hydrogen Cyanide Combined Medical Control section for assessment parameters.
- Refer to **RAD-57 Monitor** for considerations of carbon monoxide exposure in smokers, pregnant women, and multiple patient incidents.

PROCEDURE

1. Observe body substance isolation precautions.
2. Choose a well-perfused, warm, and dry site for sensor application. The preferred site is the ring finger of the non-dominant hand. For SpO2 monitoring, a toe may be used, but a finger is preferable.
3. Remove fingernail polish or false nails to avoid inaccurate readings, or use an alternate site.
4. Turn on the LifePak 15 if it is not already on. It performs a self-test for approximately 20 seconds before displaying readings.
5. Select the appropriate sensor:
 - For SpO2 monitoring only, use the non-disposable or disposable SpO2 sensor.
 - For SpCO monitoring, use the SpCO/SpMet sensor.
6. Choose the monitoring site, avoiding the same extremity as a blood pressure cuff:
 1. For patients who fit the non-disposable SpO2 or SpCO/SpMet sensor:
 - The preferred site is the ring finger of the non-dominant hand. Alternatively, use the great toe.
 - Ensure the fleshy part covers the detector completely. Do not use tape to hold the sensor in place.
 2. For patients too small for non-disposable sensors, use a disposable SpO2 sensor and wrap it securely but not too tightly.
7. Cover the sensor with opaque material if exposed to bright ambient light.
8. Document the percent of oxygen saturation every time vital signs are recorded.

Patient Monitoring

When the combination SpCO/SpMet sensor is placed on the patient's finger and connected to the LifePak 15, it defaults to monitoring SpO2 percent. The SpO2 reading appears on the left side of the screen with a matching waveform color.

To Quickly Obtain SpCO or SpMet Values

1. Press PRINT on the LifePak 15 to display the values at the top of the printout. If dashes appear instead of values, allow a few more seconds for measurements.

To Display SpCO or SpMet Values

1. Verify the combination SpCO/SpMet sensor is in use.
2. Use the LifePak 15 SPEED DIAL to select the SpO2 area on the HOME screen.
3. Select PARAMETER from the menu, then choose SPCO or SPMET.
4. The selected value will display for 10 seconds before returning to the default SpO2 reading.
5. The sensor measures SpCO in the range of 0 - 40% and SpMet in the range of 0 - 15%.

Documentation

If the combination sensor is used, the measurements (SpO2, SpCO, SpMet) will be recorded on the LifePak 15 code summary.

Capnography

THIS PROCEDURE APPLIES TO: All patients who have undergone advanced airway management, including endotracheal intubation or placement of a supraglottic airway, those receiving supplemental oxygen, or who have received sedation, antipsychotic medication, or narcotic pain management. This procedure also applies whenever directed by protocol.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA: None

AUTHORIZATION: All providers when available

PROCEDURE

Waveform Capnography is required for:

1. Non-intubated patients with a chief complaint potentially affected by a metabolic or respiratory condition. If oxygen is required via a nonrebreather mask or CPAP, first apply an EtCO₂ nasal cannula, then place the nonrebreather mask over the nasal cannula. If a nonrebreather mask is not necessary, use only the EtCO₂ nasal cannula.
2. All intubated patients:
 1. Immediately after intubation or placement of a supraglottic airway, and before administering the first ventilation, attach the EtCO₂ sensor between the endotracheal (ET) tube and the bag-valve mask (BVM).
 2. Monitor the first ventilation with capnography and auscultate the epigastrium using a stethoscope.
 3. Target capnography levels are:
 - 35 – 45 mmHg for a perfusing patient,
 - 10 – 15 mmHg for a non-perfusing patient, and
 - 35 – 40 mmHg for a patient with a closed head injury.

Number Interpretation

1. EtCO₂ levels less than 35 mmHg may indicate:
 - Hyperventilation
 - Decreased metabolic rate
 - Hypoperfusion
 - Airway obstruction
 - Air trapping
 - Impending cardiac arrest

2. EtCO₂ levels greater than 45 mmHg may indicate: *(Note: Patients with chronic lung disease, such as COPD, may normally have higher readings)*
 - Hypoventilation
 - Increased metabolic rate
 - Hypertension
 - Return of spontaneous circulation post-cardiac arrest
 - Acidosis
3. EtCO₂ measurements during resuscitation are strong indicators of survivability. An EtCO₂ level of 10 mmHg or lower, 20 minutes after the start of Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), is a predictor of poor outcome in patients with electrical activity but no pulse who have not received Sodium Bicarbonate. If the EtCO₂ remains \leq 10 mmHg after 20 minutes of quality compressions without hyperventilation, consider terminating resuscitation efforts.

Waveform Interpretation

1. The normal capnography waveform has a square shape.
2. A waveform of normal shape but low amplitude suggests reduced blood flow. This may occur in cases of shock, tension pneumothorax, pulmonary embolism, or pericardial tamponade. Low amplitude may also indicate hyperventilation, though the wave duration is typically shorter in hyperventilation compared to low blood flow.
3. A rapid and steady decrease in waveform amplitude suggests declining pulse perfusion and impending cardiac arrest. A sudden return to normal amplitude may indicate a return of pulse or improved perfusion.
4. A "stair-stepping" pattern, where each successive wave is higher or lower than the previous one, indicates CO₂ retention due to inadequate exhalation time between breaths. Identify and address potential causes for this pattern if possible.
5. Failure to produce a recognizable waveform immediately after intubation, or a sudden cessation of waveforms, may indicate apnea or a dislodged or obstructed ET tube. In these cases, replace the ET tube.

Documentation

As indicated above, document at least three EtCO₂ measurements for each patient (press print three separate times). At a minimum, include measurements taken after initial intubation, during every patient move, and upon transferring care to another provider. The format for documentation may be written as: EtCO₂=XX.

RAD-57

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO: Patients suspected of having carbon monoxide and cyanide poisoning.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA: Patients without a finger on which either the adult or pediatric sensor can be securely placed. Generally, the pediatric sensor will not fit patients weighing less than 10 kg.

AUTHORIZATION: All levels

GUIDELINES

In the AEMS System, this device is used to monitor arterial blood in patients who may have inhaled carbon monoxide and/or smoke from a fire in a closed space to determine:

- Oxygen saturation of hemoglobin (SpO₂), and
- Carbon monoxide saturation (carboxyhemoglobin, SpCO)

SpO₂ is the percent value of arterial oxygen saturation, while SpCO is the percent value indicating the level of carbon monoxide bound to hemoglobin. The RAD-57 is a handheld oximeter carried on all aerial apparatus, used for blood monitoring. If high levels of carbon monoxide are present, pulse oximeters like the LifePak 15 or Nonin capnometer may produce inaccurate results. For patients with potential carbon monoxide poisoning, use the RAD-57 to determine %SpO₂ and %SpCO levels.

The RAD-57 can be used continuously on a single patient or to spot-check multiple patients. The %SpCO reading, alongside clinical signs and symptoms, assists in treatment decisions. Definitive measurements should be obtained via laboratory blood tests.

Documentation

Record the initial %SpCO and the time it was measured in the Patient Care Report, as well as any changes in %SpCO and their respective times. If there are no changes in %SpCO, document this along with the start and end times of monitoring. During mass casualty incidents (MCIs), record the %SpCO and the time on the triage tag.

Special Considerations

- Carboxyhemoglobin levels may not correlate well with symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning and do not predict patient outcomes. Assess all patients with known or suspected exposure, even if asymptomatic.
- SpO2 values less than 90% can interfere with SpCO readings and may prevent a reading from being displayed.
- Dyes that alter blood pigmentation, such as Cyanokit, can cause erroneous readings. During and after Cyanokit administration, the RAD-57 should not be used to determine %SpCO.

Special Considerations for Specific Populations

Smokers: Cigarette smoke produces carbon monoxide, and heavy smokers may have a baseline carboxyhemoglobin level up to 10%. Smokers may be more susceptible to toxic effects from accidental exposure to carbon monoxide. Consider smoking history along with elevated Rad-57 readings, symptoms, and possible exposure.

Pregnant Women: The fetus is at higher risk from carbon monoxide exposure, with fetal %SpCO potentially 10% to 15% higher than the mother's level. Transport all pregnant women with potential carbon monoxide exposure to a hospital, even if they show no symptoms.

Multiple Patient Incidents: The RAD-57 is useful as an early screening tool for multiple patients, such as firefighters in rehabilitation areas or civilians exposed to carbon monoxide. Use %SpCO readings to assess exposure, prioritize transport, and determine hospital destinations. When using the RAD-57 to check multiple patients with a reusable sensor, ensure the sensor clip is closed for at least five seconds between uses to reset monitoring.

OPERATION

Sensor Placement

1. Place the sensor on a warm, clean, and dry finger with good perfusion. The fourth finger of the non-dominant hand is preferred. If unavailable, use the third or second finger. Avoid callused fingers if possible. Do not place the sensor on the same limb as a blood pressure cuff or across a child's hand or foot. Remove nail polish containing metallic flakes.
2. Before turning on the RAD-57, insert the finger into the sensor with the cable attachment on top. Ensure the fingertip reaches the stop block so the red light passes through the midnail. The fit should be secure.
3. Strong sunlight or strobe lights may interfere with readings. If this occurs, use the provided light shield or cover the sensor.
4. Confirm abnormal readings by testing different fingers.

Powering Up

1. Press the power button to turn on the device; press and hold to turn it off.
2. The device takes up to 25 seconds to fully start up, during which all LEDs will light up, and a tone will sound. Do not move the sensor during startup.

Patient Monitoring

After startup, the RAD-57 defaults to monitor oxygen saturation (SpO₂), displaying the percent value for arterial oxygen saturation and the pulse rate. To obtain the carboxyhemoglobin (%SpCO) reading, press the DISPLAY button once. The reading will appear as a number, and CO will be shown on the lower display.

To Confirm High %SpCO Readings

1. If the %SpCO reading is high, take additional readings on two other fingers.
2. If the readings are within $\pm 3\%$, use the average as the %SpCO value. If they differ by more than 3%, check the sensor placement and repeat the reading.

Additional Controls

- The SIQ bar graph indicates signal quality. Green bars indicate good quality, yellow bars indicate moderate quality, and red bars indicate poor quality.
- To cycle through readings (SpO₂, SpCO, Perfusion Index), press the DISPLAY button repeatedly.
- The Perfusion Index measures blood flow quality, with a desired value greater than 1.00%.

Items of Note

- If the heart rate exceeds 180 beats per minute, the alarm will sound, and the device will not display %SpCO.
- If venous pressure exceeds arterial pressure (e.g., after extreme physical exertion), the display will show dashes until the patient rests and venous pressure normalizes.

Vascular Access

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO: Any patient where intravenous (IV) or intraosseous (IO) access is indicated, such as significant trauma, emergent or potentially emergent medical conditions. Recommended for all critical care patients.

RECOGNIZE:

- IV access indicated in cases of significant trauma or emergent medical conditions.
- Access of an existing venous catheter for medication or fluid administration.
- Central venous access in critical patients.
- Patients requiring rapid IV access with:
 - Multisystem trauma with severe hypovolemia
 - Severe dehydration with vascular collapse and/or loss of consciousness
 - Respiratory failure/arrest

EVALUATE:

- Conduct primary and secondary survey.

Administer Treatment

Vascular Access – Peripheral Extremity

- Don appropriate PPE.
- Use intraosseous (IO) access if life-threatening conditions exist prior to IV catheter placement attempt.
- Select the largest catheter bore based on patient condition and vein size.
- Inspect IV solution for expiration date, cloudiness, discoloration, leaks, or particles.
- Connect IV tubing in a sterile manner; fill drip chamber and flush tubing to remove air bubbles.
- Place tourniquet, select vein, and choose appropriate gauge catheter.
- Prep skin with antiseptic solution, insert needle with bevel up, and advance catheter into vein.
- Remove tourniquet, connect IV tubing or saline lock, and ensure free fluid flow.
- Secure site with sterile dressing and document procedure.

Vascular Access – External Jugular

- Don appropriate PPE.
- Place patient supine with head turned to opposite side (if no cervical injury risk).
- Prep site with antiseptic, align catheter with vein toward same-side shoulder.
- Puncture vein between jaw angle and clavicle; attach IV and secure without circumferential dressing.
- Document procedure, time, and outcome.

Vascular Access – Intraosseous

- Don appropriate PPE.
- Identify insertion site (humeral head, proximal tibia, distal tibia, or distal femur based on patient age and size).
- Prep site with antiseptic solution.
- Insert IO needle at a 60-90 degree angle using manual or EZ-IO device until loss of resistance is felt.
- Remove stylet, aspirate bone marrow if using manual device, and flush with 5 ml NS to confirm placement.
- Administer 0.5 mg/kg Lidocaine (max 40 mg) for pain relief if patient > 3 kg, and flush with 10 ml NS.
- Stabilize and secure needle, adjust flow rate, and document procedure.

Vascular Access – Existing Catheters

- Don appropriate PPE and clean catheter port with alcohol wipe.
- Withdraw 5-10 ml of blood and discard; flush port gently with 5 ml NS.
- Ensure no resistance, infiltration, or patient discomfort before proceeding with medication or fluid administration.
- Document procedure, any complications, and fluids/medications administered.

Vascular Access – Port-A-Cath

- Don appropriate PPE and clean access site with antiseptic.
- Stabilize port chamber and insert Huber needle using sterile technique.
- Withdraw 10 ml for waste, then flush with 10 ml NS.
- If no resistance or infiltration, proceed with administration; otherwise, stop and reassess.
- Secure Huber needle and document procedure.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- **Peripheral Access:** Avoid foot access in diabetics and access on the same side as a dialysis shunt.
- **External Jugular Access:** Contraindicated in patients \leq 8 years of age.
- **Intraosseous Access:** Fracture at proposed site, Osteogenesis Imperfecta, infection at site, prior IO insertion or joint replacement at site.
- **Existing Catheter Access:** None specific, but assess for clots or dislodgement.

Transport Considerations

None

Information

External Jugular Vein Cannulation: Indicated for critically ill patients > 8 years needing IV access when peripheral or IO access is not feasible. Can be attempted first in life-threatening events where other access is not obtainable.

Other Populations

- EZ-IO contraindicated for patients < 3 kg; use manual IO for these patients.