

Beta-agonists – Bronchodilators (April 2013)

<p>Item: Bronchodilator commonly used to treat a patient experiencing an asthma attack or a patient with COPD.</p>
<p>Classification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited Advanced Life Support procedure • Specified in existing regulations.
<p>Use and Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not authorized for EMT • Authorized for AEMT as part of basic scope of practice through existing regulations • Authorized for EMT-P through existing regulations
<p>Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 100106(b)(8)(D) of the AEMT Regulations, Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations names beta-agonists/bronchodilators as a drug an AEMT may administer in way other than intravenously. • 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.
<p>Training: As specified in EMT and Paramedic regulations for level of provider.</p>
<p>Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No suggestions/recommendations
<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: Nebulization of drugs may be considered a high risk procedure under Cal/Osha ATD 5199.</p>