

Magnets for Internal Implantable Defibrillators (April 2013)

<p>Item: Use of Magnets for control of an Automatic Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (AICD)</p>
<p>Classification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Life Support procedure • The use of magnets to control AICDs, although non-invasive, is not specifically listed in the scope of practice regulations for EMT or paramedics.
<p>Use and Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not authorized for EMT's • Authorized for Paramedics when approved by the Medical Director of the Local EMS Agency as local optional scope of practice
<p>Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California Code of Regulations 100146(c)(2)(A) Chapter 4, allows the Medical Director of a Local Emergency Medical Service Agency to add additional items to the Paramedic local optional scope of practice upon approval by the Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority.
<p>Training: Local EMS Agency's Medical Directors who wish to add the use of the magnets for Automatic Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (AICD) to local optional scope of practice must submit proposed training and testing as part of a request to Emergency Service Medical Authority (EMSA) in accordance with EMSA publication # 125.</p>
<p>Equipment: There is no specific magnet recommended.</p>
<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: The Local EMS Agency's Medical Director may wish to limit the use of an AICD magnet to a situation where the patient has their own personal magnet prescribed by their treating physician.</p>