

First Aid**EMR****EMT****AEMT****Paramedic**

Pulse Oximeter (April 2013)

Item: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Device used to indirectly measure oxygen saturation in the blood
Classification: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic Life Support procedure• Specified in existing regulations
Use and Level: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authorized for all levels of EMT as basic scope of practice.
Authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 100063(a)(3) of the EMT Regulations, Chapter 2, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations allows EMT to obtain diagnostic signs from a patient.• Section 100106(a) of the AEMT Regulations. Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations refers to AEMTs being able to provide any activity identified in the scope of practice for an EMT.• 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 EMT.
Training: <p>As specified in EMT and Paramedic regulations for level of provider.</p>
Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Properly functioning pulse oximeter.
Medical Direction: <p>Used in accordance with a protocol written and approved by the local EMS agency medical director (HS 1797.220).</p>
Considerations and Recommendations: <p>No additional guidance at this time.</p>