

Surgical Cricothyrotomy (April 2013)

<p>Item:</p> <p>An invasive medical procedure where an incision is made through the cricoid membrane in order to establish a temporary airway.</p>
<p>Classification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Life Support procedure • Not specified in Basic Scope of Practice • May be approved as Local Optional Skill
<p>Use and Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not authorized for EMT or AEMT • Not authorized in Paramedic Basic Scope of Practice
<p>Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 100146(c)(2)(A) of the Paramedic Regulations, Chapter 4, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations allows a Paramedic to perform or monitor procedures that are not named as part of Basic Scope of Practice. A procedure that has not been approved by the Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority cannot be performed.
<p>Training:</p> <p>As specified by local EMS Authority and Director of Emergency Medical Services Authority. .</p>
<p>Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No suggestions/recommendations
<p>Medical Direction:</p> <p>Used in accordance with a protocol written and approved by the local EMS agency medical director (HS 1797.220).</p>
<p>Considerations and Recommendations:</p> <p>No additional guidance at this time.</p>