

Vagal Maneuvers (April 2013)

<p>Item: Non-pharmacological stimulation of the parasympathetic nervous system through the Vagus nerve used to identify and terminate arrhythmias. Examples are carotid sinus massage and Valsalva maneuver.</p>
<p>Classification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Life Support procedure • Specified in existing regulations.
<p>Use and Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not authorized for EMT or AEMT • Authorized for EMT-P through existing regulations
<p>Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 100146(c)(1)(K) of the Paramedic Regulations, Chapter 4, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations allows an EMT-Paramedic to perform Valsalva maneuvers.
<p>Training: As specified in EMT and Paramedic regulations for level of provider.</p>
<p>Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Properly functioning EKG in order to identify electrical activity of the heart
<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: No additional guidance at this time.</p>