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## Standard Terminology Relating to Emergency Medical Services<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This terminology covers standard definitions of terms which apply to all F30 standards, but which are more precise than common usage.

### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards:

**F 1219** Guide for Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) to Perform Initial and Detailed Assessment<sup>2</sup>

**F 1253** Guide for Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) to Perform Patient Secondary Assessment<sup>3</sup>

**F 1254** Practice for Performance of Prehospital Manual Defibrillation<sup>2</sup>

**F 1255** Practice for Performance of Prehospital Automated Defibrillation<sup>2</sup>

**F 1256** Guide for Selection and Practice of Emergency Medical Services Instructor for Basic Life Support/Emergency Medical Technician (BLS/EMT) Training Programs<sup>2</sup>

**F 1257** Guide for Selection and Practice of Emergency Medical Services Instructor for Advanced Life Support/Emergency Medical Technician (ALS/EMT) Training Programs<sup>2</sup>

**F 1287** Guide for Scope of Performance of First Responders Who Provide Emergency Medical Care<sup>2</sup>

### 3. Terminology

3.1 Appropriate definitions for interpretation of terms used in ASTM Emergency Medical Services standards shall be determined in the following order:

3.1.1 Specific definitions of terminology or description of terms provided in the standard. These will apply to use of the term in that standard only.

3.1.2 ASTM Standard Terminology Relating to Emergency Medical Services (F 1177).

3.1.3 Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, 16th Edition.<sup>4</sup>

3.1.4 Mosby's Emergency Dictionary.<sup>5</sup>

#### 3.2 Definitions:

**adjunct instructor**—an individual with specialized subject matter expertise, who, on occasion, instructs a specific topic of a curriculum under the direction of the course instructor/coordinator. **F 1256, F 1257**

**advanced life support**—medically accepted life sustaining, invasive or non-invasive procedures; provided under the direction of a physician or other authorized health care provider.

**ambulance**—a vehicle for transportation of the sick and injured, equipped and staffed to provide emergency medical care during transit.

**ambulance service**—a qualified provider of medical transportation for patients requiring treatment or monitoring, or both, due to illness or injury.

**ambulance service provider**—a person or organization, either public or private, responsible for operation, maintenance, and administration of an ambulance service.

**associate instructor**—an individual who possesses the qualifications and education/training of a course instructor/coordinator, but, in a specific course, assumes a supportive or assisting role to the course instructor/coordinator. This individual may substitute for the course instructor/coordinator in case of necessity or, in other courses, serves as a course instructor/coordinator. **F 1256, F 1257**

**basic life support (BLS)**—medically accepted non-invasive procedures used to sustain life.

**basic life support/cardiopulmonary resuscitation (BLS/CPR)**—a set of skills that includes airway management, chest compressions, and others as defined by the American Heart Association. **F 1254, F 1255, F 1287**

**call rotation**—a system in which emergency medical responses are allocated sequentially to multiple providers.

**clinical certification**—a standardized process for evaluation and recognition of an acceptable level of competence in a specific aspect of patient care. **F 1256, F 1257**

**clinical experience**—exposure to and practice in an area of patient care. **F 1256, F 1257**

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<sup>2</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 13.01.

<sup>3</sup> Discontinued. See 1998 *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 13.01.

<sup>4</sup> Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, 16th Edition, F. A. Davis Company, Philadelphia, PA, 1989.

<sup>5</sup> Mosby's Emergency Dictionary, C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, MO, 1989.