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Standard Practice for Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers a standard course for the training of the emergency medical technician (basic) which will prepare a person to perform those skills commonly required to render lifesaving aid at the scene of an emergency and during transportation to a definitive care facility.

1.2 It is not the intent of this practice to require that the curriculum be used exactly as presented, but only that the knowledge and skill objectives that are part of the curriculum be included in any course purporting to train the emergency medical technician (basic). It is not the intent of this practice to limit the addition of knowledge and skill objectives as required by local conditions.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *U.S. Department of Transportation/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: DOT Emergency Medical Technician-Ambulance: National Standard Curriculum, Course Guide*, latest version²

DOT HS Emergency Medical Technician-Ambulance: National Standard Curriculum, Instructor's Lesson Plans, latest version.²

3. Description of Term Specific to This Standard

3.1 *emergency medical technician (basic)*—as outlined in this practice, a person who has successfully completed the course of training, may provide emergency medical care, and may transport the sick and injured. Legal functioning as an EMT (basic) will be based upon licensure/certification requirements, as established by the authority or authorities having jurisdiction.

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² Available from U.S. Government Printing Office Superintendent of Documents, 732 N. Capitol St., NW, Mail Stop: SDE, Washington, DC 20401, <http://www.access.gpo.gov>.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 The purpose of this practice is to provide a standard means of providing Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) training. The practice should be used by all individuals and agencies that train such persons.

4.2 Successful completion of this course of training neither constitutes nor implies certification or licensure.

4.3 This practice adopts the knowledge and skill objectives contained in the DOT curriculum (latest version) as the standard practice for training those persons who provide emergency medical care at the basic life support level and are known as emergency medical technicians (basic). The actual lesson plans contained in the referenced document are recommended for use; however, each instructor may modify the order of presentation according to local needs.

4.4 This practice outlines a comprehensive course that covers most common emergencies encountered by the emergency medical technician. EMT-basic courses that do not include all of the knowledge and skill objectives of this practice may not be referred to as meeting this standard.

5. Contents of Course

5.1 The practice for training the emergency medical technician (basic) is a course consisting of, at a minimum, the knowledge and skill objectives contained in DOT curriculum (latest version). The knowledge and skill objectives are delineated as Objectives and are listed at the beginning of each of the designated lessons contained in the document. The course shall also include the objectives listed in the In-hospital Clinical Guidelines, Appendix C, of DOT curriculum (latest version).

6. Course Implementation

6.1 The course shall be conducted in accordance with the regulations of the governmental authority having jurisdiction.

6.2 It is highly recommended that all courses adhere to the procedure for presentation outlined in DOT curriculum (latest version).

7. Keywords

7.1 EMS; EMT; curriculum