



## 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 F-30 standards but which are more precise than common usage.

### 2. Terminology

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

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

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

2.1.3 Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, 16th Edition (Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company, 1989).

2.1.4 Mosby's Emergency Dictionary (St. Louis: C.V. Mosby Company, 1989).

#### 2.2 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 at the detection 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 and/or monitoring 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**—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**

**clinical/field preceptor**—an individual who supervises and evaluates the students during clinical or field experiences under the direction of the course instructor/coordinator. **F 1256, F 1257**

**clinical medical practice**—patient diagnosis and treatment, including treatment protocols, which are the purview of qualified professionals (as determined by the state or other appropriate authority).

**communication resource**—an entity responsible for implementation of direct medical direction and/or entities responsible for response and scene two-way communication (a. k. a. medical control resource).

**course administrator**—an individual responsible for managing administrative details of a course, separate from actual instruction of the course. **F 1256, F 1257**

**course instructor/coordinator (I/C)**—an individual who is authorized by the appropriate entity to present and assess competence in all of the subject matter contained in a curriculum. This person also oversees all instruction in the course and makes final evaluations concerning student competence. **F 1256, F 1257**

**definitive care**—a level of therapeutic intervention capable of providing comprehensive health care services for a specific condition.

**delegated practice**—the medical activities of providers performed under the authority and direction of a licensed physician.

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