



# British Columbia Ambulance Service

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## **Primary Care Paramedic Roles and Responsibilities**

Primary Care Paramedics (PCPs) are equipped with the knowledge, skills and abilities to intervene in life-threatening injuries and perform pre-hospital emergency care. All BC Ambulance Service (BCAS) paramedics perform emergency procedures for which they have been trained and licensed and are required to practice within the limits of their respective license level.

### **PCPs have the following endorsements**

1. ET Intubation
2. Initiate peripheral IVs
3. IV Meds and fluid administration

### **PCPs have the following skills and knowledge**

1. Bronchodilation Agents
2. Chest Auscultation
3. Glucometer
4. Histamine Antagonists
5. Medication administration using PO, SC, SL, IM, Inhalation and Nebulization routes
6. Narcotic Antagonists
7. Platelet Inhibitors
8. Sympathomimetic Agent

### **PCPs will also:**

1. Attend briefing sessions/meetings as required and authorized
2. Be responsible for station security
3. Be responsible for vehicle security
4. Check and/or restock the ambulance supplies after each call or shift as required
5. Clean and disinfect the ambulance/ equipment after each call or shift as required
6. Communicate effectively with patients, their family members and associates
7. Complete required forms as directed
8. Drive with due care
9. Inspect the vehicle before and after each shift and immediately report any damage and/or malfunction
10. Maintain a thorough knowledge of roadways within the geographic area of responsibility



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11. Maintain cooperative relationships with other BCAS personnel, members of other emergency agencies and hospital staff
12. Maintain current knowledge of standards, policy and procedure manuals
13. Maintain the station and facilities in tidy and clean working order
14. Undertake training programs to upgrade skills and maintain paramedic certification requirements
15. Work as team members and portray a professional attitude while performing their duties