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Advanced Care Paramedic Roles and Responsibilities

Advanced Care Paramedics (ACPs) are equipped with the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform complex patient assessments and make critical emergency care decisions in a fast paced environment. 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.

ACPs have the following endorsements

1. Arterial Line monitoring
2. Bladder Catheterization
3. Central Line management
4. Chest tube management
5. Collect Blood Samples (Venous/Art.)
6. Infuse Blood Products
7. Lab and X-Ray interpretation
8. Mechanical Ventilation
9. Out of scope drugs ordered by TAs
10. Parenteral line management
11. Perform/interpret 12 lead ECGs
12. Pt. of Care tests (Cap., Venous, Art.)
13. Transvenous Pacing
14. Venous Pressure Monitoring

ACPs have the following skills and knowledge

1. Combitube and NP Airway
2. ETCO2 monitors
3. External Jugular IV lines
4. External Pacing
5. IO infusion
6. IV Colloid/Crystalloid volume expanders
7. IV infusion Devices
8. IV with Medication maintenance
9. Manual Defibrillation/Cardioversion
10. Medication administration using
 - ET, IO, & Rectal routes
 - Anti-arrhythmic, electrolyte - Calcium therapy
 - Diuretic
 - Anti-coagulant
 - Narcotic
 - Anti-pyretic
 - Anti-Cholinergic
 - Sedative/Anti-convulsant
 - Anti-emetic
 - Histamine antagonist
 - Alkalizer



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11. Needle Thoracentesis
12. NG tube and suction
13. Surgical and Needle Cricothyrotomy

ACPs will also:

1. Attend briefing sessions/meetings as required and authorized
2. Be responsible for station security
3. Be responsible for vehicle security
4. Be flexible and learn new approaches
5. Check and/or restock the ambulance supplies after each call or shift as required
6. Clean and disinfect the ambulance/ equipment after each call or shift as required
7. Communicate effectively with patients, their family members and associates
8. Complete required forms as directed
9. Drive with due care
10. Inspect the vehicle before and after each shift and immediately report any damage and/or malfunction
11. Maintain a thorough knowledge of roadways within the geographic area of responsibility
12. Maintain cooperative relationships with other BCAS personnel, members of other emergency agencies and hospital staff
13. Maintain current knowledge of standards, policy and procedure manuals
14. Maintain the station and facilities in tidy and clean working order
15. Undertake training programs to upgrade skills and maintain paramedic certification requirements
16. Work as team members and portray a professional attitude while performing their duties