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paramedic - scope of practice

The following information (indicated by X and $\sqrt{}$) details the procedures required by QAS Advanced Care Paramedics (P₃) and Intensive Care Paramedics (P₄).

	P ₃	P4
Patient Assessment		
Basic life support procedures - systematic approach	V	$\sqrt{}$
Airway Management		
Oropharyngeal airways	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Nasophpharyngeal airways	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Laryngeal mask airways	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Laryngoscopy and Magill's forceps	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Endotracheal intubation and Bougie	X	$\sqrt{}$
Capnography	X	$\sqrt{}$
Tracheal suctioning	X	$\sqrt{}$
Oro/Nasopharyngeal suctioning of a Neonate	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Cricoid pressure	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Cricothyrotomy	X	X
Pulse oximetry	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Intermittent Positive Pressure Ventilation (IPPV)	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Intermittent Positive Pressure Breathing (IPPB)	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Adult CPR	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Child CPR	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Infant CPR	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Defibrillation/Cardiac Monitoring		
Cardiac monitoring - basic rhythm recognition - sinus, VT, VF etc	V	V
Cardiac monitoring - 12 lead ECG	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Defibrillation - automatic	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Defibrillation - semi-automatic	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Defibrillation - manual	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Synchronised cardioversion	X	$\sqrt{}$
Transcutaneous Cardiac Pacing (TCP)	X	$\sqrt{}$

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Drug/Fluid Administration		
I.M. injection	V	$\sqrt{}$
Intravenous cannulation	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Extra jugular venous cannulation	X	$\sqrt{}$
Fluid replacement	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Drug administration via an endotracheal tube	X	$\sqrt{}$
Intra-osseous access	X	$\sqrt{}$
Moving a patient		
Use of a scoop stretcher	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Use of a basket stretcher	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Use of a stair chair/chair seat	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Use of a Kedrick Extrication Device (K.E.D)	V	$\sqrt{}$
NIEJ	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Use of a drop wheel stretcher	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Use of extrication boards	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Fracture Management		
Use of vacuum splints	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Use of vacuum mattress	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Use of traction splints eg Donway Splint	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Use of cervical collars - hard	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Use of cervical collars - soft	X	Χ
Helmet removal	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
SAM Pelvic Binder	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Other procedures		
Management of envenomation	V	$\sqrt{}$
Decompression of a tension Pneumothorax	X	$\sqrt{}$
Gastric intubation	X	$\sqrt{}$
Medical anti-shock trousers (M.A.S.T.)	X	√
5 1 1 1	√	$\sqrt{}$
Breech delivery	1 11	1 1
Normal cephalic delivery	V	
	V	$\sqrt{}$

Pharmacological Agents Acetylsalicylic Acid		P ₃	P ₄		P3	P4
Activated Charcoal X X X Heparin X V Adenosine X X X Hydrocortisone X X Adrenaline V V Ketamine X X Amiodarone Hyrdochloride X V Lignocaine X X Atropine X V Mannitol X X Benztropine X V Magnesium Sulphate X V Benzylpenicillan X X Methoxyflurane V V Box Jellyfish Anti-venene (consult for P1 vl and P3) V Midazolam V V Calcium Gluconate X V Morphine V V Calcium Gluconate X V Morphine V V Ceftriaxone Sodium V V N Chloraphenamine X X X X Salbutamol Neb V V Dextrose 50% X X X Salbutamol I.V. X V Diazepam and Diazemuls X V Sodium Chloride V V Frusemide X V Syntermitrine X X X Sulturandol X X X X Sulturandol X X X V Glucose gel V V V Termadol X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	Pharmacological Agents			Pharmacological Agents		
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