



Standard Guide for Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) in Roles and Responsibilities¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This guide establishes the minimum training standard for emergency medical technicians (basic) as it relates to their roles and responsibilities.

1.2 This guide is one of a series which together describe the minimum training standard for the emergency medical technician (basic).

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

F 1031 Practice for Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic)²

F 1219 Guide for Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) to Perform Patient Primary Assessment²

F 1220 Guide for Emergency Medical Services Systems (EMSS) Telecommunications²

F 1253 Guide for Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) to Perform Patient Secondary Assessment²

F 1285 Guide for Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) to Perform Examination Techniques²

F 1288 Guide for Planning for and Response to a Multiple Casualty Incident²

F 1328 Guide for Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) to Prepare Patients for Medical Transportation²

F 1329 Guide for Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) in Basic Anatomy and Physiology²

F 1419 Guide for Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) to Manage Shock²

F 1420 Guide for Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) to Perform Patient Management Techniques²

F 1421 Guide for Training the Emergency Medical Technician (Basic) to Manage Obstetrical Emergencies²

2.2 Other Documents:

¹ This guide is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee F-30 on Emergency Medical Services and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee F30.02 on Personnel, Training and Education.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 13.01.

Centers for Disease Control: Recommendations for Prevention of HIV Transmission in Health-Care Settings³ MMWR 1987;36 (Suppl No. 2S):3S–18S.

Centers for Disease Control: Update: Universal Precautions for Prevention of Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus, Hepatitis B Virus, and Other Bloodborne Pathogens in Health-Care Settings³ MMWR 1988;37 No. 24:377–382.

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *EMSS communications subsystem*—comprises those resources and arrangements for notifying the EMS system of an emergency, for mobilizing and dispatching resources, for exchanging information, for remote monitoring of vital indicators, and for transmission of treatment procedures and directions (from F 1220).

3.1.2 *management*—refers to the step(s) that constitute action taken by the emergency medical technician (basic) for a patient in need of assistance due to a real or perceived traumatic or medical condition.

3.1.3 *stress*—non-specific response of the body to any demand made upon it.

3.1.4 *triage*—the process of sorting and making priorities for emergency medical care of the sick and injured on the basis of urgency and type of condition present, number of patients and resources available in order to properly route them to medical facilities appropriately situated and equipped for their care.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This guide establishes the minimum national standard for training the emergency medical technician (basic) as it relates to his/her roles and responsibilities.

4.2 This guide shall be used by those who wish to identify the minimum training standard for the emergency medical technician (basic) as it relates to his/her roles and responsibilities.

4.3 This guide shall be used as the basis to revise Practice F 1031.

³ Available from Epidemiology Program Office, Centers for Disease Control, Public Health Service, U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services, Atlanta, GA 30333.