The New EMS Scope of Practice: Where Do States Stand?

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In 2005, SoP Task Force surveyed state EMS offices about levels and scopes. Responses from 29 states. Number of levels between EMT-B and EMT-P (in those 29 states)? 39
Survey Responses

- Each state listed its EMS provider levels
- Possible responses about interventions for each level:
  - Authorized for all providers at that level
  - Some providers authorized
  - Prohibited for all providers at that level
  - Investigational
  - (No response)
Data Analysis

- Responses for “in-between” levels compared to Advanced EMT level
- Result: rough indication of status of states with regard to implementation of AEMT level
Dual lumen airway is the only AEMT skill – remainder are in (new) paramedic level.
All skills above are in (new) paramedic level
Assessment - AEMT & Paramedic

- Use glucometer to determ BG
- Obtain and interpret an ECG rhythm strip
- Obtain a 12 lead ECG
- Interpret a 12 lead ECG
- Field blood analysis (crit, lytes, cardiac markers)

Blood glucose is AEMT – remainder are in (new) paramedic level
Pharmacology - AEMT

All skills above are in new AEMT level
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Conclusions