

Ambulance personnel cannot legally supply or administer prescription medicines to patients unless they have authority to practise (ATP), or they are a registered health practitioner with the ability to independently supply or administer prescription medicines described within their scope of practice. In addition, services restrict the use of some items of clinical equipment and the performance of some clinical procedures to personnel at specified practice levels.

ATP is the authorisation of individual personnel to use these CPGs by the ambulance service Medical Director/Clinical Director. Personnel may not use these CPGs without ATP. ATP is granted at a specified practice level and the practice levels are listed in the table. Each practice level has an associated list of authorised medicines and interventions, that defines the medicines that may be administered and the interventions that may be provided by personnel when treating patients. Personnel may be individually credentialed within their service to administer additional medicines or to perform additional interventions that are not within the list. Conversely, personnel may be individually credentialed within their service to only administer some of the medicines, or to only provide some of the interventions from within the list. Other interventions that are not described within the authorised medicines and interventions (for example automated defibrillation) may be provided by all personnel.

The authorised medicines and interventions for those with an Extended Care Paramedic (ECP) ATP encompasses all authorised medicines and interventions described for the Paramedic ATP in the following table. All ECP-specific skills are outlined within the ECP CPGs.

Skill	EMT	Paramedic	ICP	CCP
Adrenaline IN, IM, nebulised and topical	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aspirin PO	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glucagon IM	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glyceryl trinitrate SL	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ibuprofen PO	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ipratropium nebulised	✓	✓	✓	✓
Laryngoscopy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Loratadine PO	✓	✓	✓	✓
Methoxyflurane inhaled	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ondansetron IM	✓	✓	✓	✓
Paracetamol PO	✓	✓	✓	✓
Prednisolone PO	✓	✓	✓	✓
Prednisone PO	✓	✓	✓	✓

Positive end expiratory pressure (PEEP)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Salbutamol MDI and nebulised	✓	✓	✓	✓
Supraglottic airway (SGA)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tramadol PO	✓	✓	✓	✓
Adrenaline IV (cardiac arrest only)		✓	✓	✓
Amiodarone IV (cardiac arrest only)		✓	✓	✓
Cefazolin IV		✓	✓	✓
Ceftriaxone IM and IV		✓	✓	✓
Clopidogrel PO		✓	✓	✓
Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP)		✓	✓	✓
Droperidol IM, IV and SC		✓	✓	✓
Enoxaparin SC		✓	✓	✓
Fentanyl IM, IN, IV and SC		✓	✓	✓
Glucose IV		✓	✓	✓
Heparin IV		✓	✓	✓
IO access		✓	✓	✓
IV cannulation		✓	✓	✓
Ketamine IM, IV and PO (analgesia only)		✓	✓	✓
Levetiracetam IV		✓	✓	✓
1% lignocaine IO and SC		✓	✓	✓
Manual defibrillation		✓	✓	✓
Metoprolol PO		✓	✓	✓
Midazolam IM (seizures and acute behavioural disturbance only)		✓	✓	✓
Midazolam IV (seizures only)		✓	✓	✓
Morphine IM, IV and SC		✓	✓	✓

Naloxone IM and IV		✓	✓	✓
Olanzapine PO		✓	✓	✓
Ondansetron IV		✓	✓	✓
Oxytocin IM		✓	✓	✓
0.9% sodium chloride IV		✓	✓	✓
Synchronised cardioversion		✓	✓	✓
Tenecteplase IV		✓	✓	✓
Ticagrelor PO		✓	✓	✓
Tranexamic acid IV		✓	✓	✓
Adenosine IV			✓	✓
Adrenaline (all routes)			✓	✓
Amiodarone IV			✓	✓
Atropine IV			✓	✓
Calcium chloride IV			✓	✓
Chest decompression (needle)			✓	✓
Cricothyroidotomy			✓	✓
Endotracheal intubation			✓	✓
Fascia iliaca block			✓	✓
Finger thoracostomy			✓	✓
Hydrocortisone IV			✓	✓
Ketamine (all routes)			✓	✓
Labetalol IV			✓	✓
Magnesium IV			✓	✓
Metaraminol IV			✓	✓
Midazolam IM and IV			✓	✓

Pacing			✓	✓
Rocuronium IV			✓	✓
Ropivacaine SC			✓	✓
8.4 % sodium bicarbonate IV			✓	✓
Glyceryl trinitrate IV				✓
Mechanical ventilation				✓
Rapid sequence intubation (RSI)				✓
Suxamethonium IV				✓

## More Information

### Version history

**Update:** Addition of individual credentialing and guidance. LMA changed to SGA. Addition and removal of medicines.

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**Update:** Added ECP references and CCP skills.

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