



VCEMS Training Bulletin



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Pediatric Intubation

The California EMS Authority (EMSA) has issued the direction that effective July 1, 2018, pediatric endotracheal intubation will be removed from the paramedic scope of practice.

Prior to this direction from EMSA, paramedics who hold accreditation in Ventura County were permitted to perform oral tracheal intubation for patients age 8 and older. As of July 1, 2018, tracheal intubation will be allowed only for patients who **DO NOT FIT** on a Broselow Tape—*approximately* 12-years-old, although ages vary for patients whose height is less than the maximum height for the Broselow Tape, which is 146.5 cm, or 57.5 inches. Paramedics who are considering placement of an endotracheal tube during care of a pediatric patient must perform careful measurement against the Broselow Tape to determine the patient's eligibility for the procedure.

In compliance with this EMSA directive, Ventura EMS will be drafting the appropriate changes to our policies and procedures. Future adjustments to our airway policies will be based on recommendations and guidelines provided by the State.

For questions, please contact Ventura County EMS at (805) 981-5301.