

# Approved skills and medications

In North Carolina (and many other states), credentialed paramedics receive approval to perform various procedures and administer a range of medications. The following lists include skills and medications North Carolina has approved, some with stipulations (additional training required, and generally reserved for critical care paramedics) as noted.

## Approved skills

- 12-lead ECG acquisition, transmission, interpretation
- 15-lead ECG acquisition
- Airway adjuncts
- Arterial access—blood draw
- Blind insertion airway device
- Capnography (waveform)
- Carbon monoxide measurement (noninvasive)
- Cardiac monitoring and pacing
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Cardioversion
- Carotid massage
- Central venous pressure line maintenance
- Chest compression (external device and needle)
- Chest tube maintenance
- Childbirth
- Cricothyrotomy (needle and surgical)
- Decontamination
- Defibrillation (automated and manual)
- Endotracheal tube introducer
- Epidural catheter maintenance
- Foreign body airway obstruction
- Gastric intubation
- Glucose measurement
- Hemostatic agent
- Injections (subcutaneous and intramuscular)
- Intraventricular catheter maintenance
- Intubation (nasotracheal and orotracheal)
- Intubation confirmation—Capnography (color)
- Nebulizer inhalation therapy
- Noninvasive positive pressure ventilation
- Orthostatic blood pressure
- Oxygen administration
- Patient assessment
- Pulse oximetry
- Reperfusion checklist
- Respiratory operation
- Restraints
- Specimen collection
- Spinal motion restriction
- Splinting
- Stroke screen
- Swan-Ganz catheter maintenance
- Taser probe removal
- Temperature measurement
- Tourniquet application
- Urinary catheterization
- Venous access (blood draw, existing

catheters, femoral lines, intraosseous, peripheral)

- Ventilator operation
- Wound care

## Approved skills with stipulations

- Drug-assisted intubation
- Suction (basic and advanced)
- Tracheostomy tube change

## Approved medications

- ACE Inhibitors
- Acetaminophen
- Adenosine
- Aminophylline
- Amiodarone
- Anti-arrhythmic
- Antibiotics
- Anti-emetic preparations
- Antivirals
- Aspirin
- Atropine
- Barbiturates
- Benzodiazepine preparations
- Beta agonist preparations
- Beta-blockers
- Bretylium
- C1 Esterase-inhibitors
- Calcium channel blockers
- Calcium chloride/gluconate
- Charcoal
- Clonidine
- Clopidogrel
- Crystalloid solutions
- Cyanide poisoning antidote kit
- Digoxin
- Diphenhydramine
- Diuretics
- Dobutamine
- Dopamine
- Droperidol
- Epinephrine
- Etomidate
- Flumazenil
- Glucagon
- Glucose oral and solutions
- Haloperidol
- Heparin (unfractionated and low molecular weight)
- Histamine H2 blockers
- Hydroxocobalamin
- Immunizations
- Insulin
- Ipratropium
- Isoproterenol
- Levetiracetam
- Lidocaine

- Magnesium sulfate
- Mannitol
- Methylene blue
- Milrinone
- N-acetylcysteine
- Narcotic analgesics and antagonists
- Nasal spray decongestant
- Nesiritide
- Nitroglycerin
- Nitroprusside sodium
- Nitrous oxide
- Nonprescription medications
- Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory
- Norepinephrine
- Octreotide
- Oxygen
- Oxytocin
- Phenothiazine preparations
- Phenylephrine
- Phenytoin preparations
- Plasma protein fraction
- Platelet g-II/IIIa inhibitors
- Potassium chloride
- Pralidoxime
- Procainamide
- Procaine
- Proparacaine
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- Platelet g-II/IIIa inhibitors
- Potassium chloride
- Pralidoxime
- Procainamide
- Procaine
- Proparacaine
- Proton pump inhibitors
- Sodium bicarbonate
- Steroid preparations
- Thiamine
- Thrombolytic agents
- Tropical hemostatic agents
- Total parenteral nutrition
- Tranexamic acid
- Tuberculosis skin test
- Valproic acid
- Vasopressin
- Vasopressor
- Whole blood and components

## Approved medications with stipulations

- CroFab
- Ketamine
- Paralytic agents
- Propofol