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Specific tasks in this document shall refer to the Virginia Education Standards.							
AIRWAY TECHNIQUES							
Airway Adjuncts							
	Oropharyngeal Airway		●	●	●	●	●
	Nasopharyngeal Airway		●	●	●	●	●
Airway Maneuvers							
	Head tilt jaw thrust		●	●	●	●	●
	Jaw thrust		●	●	●	●	●
	Chin lift		●	●	●	●	●
	Cricoid Pressure		●	●	●	●	●
	Management of existing Tracheostomy			●	●	●	●
Alternate Airway Devices							
	Non Visualized Airway Devices	Supraglottic		●	●	●	●
Cricothyrotomy							
	Needle						●
	Surgical	Includes percutaneous techniques					●
Obstructed Airway Clearance							
	Manual		●	●	●	●	●
	Visualize Upper-airway				●	●	●
Intubation							
	Orotracheal - Over Age 12					●	●
	Nasotracheal						●
	Pediatric - Age 12 and under						●
	Drug assisted intubation (DAI) all ages	Includes: Drug facilitated intubation (DFI) Delayed sequence intubation (DSI) Rapid sequence intubation (RSI)					●
	Confirmation procedures			●	●	●	●
** Endotracheal intubation is prohibited for all levels except Intermediate and Paramedic							
Oxygen Delivery Systems							
	Nasal Cannula		●	●	●	●	●
	Venturi Mask		●	●	●	●	●
	Simple Face Mask		●	●	●	●	●
	Partial Rebreather Face Mask			●	●	●	●
	Non-rebreather Face Mask		●	●	●	●	●
	Face Tent			●	●	●	●
	Tracheal Cuff			●	●	●	●

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	Oxygen Hood					●	●
	O2 Powered Flow restricted device			●	●	●	●
	Humidification			●	●	●	●
Suction							
	Manually Operated		●	●	●	●	●
	Mechanically Operated		●	●	●	●	●
	Pharyngeal		●	●	●	●	●
	Bronchial-Tracheal		●	●	●	●	●
	Oral Suctioning		●	●	●	●	●
	Naso-pharyngeal Suctioning		●	●	●	●	●
	Endotracheal Suctioning		●	●	●	●	●
	Meconium Aspiration Neonate with ET						●
Ventilation – assisted / mechanical							
	Mouth to Mask		●	●	●	●	●
	Mouth to Mask with O2		●	●	●	●	●
	Bag-Valve-Mask Adult		●	●	●	●	●
	Bag-Valve-Mask with supplemental O2 Adult		●	●	●	●	●
	Bag-Valve-Mask with supplemental O2 and reservoir Adult		●	●	●	●	●
	Bag-Valve-Mask Pediatric		●	●	●	●	●
	Bag-Valve-Mask with supplemental O2 Pediatric		●	●	●	●	●
	Bag-Valve-Mask with supplemental O2 and reservoir Pediatric		●	●	●	●	●
	Bag-Valve-Mask neonate/infant		●	●	●	●	●
	Bag-Valve-Mask with supplemental O2 Neonate/Infant		●	●	●	●	●
	Bag-Valve-Mask with supplemental O2 and reservoir Neonate/Infant		●	●	●	●	●
	Noninvasive positive pressure vent.	CPAP, BiPAP, PEEP	●	●	●	●	●
	Jet insufflation						●
	Mechanical Ventilator (Manual/Automated Transport Ventilator)	Maintain long term/established Initiate/Manage ventilator			●	●	●
Anesthesia (Local)						●	●
Pain Control & Sedation							
	Self Administered inhaled analgesics			●	●	●	●
	Pharmacological (non-inhaled)				●	●	●
	Patient controlled analgesia (PCA)	Maintain established			●	●	●
	Epidural catheters (maintain)	Maintain established				●	●

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Blood and Component Therapy Administration							
		Maintain				●	●
		Initiate					●
Diagnostic Procedures							
	Blood chemistry analysis			●	●	●	●
	Capnography			●	●	●	●
	Pulmonary function measurement				●	●	●
	Pulse Oximetry			●	●	●	●
	Ultrasonography						●
Genital/Urinary							
	Bladder catheterization						
	Foley catheter	Place bladder catheter					●
		Maintain bladder catheter		●	●	●	●
Head and Neck							
	ICP Monitor (maintain)						●
	Control of epistaxis		●	●	●	●	●
		Inserted epistaxis control devices			●	●	●
	Tooth replacement		●	●	●	●	●
Hemodynamic Techniques							
	Arterial catheter maintenance						●
	Central venous maintenance				●	●	●
	Access indwelling port					●	●
	Intraosseous access & infusion				●	●	●
	Peripheral venous access and maintenance				●	●	●
	Umbilical Catheter Insertion/Management						●
	Monitoring Existing IVs			●	●	●	●
	Mechanical IV Pumps				●	●	●
Hemodynamic Monitoring							
	ECG acquisition		●	●	●	●	●
	ECG Interpretation					●	●
	Invasive Hemodynamic Monitoring						●
	Vagal Maneuvers/Carotid Massage					●	●
Obstetrics							
	Delivery of newborn		●	●	●	●	●
Other Techniques							

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	Vital Signs		●	●	●	●	●
	Bleeding control		●	●	●	●	●
		Tourniquets	●	●	●	●	●
	Foreign body removal	Superficial without local anesthesia	●	●	●	●	●
		Imbedded with local anesthesia/exploration				●	●
	Incision/Drainage					●	●
	Intravenous therapy				●	●	●
	Medication administration			●	●	●	●
	Nasogastric tube			●	●	●	●
	Orogastric tube			●	●	●	●
	Pericardiocentesis					●	●
	Pleural decompression					●	●
	Patient restraint physical			●	●	●	●
	Patient restraint chemical					●	●
	Sexual assault victim management			●	●	●	●
	Trephination of nails					●	●
	Wound closure techniques					●	●
	Wound management		●	●	●	●	●
	Pressure Bag for High altitude					●	●
	Treat and Release			●	●	●	●
	Vagal Maneuvers/Carotid Massage					●	●
	Intranasal medication administration	Fixed/unit dose medications	●	●	●	●	●
		Dose calculation/measurement			●	●	●
Resuscitation							
	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) (all ages)		●	●	●	●	●
	Cardiac pacing					●	●
	Defibrillation/Cardioversion	AED	●	●	●	●	●
	Post resuscitative care			●	●	●	●
Skeletal Procedures							
	Care of the amputated part		●	●	●	●	●
	Fracture/Dislocation immobilization techniques		●	●	●	●	●
	Fracture/Dislocation reduction techniques	Manipulation of angulated/pulseless extremities		●	●	●	●
		Joint reduction techniques		●	●	●	●
	Spine immobilization techniques		●	●	●	●	●
Thoracic							
	Thoracostomy (refer to "Other Techniques")					●	●
Body Substance Isolation / PPE			●	●	●	●	●
Lifting and moving techniques			●	●	●	●	●

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Gastro-Intestinal Techniques							
	Management of non-displaced gastrostomy tube						●
Ophthalmological							
	Morgan Lenses			●	●	●	●
	Corneal Exam with fluorescein					●	●
	Ocular irrigation		●	●	●	●	●

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Use of medication not listed which is indicated by medical control and/or the operational medical director due to the use of a weapon of mass destruction is exempt from this list.