CITY OF AUSTIN
FIREFIGHTERS', POLICE OFFICERS'
AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL'S
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF SOURCE MATERIALS LIST FOR THE RANK OF

EMS CLINICAL SPECIALIST-FIELD

CONTENT OF EXAMINATION: Examination questions will be taken only from those source materials identified below. No questions will be taken from material in the source that is assigned a label, e.g. figure, table, exhibit, box, Scan, etc., unless such material is specifically identified below.

ADMINISTRATION OF EXAMINATION: 2.5 hours will be allowed for answering examination questions.

1. **Emergency Medical Services Department Policies and Procedures**

   Policies:
   - Chapter 1: Organization, Administration and Management (Sections 100, 103, 104 ONLY)
   - Chapter 2: Code of Conduct (Except 206)
   - Chapter 4: Safety (Sections 402, 403, 405, 406)

   Administrative Procedures: (Not responsible for material in hyperlinks)
   - HR-01.07: Administrative Investigation Procedure
   - OC-01.02: Event Reporting
   - PI-01.01: Clinical Performance Improvement
   - TE-01.01: Continuing Medical Education
   - TE-01.05: Re-Integration

   Operational Procedures: (Not responsible for material in hyperlinks, in boxes or diagrams)
   - OP-02.09 to OP-02.19 (Except OP-02.12)
   - OP-03.04 to OP-03.06
   - OP-04.01 to OP-04.08 (Except 04.06 – 04.07)
   - OP-05.01, OP-05.02, OP-05.05, OP-05.06, OP-05.08
   - OP-06.03, OP-06.04, OP-06.06, OP-06.07, OP-06.12, OP-06.13
   - OP-09.02, OP-09.03, OP-09.07 to OP-09.17 (Except 09.13 & 09.16)

   25% of the examination questions shall be from this source.

2. Austin-Travis County OMD System Clinical Operating Guidelines

Version: 12.01.2026 COG Master Document
Candidates should use the PDF version of the online documents for studying (Updated 10-19-2026): 10-19-2026 COG Master Document.pdf

Credentialing Standards:

- Authorized Skills per Credential Level (PL1–PL5)
- Clinical Operating Guidelines (COG) Exam
- OCMO Modification or Revocation of Credential to Practice
- System Reintegration Requirements

Clinical Standards:

- Atypical Clinical Guideline Utilization and Online Medical Direction
- Cancellation or Alteration of Response
- Cardiac Arrest Documentation
- Child Abuse (<18 Years Old) Recognition and Reporting
- Crime Scene
- Criteria for Death or Withholding Resuscitation
- Definition of a Patient
- Discontinuation of Prehospital Resuscitation
- DNR and Advanced Directives
- Domestic Violence (≥18 Years Old) (Partner and/or Elder Abuse) Recognition and Reporting
- Hospital Diversion
- Inter-facility Transfers
- Minimum Equipment to Patient's Side
- On-scene Authority for Patient Care
- Patient Referral to ATU, MCOT, Psychiatric ED
- Patient Referral to Sobering Center
- Provider Initiated No-Transport or Individual Patient Modified Response
- Refusal of Treatment and/or Transport
- STEMI Alert
- Stroke/LVO Alert including grid
- Telemedicine Consult Guidelines & Process
- Transfer of Care to Provider from Another Agency
- Transfer of Care to Provider of Lesser Credentials
- Transport Decision Process

Clinical Guidelines:

- All Clinical Guidelines "Universal Patient Care" through "Trauma"
    - Only Responsible for information contained in the Clinical Management Options areas of the Clinical Guidelines

Checklists:

- Rapid 12-Lead ECG & Suspected ACS Checklists

Clinical References:

- Trauma Criteria

Clinical Procedures:

- Blood Product Administration (> PL5)
- Determination of Capacity
- Medication Administration and Cross-Check

Medication Formulary:

- Entire Formulary (EXCEPT multi-colored pediatric dosing charts, Buprenorphine, Olanzapine, Pralidoxime)

40% of the examination questions shall be from this source.

3. **12 Lead ECG: The Art of Interpretation, 2nd Edition**
   Author: Tomas B. Garcia, MD
   ISBN-13: 978-0-7637-7351-9
   Publisher: Jones & Bartlett Learning

   Chapters:

   - Test ECG 1-50 (Pages 541-590)
   - Test ECG Answers 1-50, including "Final Assessments" (Pages 591-658)

   15% of the examination questions shall be from this source.

4. **Paramedic Care: Principles & Practice, Volume 1, 5th Edition**
   Author: Bryan Bledsoe, MD, Richard Cherry, MS & Robert Porter
   ISBN: 978-0134572031
   Publisher: Pearson

   Chapters:

   - Pathophysiology (Parts 5-6, pages 295-346)
   - Airway Management and Ventilation (Part 1 ONLY: Pages 512-540)

   20% of the examination questions shall be from this source.