



# Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Agency

## Protocols

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<b>TASERED PATIENTS</b>	
<b>Adult</b>	<b>Pediatric</b>
<b>Indication</b>	
Taser™ probes should only be removed by EMS personnel if they interfere with the airway or the safe transportation of the patient.	
<b>BLS</b>	
Assess vital signs O <sub>2</sub> , titrate SpO <sub>2</sub> to ≥ 94%	
<b>ALS</b>	
Cardiac Monitor	
<p>If 1 or both of the Taser™ probes requires removal for safe transportation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Verify the wires to the probes have been severed</li> <li>2. Use routine biohazard precautions</li> <li>3. Place 1 hand on the patient in the area where the probe is embedded and stabilize the skin surrounding the puncture site between 2 fingers. Keep your hand away from the probe. With your other hand, in 1 fluid motion pull the probe straight out from the puncture site</li> <li>4. Follow law enforcement direction regarding the preservation or disposal of Taser™ probes</li> <li>5. Apply direct pressure for bleeding, and apply a sterile dressing to the wound site</li> </ol>	
<b>Consider</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider any potential cause of the abnormal or combative behavior such as, but not limited to, head trauma, hypoxia, drug and alcohol related problems, hypoglycemia and other metabolic disorders, stress, excited delirium, or psychiatric disorders and treat according to the appropriate protocol</li> <li>• Assess the patient for any potential injury after the Taser™ was deployed</li> <li>• Mode of transportation and destination to be determined by law enforcement</li> <li>• Consider sedation</li> </ul>	
<b>Direction</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The scene must be safe and secured by law enforcement before EMS evaluates or treats the patient</li> <li>• Contact Receiving ED Physician for additional treatment</li> </ul>	