

**SUBLINGUAL/ORAL MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION  
EMMCO WEST ALS GUIDELINE**

**Criteria:**

- A. Referring protocol indicates that a patient's condition is indicative of medication administration via oral ingestion or Sublingual (SL) administration.

**Exclusion Criteria:**

- A. Patient has allergy to the medication referred to in protocol.
- B. Patient is unconscious, or has an altered level of consciousness or for another reason is unable to swallow

**Procedure:****A. Sublingual**

1. Use appropriate BSI
2. Confirm the indication, medication, dose, and expiration date
3. Instruct patient to lift tongue toward the superior and posterior oral cavity
4. Place the pill or direct spray under the tongue on the floor of the oral cavity
5. Instruct the patient to return the tongue and mouth to a normal position and not to swallow the pill or liquid spray.
6. Observe the patient for positive or negative effects.

**B. Oral**

1. Use appropriate BSI
2. Consider whether medication should be taken with food or on empty stomach
3. Gather necessary equipment and prepare medication as indicated
4. Whenever possible, have the patient sit upright.
5. Instruct the patient to open their mouth and instruct the patient to place the medication in the patient's mouth. Assist as needed.
6. Follow with 4 to 8 oz ounces of drinking water.

**Notes:**

1. See specific protocol

**Possible Medical Command Orders:**

- A. See specific protocol