

An emergency medical technician (EMT) is a medical professional who gives emergency care to people outside of or on the way to the hospital. They can give basic medical and first-aid care until a person can get help at a hospital or other medical facility.

An EMT is not a type of doctor, nurse, or physician's assistant. They're also different from paramedics, another type of emergency medical professional. The main difference is that paramedics have more training and can perform a wider variety of procedures.

EMTs aren't allowed to use any treatment that breaks the skin. There are a few exceptions, like giving an epinephrine injection to someone having a severe allergic reaction. Paramedics, however, often perform more invasive procedures like starting medication through a tube that goes into a vein, also called an IV.

EMTs work on ambulances, helping get people to the hospital. They may also work with fire departments and air rescue teams. EMTs can also work for private ambulance services.

In rural areas, EMTs connect people in isolated locations to medical treatment. In urban areas, they coordinate with larger hospital networks, local police, and fire departments to get people the best level of care.

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