



PARAMEDIC MEDICINE

Duties: Paramedics typically do the following:

- Respond to 911 calls for emergency medical assistance, such as cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or bandaging a wound
- Assess a patient's condition and determine a course of treatment
- Provide first-aid treatment or life support care to sick or injured patients
- Transport patients safely in an ambulance
- Transfer patients to the emergency department of a hospital or other healthcare facility
- Report their observations and treatment to physicians, nurses, or other healthcare facility staff
- Document medical care given to patients
- Inventory, replace, and clean supplies and equipment after use

(See reverse for more information.)

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Paramedics provide more extensive prehospital care than do EMTs. In addition to doing the tasks of EMTs, paramedics can give medications orally and intravenously, interpret electrocardiograms (EKGs)—which monitor heart function—and use other monitors and complex equipment.

What Paramedics Do:

Paramedics assess a patient's condition and administer emergency medical care. Paramedics care for the sick or injured in emergency medical settings. People's lives often depend on the quick reaction and competent care provided by these workers. Paramedics respond to emergency calls, performing medical services and transporting patients to medical facilities. A 911 operator sends EMTs and paramedics to the scene of an emergency, where they often work with police and firefighters.

Quick Facts: Paramedics

2018 Median Pay	\$34,320 per year
Job Outlook, 2014-24	Increase of 7% (Faster than average)

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