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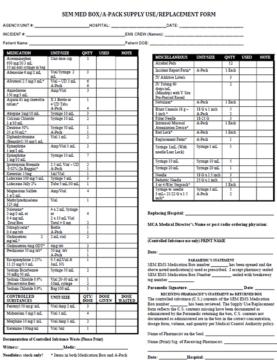
Use/Replacement Form Documentation

Our office routinely reviews the pharmacy Use/Replacement forms and for the most part our paramedics do a great job documenting medications used and other important information on those forms.

Here are a few items we have noticed that could use some slight improvement and medics should keep in mind:

- make sure when you are documenting the dose given (and wasted, if that occurs), you should be using the actual milligrams or micrograms of the medication. We have seen some cases where medics are using the quantity of vials instead of the actual dose.
- 2) when documenting waste, make sure you print the name of the individual who witnessed the waste.
- Under the Paramedic's Statement, you should document both the box you are returning to the pharmacy as well as the box you are taking from the pharmacy.

4) Ensure that all information on the top three lines is completed.



Again, overall the forms have been relatively good, but these items we have notice some errors and omissions.

Once at the ED, Stay There!

As everyone is aware we are experiencing a great deal of stress in the health care system. Patient volume is up, staff is short. These challenges also often place patients and their families in a state of frustration, wishing they or their loved ones could receive care more quickly.



However, once a patient has been transported to one of our emergency departments that is the end of an EMS crew's service to that patient. When there are delays in handing off care which leads to patients and families becoming frustrated, they cannot be taken by the transporting crew to another facility.

Additionally, EMS personnel need to do their best to have professional interactions with hospital staff. Everyone is under extreme demands and high pressure situations, let's all do our best to be patient and work together for our colleagues and patients.