

GCMCA 12-lead Requirements for New or Returning Paramedics

- Any new or returning medic to the system since the face-to-face training in the fall of 2012 has 120 days from the date they receive their GCMCA ID badge to complete the following:
 - receive the 1-hour agency training
 - complete the Physio Control online training **at least 48 hours prior** to the face-to-face training
 - complete the face-to-face training
 - take the 12-lead competency test (it may be taken up to three times with a minimum of two weeks between each attempt)
- If the medic fails the competency test after the 120 day period, the agency must provide additional training. Once this training is completed they may retest.
- If a medic fails the competency test after further agency training, they will have to take a full 12-lead training and retest again within 90 days. GCMCA will offer recommended courses that have been used previously with success. Verification of course completion will need to be provided before taking the test.
- To register for the face-to-face training, the medic must contact the GCMCA Administrative office prior to the training. If they fail to attend a class they are registered for, they will be **charged a \$50 cancellation fee**.
- Failure to meet any of these requirements will result in the medic's suspension until such time that the expectations have been fulfilled.
- If a medic fails the test three times they will have their privileges as a paramedic suspended until they pass the test. They will be given three more attempts to pass the test during this time period, with 72 hours separate each attempt. If they do not pass after the sixth attempt they will be suspended as a paramedic in Genesee County for a minimum of 60 days, and will have to repeat the education requirements outlined above and pass the test before having the suspension lifted.

Ongoing Activities

- Annual refresher training by the paramedics' agency.
- Every February paramedics must complete the RACER online training through American CME.
- Every paramedic that has completed the above process must also pass a separate STEMI recognition competency test with the renewal of their GCMCA ID badge every three years.
- Agencies will review missed activations with the involved medic for remediation purposes.
- GCMCA will provide semi-annual feedback to agencies their activation success percentage relative to the county overall average.