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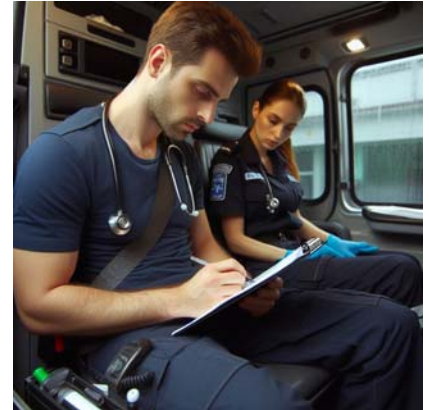
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Avoid Double Documentation

If you document another provider's care, clearly note it

As we know, our system often has two or more agencies responding to the same call. The GCMCA PSRO has been reviewing run records where this has occurred and found that in some cases the same assessment or intervention has been documented on different agency run records and each attributed to the EMS personnel with that agency.

After discussions with the PSRO and EMS agency management there are two options in these situations. One – only document the care you specifically provided and not any other care. Two – document all care provided but clearly credit that which is done by another provider from another agency on each item they did. Either option is acceptable, so consult your agency as to their preferred method. No matter what though, you should never document patient care you did not provide and listing it as something you did do.



When Giving the Hospital a TX Use the Right Number

In most cases communication from the scene to the hospital can be quickly handled via 800 MHz radios. However, there are times that a more detailed conversation needs to take place with physicians or other hospital personnel.

In those cases you should make sure you are using the correct phone number.

All hospitals are required to have a required landline for just these types of situations. This both ensures that your call is connected to the correct people at the hospital and that your conversation will be required for future follow up if necessary.

Because this publication is widely distributed we are unable to include those numbers here, but all of our EMS agencies have those numbers. Make sure you have obtained them from your agency or contact your dispatch to get them when you have a need to make a call.

Mystery Picture Contest!!

Congratulations to Michael Coote for correctly identifying this picture and receiving a \$10 gift card for his keen eye.

This is the artwork that can be found on the facing of the Mott Children's Health Center building on Tuuri Place just across from the Hurley Medical Center Campus.

Look for another contest in future newsletters!

