

Northwest Community EMS System				
November 2024 CE: EMS Litigation				
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This packet should take 2 hours to complete – which earns the equivalent of the 2-hour live CE class.

Sources of information/ answers

Use the November CE PowerPoint presentation in PDF, class handouts, NWCEMSS SOPS and Policy Manual.

1. System Memo #432 discussed methods to preserve Normal Saline during the national shortage. List 4 suggestions given under EMS guidance to preserve existing supply.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

2. What are the two selections available in Image trend under the advanced Airway power tool that are available when documenting an oral tracheal intubation and what intubation blade do they correlate with?
 1. _____ = _____
 2. _____ = _____

3. Fill in the blanks
 EMS is charged with providing _____, _____, _____ quality care that improves patient outcomes.

4. Common areas of EMS litigation include:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____

5. Common areas of EMS liability/ Acts of omission (failure to):
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____

Please watch the following video and answer the following questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzgfusrUB5w>

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6. Does the pt. meet decisional capacity? _____ Explain _____

7. Does EMS need OLMC MD to take "Temporary Protective Custody" for this pt. if the crew deemed non – decisional? _____ Explain _____

8. Hypothetically if EMS deems a pt. (not the one in the video) decisional and OLMC disagreed, what three things must the crew directly hear and confirm prior to transport?
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
9. Common areas of EMS liability/ Acts of omission (failure to):
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
 7. _____

Please read the article and watch the following video imbedded. Answer the following questions.

<https://www.ems1.com/safety/insider-analysis-when-safety-collides-with-duty>

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10. It is explained in the video by the deceased patient's attorney that they did not intend to name the paramedics involved in the lawsuit, however it was required to get the full story. What will the investigators look into regarding this incident that the department or crew may be liable for doing or not doing? List four.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
11. If this situation were to happen in NWC EMS System, what policy would EMS crew need to follow regarding the equipment failure? _____
12. In addition to notifying agency representatives, whom else is the crew to notify immediately and by what means?

13. Define Libel: _____
14. How can EMS prevent being accused of libel? _____
15. Define slander: _____

16. How can EMS prevent being accused of slander? _____

17. Common areas of EMS Liability. (Other areas of concern not previously answered)
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
18. What does the Illinois EMS Act & Rules define? _____

19. What is the intent of the National EMS Scope of Practice Model? _____

20. What NWCEMSS policy defines Scope of Practice? _____
21. What defines EMS Scope of Practice within the NWCEMS System? _____
22. What documents are the basis of Standards of Practice? _____
23. Define the EMS Duty to Act: _____

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8aLcpNgE7U>

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24. Is there any medical reason to suggest the behavior the medics were concerned about or that they removed him from the ambulance for? _____
25. What symptoms did the pt. present with? _____
26. What allegations will these medics (and potentially the police officers) have against them? _____

27. As witnessed in the video, the patient was not harming nor threatening the crew and was requesting transport to the hospital. If crew was concerned or in fear for their safety, what options would they have to successfully treat/ transport this pt.? _____

Please watch the following video. Answer the following questions.

[Body camera video shows law enforcement encounter with Indiana man who died after medical call](#)

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28. How does protect themselves, police, and the family from a combative/ threatening patient? _____

29. If a takedown is required, can a patient be brought to the ground in prone positioning? _____
30. Can a patient remain in the prone position? _____
31. How can the crew protect the patient after a takedown? _____

32. What will crew **visually** assess and document? _____

33. What will crew **physically** assess and document (this includes monitoring devices)? _____
34. Identify and define 3 ways of breeching duty
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

Please read the article and watch the following video imbedded. Answer the following questions.

[Insider Analysis: Lawsuit filed after EMS fails to resuscitate gunshot victim](#)

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35. When is it appropriate to withhold resuscitation? Where is the protocol for this? _____
36. In the Cardiac Arrest due to Trauma SOP (pg. 46), what is the criteria that must be met in order for crew to immediately contact OMLC for pronouncement? _____

37. What are the degrees of negligence and define them?
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
38. When able, healthcare professionals must gain consent from the patient. What is the purpose? _____

Please read the article and watch the following video imbedded. Answer the following questions.

[Doorbell video shows Phoenix firefighters discouraging ambulance transport](#)

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39. As this video was taken during COVID, there were alterations to response, gaining pts signatures vs. allowing a verbal refusal, and EMS doing their due diligence explaining the situation at the ED's and offering alternate options in the event the pt. is not presenting with an emergency. However, the pt. in the video specifically requested transport to the hospital. Based on this information answer the following questions:
- Is it ever appropriate to discuss cost of transport, specifically as shown in the video? _____
- Is it ever appropriate to sign a patient's signature on their behalf? _____ What is the better option to document a verbal refusal? _____
40. How does EMS combat vulnerability of risk and liability?
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____