

EMS & Healthcare Relationships

What Hospital CEOs Need to Know



Who We Are

- Trained together in 2015
- Both serve at local Fire and EMS Dept.
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EMS Basics

- EMS is dangerous, the environment is unknown.
- In rural areas there are few support resources.
- Serving patients at the scariest times of their life.
- How can EMS, Hospitals and Public Health work together?
- What is the role of Paramedicine?
- Impact of Opioids abuse.



Regardless of the situation, a 911 call is scary



Done well, EMS can turn the scariest moments into a positive event.



Relationship Challenges

- Focus of EMS is frequently Fire.
- EMS generally feels they are treated as inferior in most medical facilities.
- In rural communities resources are limited and EMS is severely underfunded.



EMS & Healthcare Management



Department of Health and Human Services

Protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.

- Alex Azar II, Secretary of Health and Human Services



Department of Homeland Security

Protecting the United States against threats. Duties include aviation security, border control, emergency response and cybersecurity.

- Kirstjen Nielsen, Secretary of Homeland Security



Air Ambulance



Paramedicine: Transition from Volume to Value

HOME BASED CARE

- What skillset is necessary?
- Medication reconciliation
- Post discharge education
- Community resource navigation
- Fall risk assessments



Impact of Overdoses

- Communitywide problem
- Opioids vs Meth/Crack/Bath Salts and Krokodil



Getting it Right: Improving Patient Outcomes

- EMS is a key component of the emergency cardiovascular care chain of survival.
- The right partnerships can significantly decrease door to balloon time.



Partnership Opportunity - Hands Only CPR

Two steps to save a life:



- Shown to be effective for cardiac arrest.
- Can double or even triple a victim's chance of survival.



Training the Next Generation



Potential for EMS and Healthcare

DEFINITE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

- Shift resources from Fire to today's issues.
- Partner on prevention vs rescue (Population Health).
- Empathize with EMS.
- Build ER and EMS as a team – Train together.
- Bring them to the table on issues like STEMI, Stroke, Opioid Overdose and Hands Only CPR.



