Medical Direction for MIH/CP Programs

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Medical Direction = Coaching?
Variety of Models

- Traditional EMS Medical Direction
  - Off-line via standing orders/protocols
  - On-line to EM physicians and/or EMS physicians
- Non-traditional
  - Paramedics joined by other interprofessional team members under EMS physician
  - Paramedics with off-line/on-line medical direction from non-EMS physicians
  - Paramedics in model of PA/NP

Traditional Models

- Many examples of this:
  - MedSTAR diuresis protocol
  - Wake EMS high risk refusal procedure
  - DC Frequent Flier interventions
  - New Hanover County CHF readmission reduction program
  - Reno urgent care protocol
  - Arizona alternative destinations for Medicaid recipients
  - Sacramento substance abuse/mental health program
  - Multiple programs in Minnesota (North Memorial, Hinnepin, Alliana, etc)
- The list goes on . . .

Novel Model: Interprofessional Team with EMS Physician Supervision
Novel Model: EMS Personnel with Immediate Primary Care Consultation

Doc Vader & EMS Speak the Same Language

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Original Research

Improving Decisions About Transport to the Emergency Department for Assisted Living Residents Who Fall

Asason of Internal Medicine
PA/NP Model

Summary

• Successful models of MIH/CP Medical Direction are increasingly appearing in the literature

• Most common model is rather traditional

• Other models are emerging