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Yearly Competency Exam

It is that time of year again for the EMS System online competency exam. Remember if you do not take, or do not pass the exam with an 80% in a single attempt you will have to submit an additional 5 hours of continuing education when you go to renew your license.

Last year was the first time that we utilized the online exam. We learned a few things and sought some feedback from those taking the exam. The number one item was that people wanted to be able to see immediately what they got wrong and what the right answer was. This has been incorporated into this year's exam.

The exam is open now, and will close September 11th. Any issues in completing or accessing the exam can be reported to Dylan Ferguson in the system office. Links for the exam can be located on the system website.

New Arrivals

Congrats to Hudson Fire Protection District for taking delivery and placing into service a new ambulance.



Recent Memos

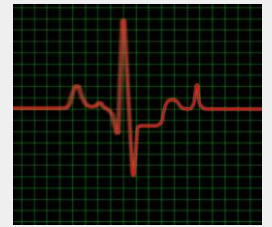
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New Pediatric Protocols

Most agencies have already received training on the new pediatric protocols that will take effect on July 1st. Agencies that have not yet received that training will receive it in the month of June as part of the medication skills lab presentation. The pediatric protocols can be found on our website and can be located by [clicking this link](#)

There really are no sweeping changes for the advanced level providers as these protocols largely just codified what was common practice. For BLS providers there were some changes including the ability to administer IN Naloxone and IN Glucagon when appropriate.

Even after attending the training, please take some time to become familiar with the new protocols. Only 7% of our system volume is pediatrics. This means that we really have to be prepared when we encounter some of our most vulnerable patients.



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Adult Protocol Update

The system is looking to begin its review and revisions of the adult protocols. This group will also be tasked with evaluating some potential equipment changes as well. It is the intention of the office to begin reviewing this material in August. We were initially hoping for June. However due to numerous other projects, we have fallen slightly behind on that time frame. If you have an interest in serving on this group please send Sandy an email at salsman@mcleancountyems.org to express an interest.

Preceptor Update

Preceptors who currently have Paramedic students, please ensure that you are approving shifts in Platinum Planner as timely as possible. The System and the Students thank you in advance. Also, please ensure that the remarks that you are leaving in platinum are constructive and an accurate reflection of the student's abilities and shortfalls.



Preceptors are also asked to participate in our 2017 Preceptor Update. This is about a 20 minute video, which discusses amongst other things the program phases, what constitutes an ALS Team Lead, and what constitutes being a competent entry level paramedic. This video can be found [here](#)

Continuing Education Topics for Third Quarter

1. **Trauma Emergencies Skills Lab (Mandatory)**
2. **Street Drugs**
3. **ETOH When Drunk is Sick**

Next EMT Class

The next section of EMT Basic will begin at Heartland Community College in August. Frank Friend will be the primary and coordinating instructor

Resource Hospital Reminder

Just a reminder that effective July 1st at 00:01 ABMC became the resource hospital, and SJMC transitioned to the position of Associate Hospital.

Education Calendar

From time to time we receive requests in the office in regards to where someone can attend a makeup CE that they missed. We have added a calendar to our website that is updated each month with the classes going on throughout the system. That calendar can be found [here](#)

Licensure Renewals

We have noticed an influx of licensure renewals, which have been being submitted last minute. Please remember that state administrative code, and system policy state that relicensure information must be submitted to the system 30 days prior to expiration. Those waiting till the last-minute risk the state not having enough time to process your renewal, which can then result in late fees.