



REMAC Policy Statement

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Purpose

The purpose of this REMAC policy is to improve the safe and effective transfer of patient care from EMS to hospital staff by defining the REMAC requirement for PCR completion and submission.

Background

Pursuant to Part 800.15 (Required Conduct) of NYS Public Health Law it is stipulated that, “a prehospital care report (PCR or EPCR) shall be completed for each patient treated when acting as part of an organized prehospital emergency medical service, and a copy shall be provided to the hospital receiving the patient and to the authorized agent of the department for use in the State's quality assurance program.”

Policy

I. EMS providers operating in this region will complete and submit a PCR (preferably) or the defined Minimum Data Set (MDS) plus rhythm strips and 12-lead ecg, if any, to the nurse or physician caring for the patient before departing from the receiving hospital.

If the receiving hospital provides a patient identifier that is used in-hospital, it must be added to the ePCR to correctly link to the patient's hospital chart and the ePCR. It is responsibility of the person completing the PCR to ask for these numbers and enter them into the PCR correctly. Nothing in this policy changes REMAC policy number 12-01 dated 09/13/2012 that governs timeliness of uploading ePCR data to the Region's ePCR database.