



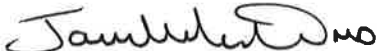
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To: All Providers

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Re: Definition of a Patient

At times, it can be confusing when trying to decide if the individual that you are interacting with is a patient. Below is what I consider to be a patient or a patient encounter.

Patient/Patient Encounter (Requires full eMEDS report)

- Any individual that is interviewed regarding a medical emergency (i.e. obtaining a history of present illness, etc.)
- Any individual where there is physical contact in terms of providing medical care (i.e. obtaining vital signs, performing a physical examination, bandaging, assisting up/into bed, etc.)
- Anyone that is given medical advice or opinion by the provider (i.e. follow up with your primary physician, etc.)

Non-patient encounters (Requires a "No Patient" eMEDS report)

- Motor vehicle collisions where it is deemed to be property damage only and the individual(s) do not seek medical care, the mechanism of injury is deemed to be low and the individual(s) are not obviously injured.
 - Minors involved in such collisions, who are not obviously injured, do not require a patient refusal or transport. They must be left in the company of a responsible adult (i.e. law enforcement, school official, etc.)
- Third party calls for a person down where no patient is found or where the individual is not exhibiting any injuries or obvious illness and is refusing assessment and transport.