



Fall 2012 CQI Learning Points:

iPAD Camera Use:

- ⌘ Please check the quality of your pictures before submitting face sheets, PCS forms, EKG strips, etc. You may need to move to an area with better lighting or change the angle of the lens to optimize the shot.

Controlled Substance Checks:

- ⌘ Please be careful to closely follow the controlled substance policy when conducting daily and monthly checks. Some of the issues discovered on a recent incident include:
 - Security tag not secured to “base” of zipper on pouch and replace security tag every month.
 - Excessive heat may have caused expansion inside three preloaded syringes of MS causing the plungers to blow out and the liquid to leak out of the preloads. This was only caught on the daily check by checking to see if liquid was present in each container. Be careful and check! Make sure your meds are not heating up due to storage location (i.e., on the engine cowling...)
 - Make sure your logs are filled out properly EVERY DAY! There should be NO missing signatures and ALL the signatures MUST be legible!

Long Distance CPR:

- ⌘ If you have a cardiac arrest patient in a remote area consider utilizing an air ambulance, if possible, or attempt base station contact to consider discontinuing efforts after prolonged resuscitation on scene.

ETCO2

- ⌘ Remember that ETCO2 is the standard for ALL intubated patients (when available). Print out a copy of the waveform prior to transferring care at the ER. This is your proof that the tube was in place upon arrival!
- ⌘ Colorimetric devices are only appropriate for initial determination of placement.

Happy Fall!

