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**“I’m Safe, Are They? (60 – 90 minutes)**

NCCR Category: Operations (Culture of Safety)

General/Breakout/Concurrent Sessions

Summary

From the first day that an individual begins their career in EMS, scene safety and the safety of themselves and their crew is hammered into their heads and seared upon their brains. Ask any EMS student their first actions on a scene, and they will normally answer “Is the scene safe?” However, how much thought or consideration is put into patient safety? Is patient safety as automatic as the EMT asking is the scene safe? This session will discuss several areas where pre-hospital providers can enhance and ensure that the patients they are caring for are safe, and reach the hospital in no worse a condition than what they were on the initial assessment.

Objectives

- Identify the root causes of patient safety errors
- Identify patient safety issues
- Identify steps to be taken to eliminate errors
- Describe a means to report errors