

Patients on EEO

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To: Hunters Ambulance Personnel, Wallingford Fire Personnel
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RE: Patients on PEC
Priority: [Urgent]

To all EMS Personnel,

Recently the MidState ED has had an issue that I hope everyone could work together to correct. Due to the holidays there has been an increase of patients with psychological issues transported to MidState on an EEO (emergency examination order). However, when doing CMED patches to the ED and also upon arrival this information is not relayed to the ED staff. This can lead to these patients being improperly triaged to an ED location not appropriate for their or staff safety. When transporting a patient on an EEO please attempt to do the following:

1. During your CMED patch please attempt to notify the charge/triage RN that the patient has been "papered" by the police.
2. If you are not comfortable in relaying that information during the patch, please make sure that you relay that immediately upon arrival.
3. Please do not agree to go to the assessment unit until the staff has been made aware that the police made the decision to send the patient to the ED to assure the patients safety.
4. If needed (flight risk or staff safety) please make sure that you mention to have security ready for your arrival.

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5. As always make sure to protect your own safety, while still attempting to relay that the transport was initiated by the police. This will assure that the ED can do proper placement and the patient receives the proper care.

Any questions please contact the EMS Office at 203.694.5765.

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