

## Field Care Audits

Field care audits provide the opportunity for case discussion and may be considerably more effective than some didactic programs. They are retrospective critiques of actual EMS responses. Materials to contribute to making this a valuable continuing education format are: EMS Reports, Base Hospital Forms, audiotapes from dispatch and base contacts, printouts of ECGs or other summaries generated by automated equipment such as AEDs, and information regarding pathophysiology, policies and treatment guidelines.

### Objectives of Field Care Audits

The examples given are not all inclusive. Additional objectives may be identified through the QI process and EMS studies conducted.

- To increase understanding of pertinent prehospital care treatment modalities.
- To enhance field care by review of selected audio tapes and EMS reports.
- To review pertinent data relative to emergency response:
  - ↳ Appropriate field report by EMS provider
  - ↳ Pertinent information requested by base hospital
  - ↳ Appropriate utilization of treatment prior to base contact
  - ↳ Appropriate prehospital orders received per Base Hospital Treatment Guidelines
  - ↳ Appropriate transport decisions
  - ↳ Appropriate destination decisions
  - ↳ Appropriate documentation by EMS provider and MICN
  - ↳ Professional radio protocols used
- To increase the basic knowledge of anatomy and pathophysiology of patient conditions encountered in the field

### Instructional Objectives

In addition to the following generic examples, specific instructional objectives may be developed depending on each EMS response being reviewed.

Upon completion of this program each participant will be able to:

- Discuss the appropriate field care for specific EMS responses.
- Verbalize medical orders that would be appropriate for specific chief complaints and discuss the rationale for each order.
- Discuss specific prehospital care policies relative to each situation.
- Discuss the appropriate transport and destination decisions relative to each situation.
- Analyze the radio report and discuss the information, speed, and “picture” that are received.
- Discuss pertinent anatomy and physiology and how this relates to each situation.

### Written Performance Evaluation

The Field Care Audit Worksheet (minimum of 2 runs for each CE hour awarded) may be used instead of a written examination if the worksheet demonstrates that the learner has successfully met the instructional objectives. However, to appropriately assess the learner’s understanding, a written examination should be given along with completing the worksheet.