

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. — Thursday, April 1, 2010

What makes a critical patient "critical"?

Emergency medical service (EMS) providers are constantly faced with patients who are at either extreme of stability. These patients are easy to identify (they are either really stable, or really dead). The goal is to identify the patient who is bordering on instability. It is here that the EMS provider's care can be most beneficial. This engaging presentation is delivered around several case studies that include relevant trauma images. Attendees will learn to identify the patient who is bordering on instability; explain the relation between the mechanism of injury/nature of illness and the patient's degree of stability; identify clinical assessment findings that universally determine patient instability; and define and integrate assessment findings to the appropriate management of traumatic situations.

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Action items: