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| ***EMS Process*** |

# Description

To coordinate patient care and movement from EMS to triage.

# Responsibilities

**ADULTS:**

Upon arrival to ED, Flow RN decides if patient needs to be:

1. Placed immediately into a room

* EMS transports patient to room and gives report directly to primary RN

1. Triaged

* EMS proceeds to either ambulance triage (if open) or front-end triage
  + - If significant disagreement about patient’s appropriateness for triage arises, North Pod Attending is consulted

1. **AMBULANCE TRIAGE:**

* EMS gives report to Ambulance Triage RN
* Vitals obtained by ED Ambulance Triage Team
  + - If available, record vitals from EMS monitor
* EMS places patient into a wheelchair or onto a stretcher
* EMS leaves
* Ambulance Triage RN decides where patient needs to go (waiting room, RFT, ambulance triage stretcher, or room)
* ED Ambulance Triage Team takes patient to relevant area

1. **NO AMBULANCE TRIAGE:**

* EMS places patient into a wheelchair while in ambulance bay area
* EMS takes patient to back door area of front-end triage and waits for next available room
* EMS offloads patient to triage recliner and gives report to Triage RN
* **EMS returns with empty wheelchair to ambulance bay area**
* EMS leaves

**PEDIATRICS:**

Upon arrival to ED:

1. Patient registration is done in the ambulance bay
2. EMS takes patient to Pediatric ED (Front Desk area)
3. Pedi Resource RN visually assesses patient to determine whether patient needs to be:

* Placed immediately into a room
* EMS transports patient to room and gives report directly to primary RN
* Triaged
* If significant disagreement about patient’s appropriateness for triage arises, Pediatric Attending is consulted
* EMS takes patient on the stretcher to the back door area of front-end triage and waits for next available room
* EMS offloads patient from stretcher
* EMS gives report to Triage RN
  + - If available, record vitals from EMS monitor
* EMS leaves