



POLICY: All patient encounters by a Milwaukee County EMS provider will be documented. Patient privacy and the confidentiality of all medical records will be maintained at all times.

- I. Documentation of Care of Bystanders and Suspects
 - A. All patients who are bystanders or suspects will receive a full assessment per usual Milwaukee County EMS policies and protocols
 - B. The normal patient care record must be completed as per usual Milwaukee County EMS policies and protocols

- II. Documentation of Care of TEMS or Law Enforcement Personnel
 - A. TEMS providers will follow all usual Milwaukee County EMS policies and protocols in caring for team personnel
 - B. Individual departments should complete their internal documentation for on-duty personnel injuries/illness
 - C. The following situations require a full patient assessment and completion of the normal patient care record regardless of visible injuries or symptoms:
 - i. Any injury inflicted by a suspect
 - ii. Any injury sustained during contact with a suspect
 - iii. Any motor vehicle crash, gunshot wound, or stabbing
 - D. TEMS providers will consult the medical director if there are any questions regarding proper documentation

- III. Review of Documentation
 - A. Copies of all patient encounters are to be submitted to Milwaukee County EMS
 - B. All patient encounters will be reviewed by the TEMS medical director
 - C. Medical records will not be released to anyone without the written consent of the patient (except in III-D below).
 - D. The medical director may choose to review cases with TEMS providers for educational and quality assurance purposes. Patient privacy will be maintained during these discussions, and no information will be transmitted outside of the discussion session.