



THE VALUE OF COMMUNICATION

EMResource and EMTrack

Conflict of Interest

I have no conflict of interest to declare.

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Funding and Implementation



WMRMCC

West Michigan Regional Medical Control Consortium

Our Team!



WMRMCC Participants

Population of 1,709,206 (17% of state)

13 – Medical Control Authorities

20 - Ambulance Services

202 - ALS Transport units

26 - Hospitals

What wasn't working during MCI's?

Communications and Process Changes



- **Portable radio coverage**
- **Channel changes**
- **Checklists**
- **Broad Situational Awareness**
- **EOC – access to information**
- **Misinformation and conflicting reports to hospitals**

**The more often we do something,
the better at it we become**



Practice + Easy Process = Success



Every day I tie my shoes.

I have practiced for years and the process is simple with a clearly defined goal.

Tying my shoes in a crowd is no more difficult, nor is tying them in the dark....

Other than taking more time, tying 100 pairs of shoes is no great feat...

Why do we miss the target?

Changing the way we do things when bad things happen.

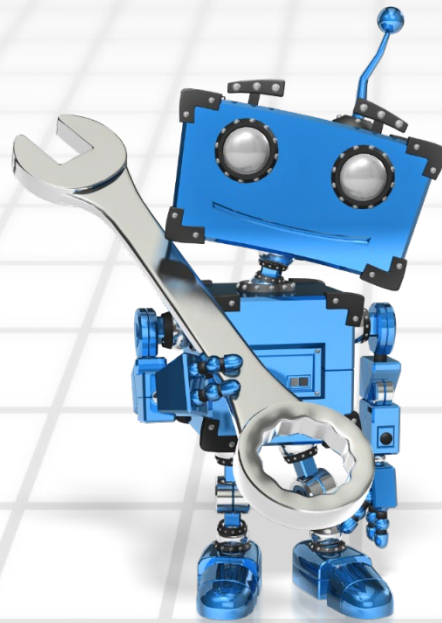
- Expecting people to function well at something they seldom do.....
- Tracking Patients with a program we never use
- Creating events
- Expecting computers to work after sitting in a closet waiting for the MCI



New Approach

Problem

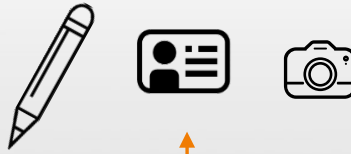
- Lack of familiarity
- Computer updates
- Too busy on scene
- Passwords: expire and forget
- Reliability
- Buy in
- Bad press



Solution

- Use for **Every Patient**
- Use **Every Day**
- Data entry at departure
- Eliminate Passwords
- Fix fail points
- Increase **VALUE**
- Increase **Reliability** and **Value**

EFFICIENT



RELIABLE



ACCOUNTABLE

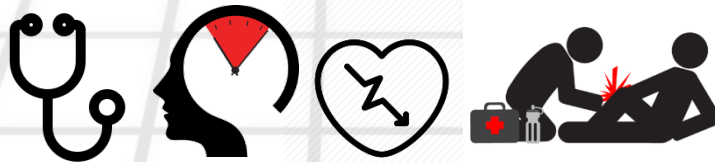


VALUE



FAST

**COST
EFFECTIVE**



MEANINGFUL

Not the Old EMSystem

OLD

- MCI focus
- Not meant for daily use
- Needed to create MCI events
- Triage tags - expense
- Users access complicated
- No two-way messaging
- No diversion without creating a new record
- No pictures or scan a license
- Not HIPAA compliant
- Slow refresh rates
- DOS screens
- Timeouts
- Local install for upgrades
- No mobile app

NEW

- Fixed everything on the other list



Region Default

	ED - Clare County	Current	
	Mid-Michigan Med Ctr.-Clare	Open	
	ED - Ionia County	Current	
	Sparrow Ionia Hospital	Open	
	ED - Isabella County	Current	
	McLaren Central Michigan Hospital	Open	Last Update 03 Oct 11:19
	Mid-Michigan Medical Center Mt Pleasant	Open	Last Update 14 Mar 18:40 12 Oct 06:22
	ED - Kent County	Current	
	Mercy Health Southwest Campus	Open	Last Update 14 Oct 07:02 14 Oct 06:42
	Mercy Health St. Mary's Main Campus	Open	Last Update 14 Oct 07:18 14 Oct 07:18
	Metro Health Hospital	Open	Last Update 14 Oct 07:18
	Spectrum Health - Blodgett Hospital	Open	Last Update 07 Jul 08:01 14 Oct 07:17
	Spectrum Health - Butterworth Hospital	Open	Last Update 14 Oct 07:18 14 Oct 07:18
	Spectrum Helen DeVos Children's Hospital	Open	Last Update 14 Oct 06:33 13 Oct 22:46
	ED - Mason County	Current	
	Spectrum Health - Ludington Hospital	Open	Last Update 14 Oct 07:19 14 Oct 09:11
	ED - Mecosta County	Current	
	Spectrum Health - Big Rapids Hospital	Open	

EMResource ▾

Setup

Region Default

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Spectrum Health G

ED - Oceana Count

Mercy Health Lake

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User Links

h help

Last Update

14 Oct 07:05

Last Update

03 Oct 11:19

Last Update

14 Mar 18:40

12 Oct 06:22

Last Update

14 Oct 07:02

14 Oct 06:42

14 Oct 07:18

14 Oct 07:18

14 Oct 07:18

Last Update

14 Oct 07:18

Last Update

14 Oct 07:18

Last Update

07 Jul 08:01

14 Oct 07:17

14 Oct 07:18

14 Oct 07:18

Last Update

14 Oct 06:33

















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Last Update

14 Oct 07:19



Last Update

14 Oct 09:11

Action	Icon	Event Template ▲
Create		Hepatitis A Outbreak: Hospital Response
Create		HHS Situational Assessment
Create		Hourly Update
Create		Influenza Like Illness Data Collection
Create		KENT COUNTY - AIRPORT ALERT
Create		LTC Bed Availability
Create		LTC Equipment Availability
Create		Michigan HAvBED 4.0
Create		Pediatric Census
Create		PPE Inventory
Create		R6 MCC Activation
Create		Region 6 - HAZMAT ALERT
Create		Region 6 - Hospital and EMS Announcement
Create		Region 6 - LTC Announcement
Create		Region 6 - MCI Incident
Create		Test Template



Muskegon County **This is a Drill

Current	Comment
Open	Call 989-802-5251  for exact count
Current	Comment
Open	Please call House Supervisor for bed status at 616-523-1400 
Current	Comment
Open	able to take ICU, medical and surgical patients
Current	Notifications snooze
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Open	
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Current	Comment
Divert	Other Reason (enter comment), *****This is part of the exercise*****We are overwhelmed with cont
ED Closure	Exercise Only!!!!
Current	Comment

Notifications

snooze

Acknowledge All Notifications

Drill: **This is a Drill MCI at Mart Dock Muskegon County **This is a Drill

9/24/2014 09:42

This is a Drill There is a confirmed MCI at the Mart Dock in Muskegon, on Muskegon lake, A ship has arrived with 36 crew members. 14 crew have been transported to Hackley Muskegon with sudden onset respiratory symptoms. Unknown on status for the rest of the crew
Location: 560 Mart St Muskegon MI 49440 Muskegon County

Acknowledge All Notifications

eed : 231-592-4268 

3 ED beds, 6 med-surg beds, NO OB or ICU.

EMResource Process

- Bad thing happens
- EMS notified and responding
- EMResource Event Created by Dispatch or Life EMS
- Alert goes off on web, email, phones
- Hospitals enter a bed poll & EMS updates available unit #



One Action

A single event creation,
taking less than one-minute,
results in:

- 50 status updates from EMS and hospitals
- Notification of approximately 100 regional key personnel



EMResource

- MCI Alerts
- Bed Polling
- Open and Close
- Resource queries
- Diversion logging
- Inbound patient notifications through EMTrack
- Communication with inbound EMS



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EMTrack – EMS Screen

Select the form template to use

Select Form to Add Patient

 General Patient

 Sepsis Assessment

 STEMI Assessment

 Stroke Assessment - CPSS

 Stroke Assessment - LAMS

 Trauma Assessment

Vital Signs

Vital Signs Evaluation

- ☒ Unspecified
- ☐ Stable
- ☐ Unstable

Blood Pressure

/

Pulse

Respiratory Rate

Temperature

°F ▼

SpO2

End Tidal CO2

mmHg

Pain

Select or search...

▼

Blood Glucose

mg/dL ▼

Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS)

Eye Opening

Not Recorded

▼

Verbal Response

Not Recorded

▼

Motor Response

Not Recorded

▼

GCS Score

AVPU

- ☒ Unspecified
- ☐ A - Alert (awake and responsive)
- ☐ V - Voice (responds to verbal stimuli)
- ☐ P - Pain (responds to painful stimuli)
- ☐ U - Unresponsive (no response or unconscious)

Date and Time Measured

10/14/2019 13:15

Transport

Destination Location *

Select or search...



Provider

Select or search...



Unit

Select or search...



ETA (mins) *

Reset

Save

Sepsis

Sepsis Assessment

History Suggestive of Infection

Lab Results

Alert Type

Select or search...

Abdomen pain and/or diarrhea

Acute AMS change

Blood stream or catheter related

Pneumonia

Skin or soft tissue infection

Urinary tract infection

Wound infection



Sepsis

Sepsis Assessment

History Suggestive of Infection

Select or search...

Lab Results

Date and Time

10/14/2019

13:27

Type

Select or search...

Results

+ Add

Auto-Select

Platelets

Potassium

Protein

Prothrombin Time

Red Blood Cells

Salicylate

Sodium

Specific Gravity

Troponin

Tylenol

White Blood Cells

STEMI

STEMI Assessment

STEMI Assessment

ECG: Acute MI Suspected

- ☒ Not recorded
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Infarct Location

Select or search...

Bundle Branch Block

- ☒ Not recorded
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ New Onset

Onset Time

- ☒ Unknown
- ☐ Provide Date and Time

Cardiologist or Group







Alert Type

Auto-Select



Stroke - CPSS

Stroke Assessment - CPSS	
Stroke Assessment	Assessment - Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Scale (CPSS)
Facial Droop	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Recorded <input type="radio"/> Normal <input type="radio"/> Abnormal
Arm Drift	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Recorded <input type="radio"/> Normal <input type="radio"/> Abnormal
Speech	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Recorded <input type="radio"/> Normal <input type="radio"/> Abnormal
Last Known Well	<input type="radio"/> Unknown <input checked="" type="radio"/> Provide Date and Time
<div>10/14/2019  13:36   </div>	

Stroke - LAMS

Stroke Assessment - LAMS

Stroke Assessment

Assessment - Los Angeles Motor Scale (LAMS)

Facial Droop

- ☒ Not Recorded
- ☐ Absent (0)
- ☐ Present (+1)

Arm Drift

- ☒ Not Recorded
- ☐ Absent (0)
- ☐ Drifts down (+1)
- ☐ Falls rapidly (+2)

Grip

- ☒ Not Recorded
- ☐ Normal (0)
- ☐ Weak grip (+1)
- ☐ No grip (+2)

LAMS Score

0 points

Last Known Well

- ☒ Unknown
- ☐ Provide Date and Time

Alert Type

Auto-Select



Trauma

Mechanism of Injury

- ☐ Not Recorded
- ☒ Select from List

Fall

- ☐ Adult: >20 feet (on average, one floor of a building equals 10 feet)
- ☐ Child: >10 feet or two - three times the child's height

High-Risk Auto Crash

- ☐ Intrusion, including roof: >12 inches at occupant site or >18 inches anywhere
- ☐ Ejection (partial or complete) from auto
- ☐ Death in same passenger compartment
- ☐ Vehicle telemetry data consistent with high risk of injury
- ☐ Auto vs pedestrian or bicyclist: thrown or run over with significant impact (>20 mph)
- ☐ Motorcycle or recreational vehicle crash (>20 mph)

- ☐ None Apply

Trauma

Special Considerations

- ☐ Not Recorded
- ☒ Select from List

Age

- ☐ Older adult (risk of injury or death increases after age 55)
- ☐ Child (triage preferentially to pediatric-capable trauma center)

Burns

- ☐ Without trauma mechanism (triage preferentially to burn facility)
- ☐ With trauma mechanism (triage preferentially to trauma center)

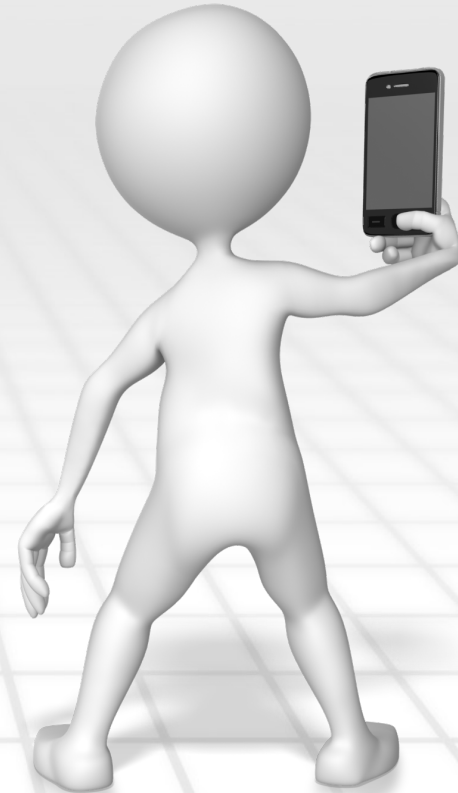
Other

- ☐ Anticoagulation or bleeding disorder
- ☐ Time-sensitive extremity injury
- ☐ End-stage renal disease (requiring dialysis)
- ☐ Pregnancy >20 weeks
- ☐ EMS provider judgment
- ☐ None Apply

EMTrack – Mobile

- Scan a driver's license
- Take pictures
 - HIPAA Safe
 - 12 leads
 - Stroke assessment
 - Vehicles
 - Labs
 - X-Rays

DOES NOT STAY ON PHONE



Hospital Alert

When an alert is received, you will hear an audible, repetitive horn sound in EMResource®. An orange bar will appear across the bottom of the screen in both EMResource® and EMTrack®.

A screenshot of a hospital alert notification bar. The bar is orange with a blue border at the top. It contains the text "1 Incoming Patient Update View List »" in white. A green arrow points from the right side of the bar towards the text.

1 Incoming Patient Update View List »

Hospital List

Regional - All Hosp [Patient Total:6]

	Provider Evaluation	Age	Gen...	Destination Loc...	ETA
🔍	● Charlie (Yellow) - P2 - Altered Mental Status, conf...			Spectrum - Butter...	Overdue
🔍	● Alpha (Green) - P3 Triage OK - Traumatic injury,...			Spectrum - Butter...	Overdue
🔍	● Charlie (Yellow) - P2 - Hypertension			Spectrum - Butter...	Overdue
🔍	● Delta (Yellow) - P2 - Call Rprt - Chest Pain (non-tr...	60+...	Male	.	8m
🔍	● Charlie (Yellow) - P2 - GI - Illness (Diarrhea), amr...			Spectrum - Butter...	Overdue
🔍	● Bravo (Green) - P3 - Chest Injury			Metro Health Hos...	3m

List shows new patient

Incoming Patient Details: 452542dc-9209-4dc6-bceb-8cf7930ee2f2

- / Charlie (Yellow) - P2

Status New
ETA **16:07** (overdue 7 min)
Notification Time [REDACTED]
Destination Helen Devos Children's Hospital
EMS Agency Professional Med Team
EMS Unit A37

Acknowledge

Receive

Divert

Print

Message EMS Unit

Type your message...

Send

Patient

Tracking ID [REDACTED]
Age [REDACTED]
Gender [REDACTED]
Level of Care [REDACTED]
Chief Complaint [REDACTED] (LOC), LOV [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WEDNESDAY, GIVE [REDACTED]

Clicking on
Patient Details
will show the
name and age.

> [Patient Details - Contains PHI \(click to view\)](#)

Vital Signs

Evaluation	Stable
Blood Pressure	106/65
Mean Arterial Pressure	79
Heart Rate (Pulse)	125 bpm
SpO2	99%
GCS Score	15
Temperature	102.3 °F

2018 – 2019 Performance

99+% Success



Issues:

- Compliance
- Wrong hospital selection

EMTrack Value – By Design



- Decreased radio use
- No need for triage tags
- No need to make new incidents
- Two-way messaging
- Ability to divert patients
- Faster refresh
- Transports tab
- Registration
- Pictures
- Reporting

We're on Target – Regional Expansion



- We're still not 100% but we're hitting the target
- Waiting on 2 hospitals and 1 EMS service
- Quick-use guides
- Transfers

Optimal Project Goals



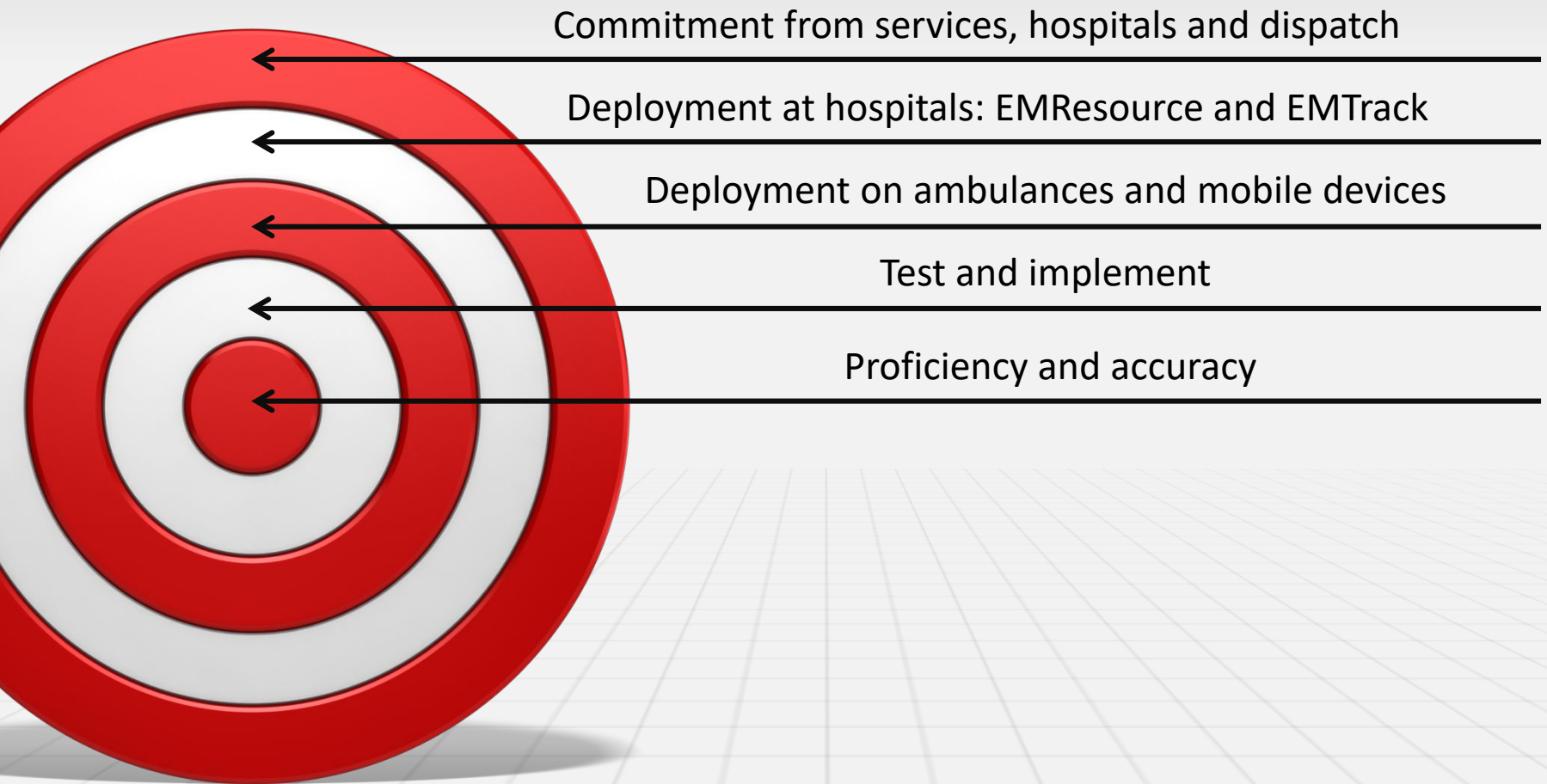
- Expand to interfacility transfers
- Add a print button to pictures
- Allow for documents and picture uploads from desktop
- Enhanced reports

Options that would be great...



- Ability to upscale events in EMResource
- Password policy change
- Integration with ePCR platforms
- GIS mapping of inbound units visible to receiving hospitals

Steps to the EMTrack Rollout



The Challenges



- Commitment
- Compliance
- Reports
- Closing the loop on receiving patients
- Increasing value
- Summary

Questions?

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