

WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL PROTOCOL

MEDICAL-LEGAL REPORTING POLICY

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Purpose: To provide the process of appropriate reporting of selected situations.

I. Sexual Assault

A. Sexual assault will be reported to the police in all cases. This may accomplished by three methods:

1. If the victim is not to be transported by the prehospital provider, the appropriate police agency is to be notified at the time and document such.
2. When the victim is transported for care to the hospital, the prehospital provider communicates to emergency department staff that this incident was or was not reported to the appropriate police agency and document such.
3. If the police agency is already present, or arrives at the scene, the report is to be made by the police agency; this is to be documented on the run form as well.
4. If there is any doubt in the prehospital provider's mind that the incident has been reported, always report and document such.

II. Suspected Child Abuse/Neglect

- A. Is to be reported by the EMS provider to the appropriate Protective Services agency and to the Emergency Department staff of the hospital to which the patient was transported.
- B. Incident is to be documented on EMS Medical Record and the appropriate Protective Service's form.

III. Communicable Disease Reporting

- A. Where information of a potential communicable disease exists, this information will be passed on to the transporting individuals. This information is to be documented on the EMS Run Form.
- B. Where information is discovered, either by the hospital, prehospital provider agency or other involved agency, this information will be immediately passed on to all principals involved so that adequate measures will be taken to protect involved individuals.

IV. Elder Abuse/Neglect

- A. Is to be reported by the EMS provider to the appropriate Protective Services agency and to the Emergency Department staff of the hospital to which the patient was transported.

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