

AG04 Behavioral Emergencies

Objectives:

- To assess and appropriately treat patients with behavioral emergencies
- Address any underlying conditions that may contribute to behavioral emergencies

General Information:

- Contact police if there is any question of scene safety
- Assure physical safety of patient and EMS personnel
- Capacity issues are complex. If a patient is intoxicated, has a head injury, has a history of overdose or is thought to be of any danger to self or others, he/she is most likely not capable to refuse treatment. Contact police and Medical Control to aid in making the decision
- No transport does not mean no PPCR is necessary.
- Documentation should be complete including patient's mental state and your rationale for the no transport decision



Warnings/Alerts:

- Behavioral emergency calls can rapidly deteriorate
- Failure to appropriately address behavioral emergencies for patients with questionable capacity may lead to negative outcomes
 - a) Example: medical legal, harm to patient or others, further patient deterioration

OMD Notes:

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References:

Performance Indicators:

Time on Scene

Patient Capacity

Transport or Non-Transport

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