

EmergiPress Continuing Education – 1 Unit CE

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The EmergiPress Education Newsletter is an educational offering provided by the Los Angeles County EMS Agency. Completing all sections should take approximately 1 hour. After completing the sections, the corresponding EmergiPress test can be completed and submitted for 1 unit CE through your provider agency continuing education coordinator. A passing score of 80% and completion of a course evaluation is required for CE credit. Students must also sign-in on an EMS CE Roster or take course via a LMS to track completion.

Objectives:

Upon completing this activity the participant will be able to:

Case of the Month – Hospice Patient

- Define hospice care and the resources hospice care can provide.
- Describe considerations in managing a patient on hospice when EMS is called.
- Understand the importance of end of life goals of care for hospice patients.
- Describe the role of a hospice agency and how they can be used as a resource for EMS.
- Review Ref. No. 834, Patient Refusal of Treatment/Transport and Treat and Release at Scene and Ref No. 815, Honoring Prehospital Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Orders

ECG of the Month – QT Prolongation

- Identify prolonged QT interval on ECG.
- Describe the difference between the QT interval and the corrected QT interval (QTc).
- Describe the pathophysiology regarding cardiac dysrhythmias and prolonged QT intervals.
- Define Torsades de Pointes and its sequelae.

Video of the Month - Hospice Demystified

- Understand hospice and the services hospice provides.
- Describe goals of end of life care.
- Perform a 3 step approach to hospice patients that includes: 1) determine the problem, 2) determine if patient/family prefers comfort focused care, and 3) coordinate with patient/family and hospice agency for treatment and transfer plan.