Mobile Integrated Healthcare – Community Paramedicine

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EMS as we know it...

In a Nut Shell...
You Call We Haul

• 911 – Simple System in place to access care in an EMERGENCY.

• The reality is not everyone’s emergency is really a 9-1-1 emergency.
The Reality Is...

EMS Volumes are increasing.

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Reimbursements are decreasing.
We need to change our mindset...
INTRODUCING...

Mobile Integrated Health
The provision of healthcare using patient-centered mobile resources in the out of hospital environment.

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Community Paramedicine
A licensed or certified paramedic who has additional training in physiology, disease process, injury and illness prevention, and medical system navigation.
MIH-CP Main Focus...

- Super Users/Loyalists
- Readmissions of the chronically ill
  - COPD/Asthma
  - CHF
  - Diabetes
  - Psych
  - AMI
MIH-CP

CP...**WILL NOT** replace Home Health Care

CP...**WILL** offer additional support

CP...**WILL** be a gap filler
What Role Can Community Paramedics Play?

- Fill unmet needs with untapped resources
- Use our existing scope of practice and expand those roles
- Reduce unnecessary 9-1-1 utilization and ED visits for our familiar faces/familiar places
- Create partnerships within the community

Collaboration Is Key
What Are The Benefits?

**To The Patient**
- They don’t have to leave their home
- A Skilled Healthcare worker they can rely on
- Non-Fragmented Care

**To The Community**
- Return hospital beds & staff
- Better utilization of resources
- Reduced Total Healthcare Cost
Why are we here?
The New Way of Healthcare

To join the patient care team by treating and keeping patients...
“Healthy at Home”