



# California Hospital Association State of the State 2022/23 Emergency Services Forum

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### Welcome

- Panel Introduction
- Thank You
- 2023/4 Emergency Services Event Timing is Everything

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### 2022 EMERGENCY SERVICES FORUM RIVERSIDE

### Video Welcome

- Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez (D) District 52 Los Angeles & San Bernardino
- Ontario-Pomona-Chino-Montclair- Fontana-Rancho Cucamonga
- Contact Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez:
  - P.O. Box 942849, Sacramento, CA 94249-0052; (916) 319-2052
  - Chair California State Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
  - Committee on Emergency Management Hearing January 19, 2022 The Impact of Ambulance Patient Offload Delays on Emergency Response
  - CHA Representative Dr. Lori Morgan, President and Chief Executive Officers, Huntington Memorial Hospital
- · More on this later!





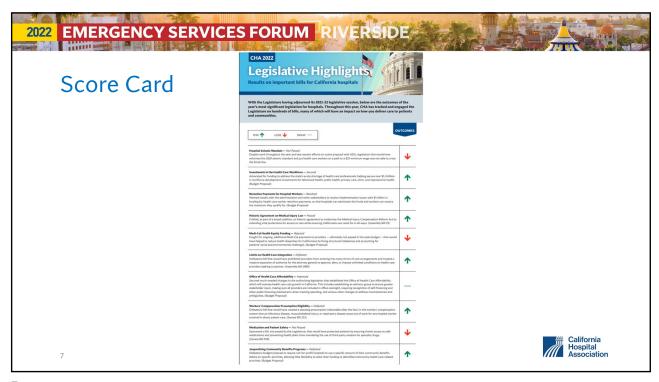
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# California Political Environment Today

- November 8 General Election
- County elections officials must complete final official results by December 8 and must report final official results to the Secretary of State by December 9, 2022
- 25 New Assembly Members
- 10 New Senate Members
- Sworn in on December 5, 2022
- Score Card
- California Hospital Association 2022 Report on State Legislation

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### 2022 Key Achievements

- Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA)
- AB 2080 Defeated Limits on Health Care Integration
- SB 213 Defeated Workers Compensation Presumptive Eligibility

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# 2022 Key Achievements - cont'd

- Helped secure over \$1.4 billion in workforce development investments
- \$1 billion in funding for health care worker retention payments
- Defeated a prescriptive Community Benefit spending proposal



### 2022 New Legislation Impacting Emergency Departments

- AB 1394 (Irwin, D Thousand Oaks) Suicide Prevention
- SB 864 (Melendez, R Lake Elsinore) Fentanyl Screening
- AB 2242 (Santiago, D Los Angeles) Involuntary Psychiatric Holds Care Coordination
- AB 2275 (Wood, D Santa Rosa) Involuntary Detained LPS 5150 Patients Right to a Court Hearing

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# Worth Paying Attention to in 2023

- Implementation of 988
- Space and Staffing Waiver Expires February 28, 2023
- Retention Pay Bonuses
- California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI)
- Office of Health Care Affordability (OCHA) newly established it is charged with advancing five goals
  - 1. Increasing transparency on cost and quality
  - 2. Developing cost growth targets
  - 3. Enforcing compliance through financial penalties
  - 4. Monitoring and reviewing market transactions
- 5. Establishing new standards for quality, equity, workforce and more



### California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA)

- New Leadership
- Approved Paramedicine/Triage to Alternate Destination Regulations (Effective, Nov. 1, 2022)
- California EMS System Core Quality Measures Instruction Manual Released November 2022
- EMSA Strategic Plan Under Development
- New EMSA Commissioners, including:
  - Masaru "Rusty" Oshita Represents California Medical Association
  - Travis Kusman Represents EMS Administrators' Association of California
  - Lori Morgan, President & CEO Huntington Hospital also a trauma surgeon Represents California Hospital Association (note – effective January 2023)

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### California Emergency Medical Services Authority – cont'd

- Trauma Regulation Proposed Revision
- Ambulance Patient Offload Delays Data
- LEMSAs Now Reporting CEMSIS Data Directly to EMSA



# **EMSA Commissioners/Meetings**

- EMSA Commission Meetings
- EMSA Commission Appointment and Terms
- EMSA Commission Members
- EMSA Commission By-Laws (pdf)

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# History – Ambulance Patient Offload Times (APOT)

- 2021/2022 Activity
  - September 2021 Previous Director Dr. Duncan appoints new committee
  - December 1, 2021, first APOT Committee meeting
  - January 2022 the Assembly Emergency Management Committee oversight hearing on the Impact of Ambulance Patient Offload Delays. CHA was an active participant, testified at the hearing, and developed <u>Key Messages</u>.
  - June 29, 2022, the APOT Committee voted and approved <u>19 recommendations</u>; 4 of these recommendations that passed were <u>not</u> supported by hospital representatives

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### History - Ambulance Patient Offload Times (APOT)- cont'd

- 2021/2022 Activity
  - July 2022 CHA submitted a <u>letter</u> to EMSA Acting Director Elizabeth Basnett
  - August 2022 APOT Committee's recommendations submitted to the California Health and Human Services Agency; any further action requires legislation or regulatory changes.
  - August 2022 Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez, Chair of the Emergency Management Committee called for an oversight hearing.
  - August 2022 During the last two weeks of the legislative session, Chair Rodriguez indicated that he would be "gutting and amending" a bill to implement several of the APOT committee's recommendations, including:
    - 1. Development of an electronic signature to track when transfer of care from EMTs to hospitals take place
    - 2. Development of a joint LEMSA/hospitals surge plan
    - 3. Development of a public education campaign related to the use of 911 system
    - 4. Working group to update the CHA/EMSA developed 2014 Toolkit to Reduce APOT
    - 5. Establishment of a statewide 20-minute APOT standard 90% of the time



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### 2022/2023 Ambulance Patient Offload Times (APOT) Advocacy

- · EMSA Leadership Hospital ED Tours
- EMSA Commissioners hospital ED tours (will be ongoing)
- · Legislative Staff hospital ED tours
- Legislators on Health and Emergency Management Committee hospital ED tours
- · Hospital leadership meeting with Assembly Member Rodriguez
- Partner with Emergency Nurses Association CalENA
- Engage with CalACEP



# 2022/2023 Ambulance Patient Offload Times (APOT)

- Chair Rodriguez plans on introducing a bill to implement the above recommendations on December 5 when the legislature convenes for Organizational Session. We expect this <u>language</u> to be similar to the language we saw at the end of the 2022 legislative session. Emergency Management Committee consultant plans on convening a stakeholder meeting before the language is introduced. This meeting date has not been set.
- CHA is developing additional advocacy materials.

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### WE NEED YOU - ENGAGEMENT

- City and County leadership to your hospital
- LEMSA staff too
- · Ambulance Providers too
- Audit your APOT times compared to LEMSA reporting times challenge inaccuracies, track inaccuracies
- Attend LEMSA meetings
- Attend EMSA Commission meetings

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# CHA's Emergency Medical Services/Trauma (EMST)

- Committee Roster
- 2023 Meeting Schedule
- · Committee Co-Chairs
- CHA News
- CHPAC

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### Redlands Community Hospital Redlands, CA Located in San Bernardino County

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Director Emergency Services,
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# RCH - About Us

- Nonprofit, independent, stand alone, Community Hospital
- ❖ TJC Thrombectomy Stroke Center
- Spine & Joint Institute
- Cancer Center
- Outpatient Behavioral Medicine Program
  - Partial Hospital Care Program
  - Intensive Outpatient Care Program
- Family Clinics
- ❖ Home Health and Hospice







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### **RCH Licensed Beds**

- ❖ 195 General Acute
- ❖ 24 Perinatal
- ❖ 17 NICU
- ❖ 12 ICU designated beds
- ❖ 59 Telemetry designated beds
- 16 Skilled Nursing
- ❖ 18 Acute Psychiatric
- 40 Emergency Department beds
- 18 Observation/Telemetry/MedSurg beds





# Emergency Services – About Us

- ❖ Remodel/Expansion from 8,000 sq. ft. to 26,000 sq. ft.
- Completed December 2021
- Split flow design
- ❖ 40 Treatment spaces
- 15 negative pressure rooms
- Quicklook Triage
- ❖ RME 5 rooms with waiting room
- ❖ 8 Bed Fast Track with internal waiting room
- ❖ Internal waiting room 7 recliners
- ❖ 3 designated psych rooms
- Base Station
- ❖ Volume: 2022 55,000







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# **Emergency Department Statistics**

- ❖ Average Visits/Day: 152
- Average Admits/Day: 25
- Average Length of Stay
  - Patient Discharged: 197 minutes
  - Patient Admitted: 486 minutes
  - Behavioral Health patients discharged: 626 minutes
  - Behavioral Health patients admitted: 581 minutes
- Number of Behavioral Health patients
  - Adults/month: 80
  - Pediatrics/month: 20
- Average number of patient arriving by ambulance/day: 35
- ❖ Ambulance Bed Delay Hours/Monthly: 35% Benchmark 20%



# Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT)



#### Situation

- System wide delays to ambulance patient offload delays identified
- ❖ Legislation: 90% of APOT within 20 minutes of arrival of ambulance
- Potential CA State fines for hospitals not meeting performance



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# Background: AB 1223 EMS, Ambulance Transport

- Approved September 30, 2015
- Authorizes local EMS agencies to adopt policies and procedures and reporting of ambulance patient offload times
- Establish criteria for reporting of and quality assurance follow-up of a nonstandard patient offload times
- ❖ Statewide standard of 20 minutes, 90% of the time was determined.







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### Assessment of the Situation

- Validity of the chosen 20-minute time
- EMS and Hospitals need to use the same metric standards
  - When the clock starts and when does it stop?
- Validity of the data being reported by the LEMSA's to EMSA
- Hospital to staff EMS arrival team
- Develop joint LEMSA/hospital surge plan





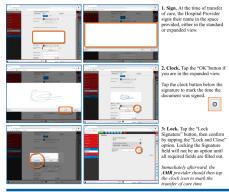
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# Image Trend Elite- Sign, Clock and Lock

ICEMA uses the receiving facility signature locked time from Image Trend in the calculation of bed delay hours at hospitals in the ICEMA Region.

In an effort to record the most accurate data possible, AMR will be working with hospitals in the ICEMA region to ensure that PCRs are Signed, Clocked & Locked when transfer of care occurs. Please allow hospital staff to follow the Sign, Clock & Lock procedure outlined below when transfer of care occurs.



Myth 1: The Signature locks automatically when I save it. The extra step of tapping the Lock button is needed to secure the information in the signature field.

Myth 2: If the next page the Lock button it locks the whole document and I can't finish my documentation. The Lock Signature only locks the signature, not the rest of the PCR.

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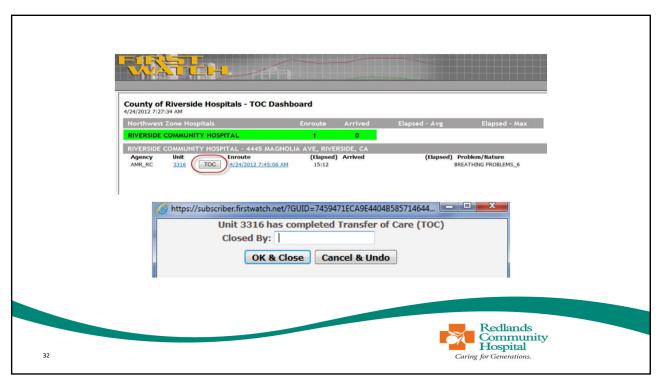
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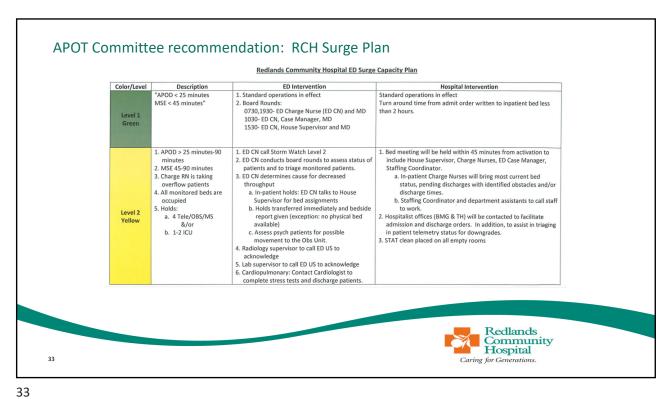


- Prior Telephone call to Ambulance provider that handoff occurred
- ❖ Implemented March 1, 2016
- Allows visualization of ambulances enroute, present at site and length of stay
- Screens are posted at:
  - Charge Nurse computer
- Charge Nurse greets paramedics and completes TOC following handoff
- Ability to see data and pull reports



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### APOT Committee recommendation: RCH Surge Plan ED Intervention 1. ED CN call Storm Watch Level 3 2. ED CN, ED physician and HS to conduct hourly board rounds until condition resolved . ED Director and IV Pof Patient Care Services/ designee to be called after hours by House Supervisor 4. ED Director to notify ED Medical Director 5. ED Leadership and office staff will be available to assist in flow. Description 1. 3 ambulances with 2 waiting over 90 minutes 2. The ED is on Redirect 3. MSE > 90 minutes Hospital Intervention 1. Bed meeting will be held within 45 minutes from activation to include Staffing Coordinator, Nurse Managers, House Supervisor, Case Manager representative, EV5 Director. Charge nurses to remain on unit and handoff to Nurse Managers who 3. MSE > 90 minutes 4. ED CN has patients 5. Break nurse has assignment 6. All monitored beds occupied 7. Holds: a. 8 Tele/OBS /MS 8/or nurses to remain on unit and handorf to Nurse Managers who will bring most current bed status to meeting. 2. No outside transfers will be accepted as direct admits unless already accepted. 3. Department leadership will be available on units to assist with patient flow. 4. Case management will assist units to expedite patient needs for discharge or transfer. 5. Hospitalist will review in house patients for possible discharge &/or b. 3 -4 ICU patients and expedite admission orders Closing areas to maintain staffing No flexing of staff until released by House Supervisor. Consider ICU beds in PACU and/or use of PACU staff to assist 2. Consider ICU beds in PACU and/or use of PACU staff to assist with ICU patients 8. Nurse Educators will be utilized 1. "tevel 4/ Condition Red" Centralized Command Center is activated by House Supervisor to include VP of Patient Care Services or designee, Staffing Coordinator, Nurse Directors, Director of Case Management, House Supervisor, EVS Director, Hospitalist representatives and ancillary department representatives. All should be prepared with current department status and number of staff on hand. 2. All Nursing Leadership at hospital. 3. All hospital meetings cancelled. 4. Consider cancelling elective surgeries 5. Administrative nurses will act as additional nursing resources as delegated by the House Supervisor. 6. Closed nursing units opened if staffing allows. 7. Emergency discharge lounge/area to be identified for discharge patients awaiting rides. 8. Primary Care Physicians and Surgeons to be contacted to assist Hospitalists with patient flow. ED CN call Storm Watch Level 4 ED CN, ED physician and H5 maintain hourly board rounds until condition resolved. ED Nursing Leadership at hospital. staffing ratios 5. The ED is at maximum capacity 6. Holds: a. > 8 Tele/Obs /MS &/or b. > 4 ICU patients" Redlands Community Hospital

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# **About Sutter Health**

### **People**

• Physicians: 12,000

• Advanced Practice Clinician: 2,000

Nurses: 16,000+

• Employees: 53,000+

### **Locations**

· Hospitals: 23

• ASCs: 33

· Cardiac Centers: 8

· Cancer Centers: 11

· Acute Rehabilitation Centers: 4

Mental Health and Addiction Centers: 5

Trauma Centers: 5

Licensed General Acute Beds: 4,174

Neonatal ICUs: 7

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# Sutter Health by the Numbers

### **2021 Statistics**

• Births: 26,503

• Discharges: 182,268

Hospital ER Visits: 752,371Hospital OP Visits: 1,748,531

• Medical Foundation Visits: 10,172,562

• Patient Days: 921,115

• Home Health Visits: 719,218

• Hospice Visits: 243,035

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# Sutter Roseville Medical Center



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### Who are we?

- Largest Emergency Department (ED) in the Sutter System with a 98,000 square foot expansion of the Critical Care building that opened in 2020
- Refresh Project completed March 2022 in the (ED): 68 bed capacity with 4 bed Critical Care Bays
- 4 Triage Bays for rapid assessment of all patients arriving to the ED
- · Level 2 Trauma Center
- Primary Stroke Center with Thrombectomy Capability
- STEMI Receiving
- Early Identification and Treatment of Sepsis Patients

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# **Staffing**

- Over 230 staff members including:
  - · 170 ED Registered Nurses
  - Emergency Department Technical Partners
  - Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVNs)
- Over 35 ED Providers
- Psychologist
- · Psychiatric Response Team
- Security



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# **Department Statistics**

- Average Visits/Day: 262
- Average Admits/Day: 55
- · Average Length of Stay
  - · Patients Discharged 218
  - · Patients Admitted 453
- Average number of patients waiting for evaluation; discharge or placement in psychiatric beds/Day: 12
- Average number of patients arriving by ambulance/Day: 65
- 60 Pediatrics patient transfers per month requiring ICU or pediatric traumas; burn patients

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# SBAR: Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT)

### **SBAR**

- Situation
- Background
- Assessment
- Recommendation

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# SBAR: Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT)

### **Situation**

- Systemwide delays to ambulance patient offload times (APOT) identified
- Potential CA State fines for hospitals not meeting performance measures
  - 90% of APOT within 20minutes of arrival

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# SBAR: Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT)

### **Background**

- Currently only EMS services report APOT times to the State of California
- Sutter Health has no internal process for APOT data review across the system of affiliates

#### **Assessment**

- There is variation across affiliates in both Epic ED Manager build structure as well as workflows For ambulance arrivals.
- There is currently no timestamp used in Epic that accurately represents ambulance offload time across all affiliates.

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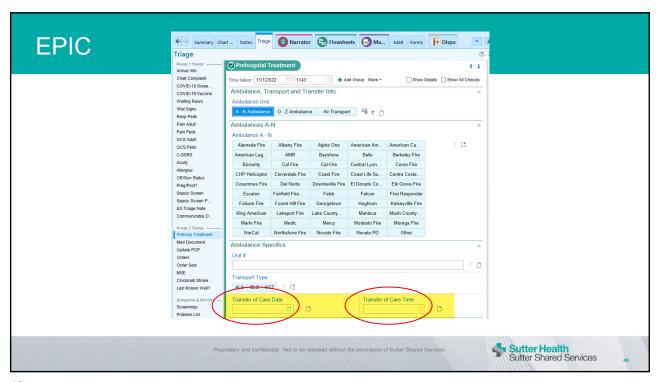
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### Recommendation

- Adopt timestamp for "Transfer of Care" in Prehospital Treatment section of Triage navigator.
- Standardize EHR workflow across all affiliates to include this timestamp so reports can be produced Sutter Systemwide.
- "Transfer of Care Date and Time" updated once EMS transported patient is assigned a care space in the Emergency Department.

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# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### **EPIC: Ambulance Turnover of Care Time**

- Q. When does the time start for "Turnover of Care"?
- A. When a patient arrives by ambulance, the first contact with a healthcare provider when a patient is arrived into EPIC known as the "Arrival Time" will be captured as the first-time stamp
- Q. When does the time end for "Turnover of Care"?
- A. Turnover of Care measures patient arrival time to actual hand off of care, i.e. turnover of care.



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### **EPIC: Ambulance Turnover of Care Time**

- Q. If the patient is sent to the lobby or to a triage room, who completes the "Turnover of Care" date and time?
- A. When a patient is sent to the lobby, the registered nurse (RN) who completes
  the triage report will complete the date and time in EPIC in Ambulance Transport
  and Transfer info Section
- · Q. Who can arrive a patient arriving by ambulance?
- A. The arrival can be done by anyone, i.e. RN, ED Teck, unit secretary, etc. but the Transfer of Care has to be done by the actual RN. The arrival time starts when the patient is registered into EPIC by the hospital staff.

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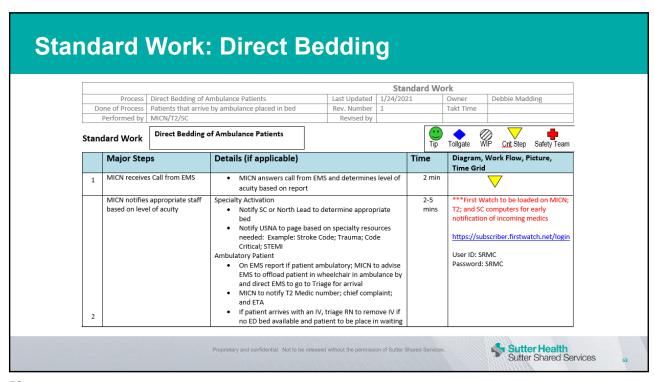
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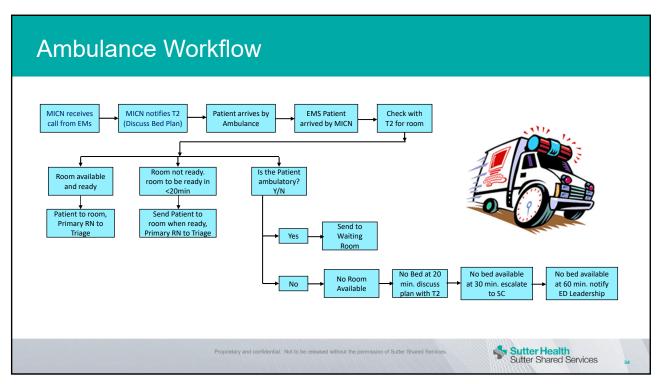
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- A. The Turnover of Care has to be completed by the actual RN receiving report and releasing the medic.

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# **Next Step**

# APOT Committee: Reporting out data and improvements

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# **Questions/Comments**

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