



# Hot Topics



The Genesee County Medical Control Authority's

Newsletter for EMS Providers - Also now available on line at [GCMCA.org](http://GCMCA.org)

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## Rail Emergencies – Free CE Program

The GCMCA will be hosting a free educational program that will include continuing education credits (one preparatory and one operations), and will be presented by an expert from CN Railway. The event will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup> from 13:00 to 15:00 in the Hurley School of Nursing's Alumni Room. We will be providing light refreshments. If you are interested or would like to register, please contact our office by calling 810-262-2555 or email us at [daustin@gcmedcontrol.org](mailto:daustin@gcmedcontrol.org).

## SOCIAL MEDIA – NO PLACE FOR EMS STORIES

As an EMS provider you see a lot in the field. Critically ill and injured patients, major traumas, dangerous and violent situations, people at their best and worse. These are things that would leave mouths hanging open in awe of most laypeople, but as a health care provider you have a responsibility to protect patients' privacy.

Commenting on specifics of what you encounter is not appropriate and could land you in some hot water. If you feel the need to share stories with family and friends, do so without information that could lead to the identification of the patients you see or care for.

And you should absolutely NOT post information on social media about calls you respond to. As professionals you have a duty to act responsibly with information you have and things you have seen. You might think it looks impressive on your Facebook page, but that is not where it belongs.



"YOU'VE BEEN IN A COMA FOR TWENTY YEARS. SOCCER IS THE MOST POPULAR SPORT IN AMERICA... NO, I'M JUST KIDDING... YOU HAVE BEEN IN A COMA FOR TWENTY YEARS THOUGH."



## IV Fluid Exchange

This is an important reminder for medics: when exchanging IV fluids at the hospital pharmacies you need to provide them with a Use/Replacement form that documents that you used the solution to be exchanged and the quantity used.

Like any other medication, Normal Saline has to be properly accounted for at the pharmacy, and it is a one-for-one exchange item. Do not be surprised if the pharmacy refuses to provide you IV supplies without the proper documentation.