Regional/Statewide Project History

– The Texas EMS Wristband project originated from Senate Bill 500 as a statewide project sponsored by the 86th Texas Legislature.

– Beginning in December 2020, Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) across the state have led the development and implementation of this project with participating hospitals and EMS agencies.

– The GOAL is to provide a unique identifier to be used to link records or patient data delivered from EMS throughout the continuum of care.
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Benefit of the Wristband:

- Establish patient accountability during mass casualty incidents (MCI), evacuations, disasters and throughout the continuum of care
- Increase the ability to collect accurate patient information
- Expedite record reconciliation and matching across various agencies/systems
- Facilitate outcome sharing between prehospital and hospital agencies
- Provide time and cost savings in locating and accessing records across multiple systems
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Overview:

EMS or Pre-Hospital Transport will place wristband on ALL transported patients and record the ID# in their electronic patient care report (ePCR)

Receiving medical facilities will leave the wristband on the patient and record the ID# in their electronic medical record (EMR)
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EMS Role

— Place wristband on EVERY transported patient

— In YOUR ePCR product, record the wristband patient ID# in a query-able field such as “Triage Tag #”. (see next slide for STRAC hosted Zoll Tablet field)

— Alert ED or hospital personnel to wristband during EMS Timeout or during transfer of care
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For those agencies in the STRAC hosted Zoll ePCRs/Tablet product
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***STRAC will work with EMS & Hospitals to collect and report data as needed***
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Where do EMS agencies place the Texas EMS Wristband patient ID# within their patient care records?

• STRAC EMS agencies not utilizing the STRAC hosted Zoll Tablet ePCR should work with their ePCR vendors to identify or create a query-able field within their ePCR platform that can accept the Texas EMS Wristband patient ID#

• The selected field should be NEMSIS compliant, using eOutcome.03 (use Code 4303017) and eOutcome.04, to allow consistency and replication across all NEMSIS-compliant ePCR platforms
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Hospital Role
(To Include Tertiary Care Centers)

- Do **NOT** Cut the wristband Off
- Record the wristband patient ID# in **YOUR** electronic medical record (EMR) *(Location/workflow to be determined by each individual facility)*
- The same wristband patient ID# is used in the event the patient is transferred to a different facility.
Where do Hospitals place the Texas EMS Wristband patient ID# within their patient care records?

- Healthcare facilities should work with their EMR vendors to identify or create a query-able field within their EMR platform that can accept the Texas EMS Wristband patient ID#
Where can I get my Texas EMS Wristbands?

- Email your request to info@strac.org

- Include YOUR agency’s name, DSHS license #, number of transports per year, and Point of Contact information (name, phone number & email address)
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Questions?

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Thank You!