

EMS PROVIDERS END-OF-LIFE CARE SURVEY RESULTS

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EMS PROVIDERS END-OF-LIFE CARE SURVEY RESULTS (quantitative)

- * Do medics with greater than 4 years longevity of professional field care experience answer knowledge content questions on ELEC more correctly than those with less than 4 years experience?
- * Do paramedics answer knowledge content questions on ELEC more correctly than EMT-intermediates/advanced?

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Quantitative Findings

- * Responses stratified by years of experience (<4 vs >4)
 - * No statistically significant differences
- * Responses stratified by certification level (EMT-P vs EMT-I or AEMT)
 - * No statistically significant differences
- * Conclusion
 - * Education on ELEC issues can combine providers

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Qualitative Question (open-ended)

- * 20) “What challenges or difficulties have you had or experienced in dealing with hospice patients?”

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Thematic Analysis of Qualitative Question Responses

- * Documentation
- * Interpersonal communication with ELEC patients/
families
- * Interpersonal communication with ELEC professional
care providers
- * Desire and need for education on EMS ELEC care (only
29% reported receiving any formal education)
- * Emotional distress related to all of the above

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* CONCLUSIONS

- * EMS care of those at the end of life increasing
- * EMS providers need clarity of guidance (medical direction) & conduct (EMS operations) of this care
- * EMS providers need & desire formal education
- * Our survey will inform & guide curriculum design
- * Organizations concerned with EMS education should contribute to curriculum design and teaching

