

## Optimizing the patient handoff between EMS and the emergency department.

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This focus group study with emergency medical services personnel identified several potential ways to improve the quality of [handoffs](#) between paramedics and emergency department staff. A [structured handoff tool](#) has been developed to address this known safety hazard.