



**Oakland County Medical Control Authority**  
**System Protocols**  
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS REVIEW ORGANIZATION  
EMS RESEARCH POLICY

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***EMS Research Policy***

**General Principles:**

The OCMCA generally supports EMS Research for the purpose of improving system efficiencies, patient outcomes, cost burden, quality and safety. The OCMCA reserves the right to review, recommend edits, approve or deny proposed research affecting the pre-hospital system in Oakland County,

**Confidentiality:**

The confidentiality rights of patients, agencies, and hospitals should be preserved in all cases. No patient, agency or hospital identifying data will be reported without their expressed written approval. Case reports may be considered under special circumstances with approval by the OCMCA, and the patient, agency and hospital involved.

**Review Process:**

The OCMCA reserves the right to review, recommend edits, approve or deny proposed research as stated above. The OCMCA PSRO Committee will perform this initial review. Only approvals by PSRO will be recommended for action by the MCC and final action by OCMCA Board.

Hospital-based research projects must be approved by the applicable hospital's Institutional Review Board before final approval by the OCMCA.

The OCMCA reserves the right to remove its support of any approved study at any time and thereby terminate its allowance of the research project being conducted with respect to patients, hospitals, LSAs and providers located in OCMCA's region.

**Authorship:**

The OCMCA may require periodic updates of the research status from a Principal Investigator.