

Board Resolution on Drug Administration by EMS Personnel

On June 3, 2019, the Board adopted the following resolution regarding documentation of drug administration by EMS personnel:

An EMS organization participating in an emergency scenario where drugs are administered from one EMS unit by personnel of another EMS unit, may document drug administration as follows:

- (1) Records of administering dangerous drugs shall be legible and shall contain the name of the EMS organization of the person who administered the drug, name and strength of the drug administered, date of administration, time of administration, amount of the dose administered, the name or other means of identifying the patient, such as medical record number or run number; and
- (2) The first name and last name of the EMS personnel from the EMS unit, which originally possessed the dangerous drugs administered, who will assume responsibility for documenting drug administration using either of the following methods:
- (a) An electronic signature in a computerized recordkeeping system; or
- (b) Any form of positive identification.

The Board also recently updated its FAQ document for emergency medical service organizations to include this change (see Q17): www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/EMSFAQ.