

## CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

### **The hazards of providing care in emergency vehicles: An opportunity for reform.**

Slattery DE, Silver A:

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**Overview:** This review of the literature is a presentation of the current issues related to ground ambulance transportation safety. After examining all the relevant studies, they categorized the factors contributing to EMS vehicular related injuries and deaths.

**Conclusions:** Based on the current literature, the authors suggested several strategies. These included the following:

1. Improve ambulance design and safety standards;
2. Improve driver behavior;
3. Decrease use of lights and sirens; and
4. Increase use of seat belts and hands-free driving.