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CLINICAL "SNIPPETS"

"Does the number of system paramedics affect clinical benchmark thresholds?"

Vrostos KM, Pirrallo RG, Guse CE, et al:

Prehospital Emergency Care. 12(3): 302-306, 2008.

Overview: What's the impact of the number of paramedics in a system on their ability to meet clinical benchmarks?

Conclusion: "These data show a decreased opportunity and a wide variability in the frequency of successfully completed paramedic technical skills and experiences in this EMS system. Limited exposure to critically ill adult and pediatric patients reaffirms that high-risk skills are performed infrequently. A multifaceted approach should be considered for maintaining provider competency."