Patient Movement During Evacuations (EM 151)

The Need
Healthcare facility evacuations, partial and full, involve the movement of patients and equipment. Evacuations are usually time-sensitive and are often conducted with minimal resources. Use of proper techniques and equipment helps ensure that patients are moved safely and effectively during an evacuation.

Target Audience
- Intermediate-level
- Recommended for all healthcare employees that might be called upon to assist in the evacuation of patients

Competency/Capability Addressed
- HPP Capability 10 - Medical Surge: Function 5
- The Joint Commission standards EM 02.02.03, EP 9 and EP 10; EM .02.02.11, EP 3
- National Fire Protection Assn., NFPA code 99
- 1 AMA PRA category, 1 CME credit (online)

Modality
- Online course

EM 151 Topics Include:
- Proper lifting techniques
- Ratio of workers to patients
- Types of special considerations that add complexity to a potential evacuation
- Step-by-step instructions for using modes of transport during an evacuation
- Response agencies that may be involved or impact a health care evacuation

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