

	6207B	EMS Documentation Written Exam
Nor-Cal EMS Policy & Procedure Manual	Training/Skills	
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1. The EMS PCR is first and foremost a clinical document?
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. Prehospital providers assert that nobody reads their PCRs and therefore it is acceptable to have less than complete, accurate or timely documentation. The case DeTarquino versus the City of Jersey City (NJ) in 2002 provides evidence that this is far from the truth?
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. EMS documentation should not be thought of as the provider's "substituted memory"?
  - a. True
  - b. False
4. All of the following are reasons that EMS providers need to document accurately?
  - a. Accurate documentation forms the "backbone" of many operational issues in EMS.
  - b. The PCR plays a critical role in the financial wellbeing of the provider agency.
  - c. EMS documentation can and does demonstrate compliance with applicable laws.
  - d. All of the above.
5. All of the following are essential to writing a good PCR except?
  - a. Being objective
  - b. Quoting the patient including foul language
  - c. Being accurate
  - d. Being concise
6. The credibility of the prehospital provider can be called into question when the vital signs are the same?
  - a. True
  - b. False
7. The "Hand-off" of the patient is a low risk period and there is no need to document the last set of vital signs?
  - a. True
  - b. False
8. The terms "competent" and "capacity" are essential when assessing whether the patient can refuse care?
  - a. True
  - b. False
9. Developing your documentation skills are as important as any other patient care skill?
  - a. True
  - b. False

10. Timely and accurate documentation helps provides evidence in the event should the prehospital provider is exposed to infectious agent or violence?
  - a. True
  - b. False
11. Patient refusals of evaluation, treatment, and/or transport account for 25% of prehospital EMS lawsuits?
  - a. True
  - b. False
12. The prehospital provider needs to “paint as clear a picture as possible”?
  - a. True
  - b. False
13. When writing a PCR being comprehensive contradicts being as concise as possible?
  - a. True
  - b. False
14. The pertinent negatives are as important as the pertinent positives when describing the chief complaint?
  - a. True
  - b. False
15. It does not matter whether you have your partner read the PCR prior to submission?
  - a. True
  - b. False
16. If you don't use proper spelling and grammar it can potentially indicate that you are careless about patient care and therefore the care you delivered is less than optimal?
  - a. True
  - b. False
17. You need to document what treatments you have delivered no matter how insignificant it may seem (verbal reassurance to Push Dose Epinephrine)?
  - a. True
  - b. False
18. You always need to document that the patient or responsible person repeated back the explanation(s) and plan for refusals of care?
  - a. True
  - b. False
19. The prehospital provider needs to develop a methodology, pattern, or process for documentation with every patient encounter no matter how simple or complex?
  - a. True
  - b. False
20. Writing a decent PCR does not take any more time than a “crappy one”?
  - a. True
  - b. False