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PRESS RELEASE

UBMC'S EMS Advances Patient Care

Taking emergency services to the next level

January 19, 2012: The Emergency Medical Services team at Uintah Basin Medical Center recently purchased a new monitor defibrillator medical device that will take emergency services to the next level.

The ZOLL E Series® monitor defibrillator medical device is designed specifically for the rigors of the EMS environment.

The device offers CPR help which measures chest compressions and rate and depth in real time, and provides visual and audible feedback to ensure the highest quality CPR. It also offers a built-in GPS clock, allowing users to synchronize dispatch, defibrillator, and intervention call times, improving overall data accuracy.

The device makes documentation easy and offers dedicated data entry keys to give users a simple method to enter patient information, spending more time working with the patient and less time worrying about documentation.

Perhaps the most notable feature is that the device provides easy-to-use defibrillation, external pacing, and interpretive 12-Lead ECG. An ECG is a transthoracic (across the thorax and chest) interpretation of the electrical activity of the heart over a period of time, as detected by electrodes attached to the outer surface of the skin and recorded by a device external to the body.

"We have always sought out leading-edge solutions and innovations to further impact the superior care we give our patients," said Von Johnson, EMS Manager. "Implementing this new technology exemplifies our proven commitment to advancing patient care."

This device allows responders to send test results from the ambulance to the hospital, even before the patient arrives. Emergency responders can now diagnose on scene and can also determine if the patient needs to be transferred to another hospital for specialty services. Upon arrival to the hospital, the physician is prepared and ready to begin necessary treatment, drastically reducing treatment times.

ER physician, Pete Tanner, M.D. stated, "It's all about being proactive and being prepared. With this new device we will be able to provide quicker diagnosis and treatment to the patient. Any step we can take to help save a life is worth it, and this is a big step."

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Uintah Basin Healthcare is a community not-for-profit healthcare system, serving the Uintah Basin since 1944. Today, Uintah Basin Healthcare is the largest and most comprehensive rural-based healthcare system in the state of Utah.



Pictured Left to Right: Camille Graehl, Dianna Ludwig, Chantelle Hogan and Stacy Giles. (EMTs from the Tabiona Ambulance receive training on the newest ZOLL monitor defibrillator that will help them provide advanced care to cardiac patients.)