



Oregon State Council

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Oregon Center for Children and Youth with Special Needs

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Oregon Emergency Nurses Association (Oregon ENA), I am pleased to express our strong endorsement of the Oregon Emergency Protocol Form proposed by the Oregon Center for Children and Youth with Special Needs (OCCYSHN). This initiative represents a critical step toward improving emergency care coordination and aligns closely with Oregon ENA's core values and strategic goals of promoting patient safety, supporting evidence-based practices, and fostering collaboration across healthcare disciplines.

As emergency nurses, we witness firsthand the vital importance of streamlined, accurate, and accessible patient medical information in ensuring timely, effective care for patients in critical situations. The Oregon Emergency Protocol Form provides a standardized approach that will enhance communication, reduce delays, and empower healthcare providers to deliver high-quality, patient-centered care.

This initiative also supports Oregon ENA's commitment to advocacy, innovation, and professional excellence. By equipping EMS teams with a clear, universally recognized format, the form addresses many of the challenges we encounter in high-pressure environments. These challenges include variations in documentation and inconsistencies in care transitions, both of which can compromise patient outcomes.

We applaud the OCCYSHN and the Oregon Health Authority for taking this forward-thinking step and for engaging healthcare partners to ensure that the final product reflects the diverse needs of Oregon's healthcare community. Oregon ENA stands ready to support the implementation and dissemination of the Oregon Emergency Protocol Form through education, outreach, and collaboration with healthcare partners across the state.

We urge swift adoption of this critical tool and look forward to seeing its positive impact on emergency care delivery in Oregon.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to improving health outcomes for all Oregonians. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

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