

EPA 10:**Recognize a patient requiring urgent or emergent care, and initiate evaluation and management**

During your time on the Emergency Medicine Clerkship you should try to hone your skills at quickly recognizing which patients required urgent or emergent care within the first minute or two of the encounter--even before an extensive work up. The ability to do this relies on your skills of observation and picking up key components of the initial assessment, remembering that some of these findings can be subtle. Over the course of your rotation, be sure to follow three ambulance patients into the room prior to looking at the EMR and to challenge yourself to see if your first impressions are accurate. Does the patient require urgent/emergent care? If so what is your initial management plan? Also, decide in the first couple minutes if you think they will need to be admitted or will be able to be discharged from the ED. Then see if your attending thinks the same thing! Fill in a BRIEF notation on the card and have the attending on the case simply sign off that they discussed this with you. Please note that your accuracy will not impact your grade. Participation is enough to receive the maximum credit.

By the end of rotation return completed card to Renata, Dr. Palmatier or Dr. Long.

Assessment of ED Patients Arriving via Ambulance Original card, see revised version below

Student name: _____

Patient's Initials	Date And Time Patient was seen by student --/--/--	<u>Assessment:</u> State if patient requires urgent/emergent care <u>Plus</u> <i>Initial Plan This is your initial impression, not after review with other staff or attending</i>	<u>Predict: A or D</u> Admit or Discharge Home ?	<u>Attending</u> (Did you agree with student's initial assessment and plan? + brief comments if needed) + signature	Follow up comment by student (if needed)