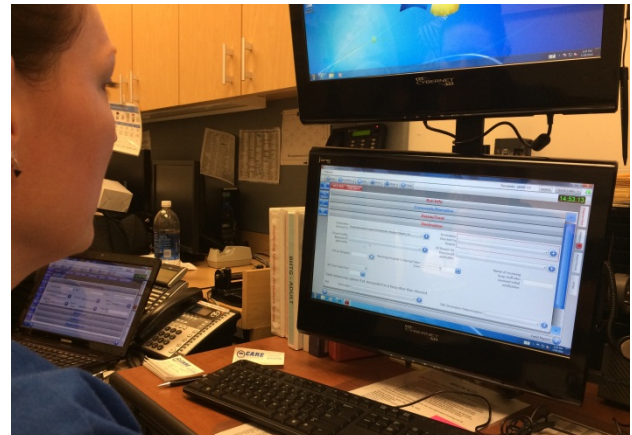


Who's "Going Live"?

Orange County Base Hospitals to begin Pilot Testing Electronic Base Hospital Report

Orange County EMS has been working with local Base Hospitals to conceptualize and implement the technical infrastructure for a countywide electronic Base Hospital Report (eBHR) system. Planning for the system, a component of the OC-MEDS Project, began over two years ago and was funded in part by the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP). The first of its kind in California, the system has been designed to be interoperable with the existing electronic Prehospital Care Reports (ePCR) used by most 9-1-1 EMS providers throughout the county and has been integrated into the Base Hospital Radio Consoles used by Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICN) during online medical control.



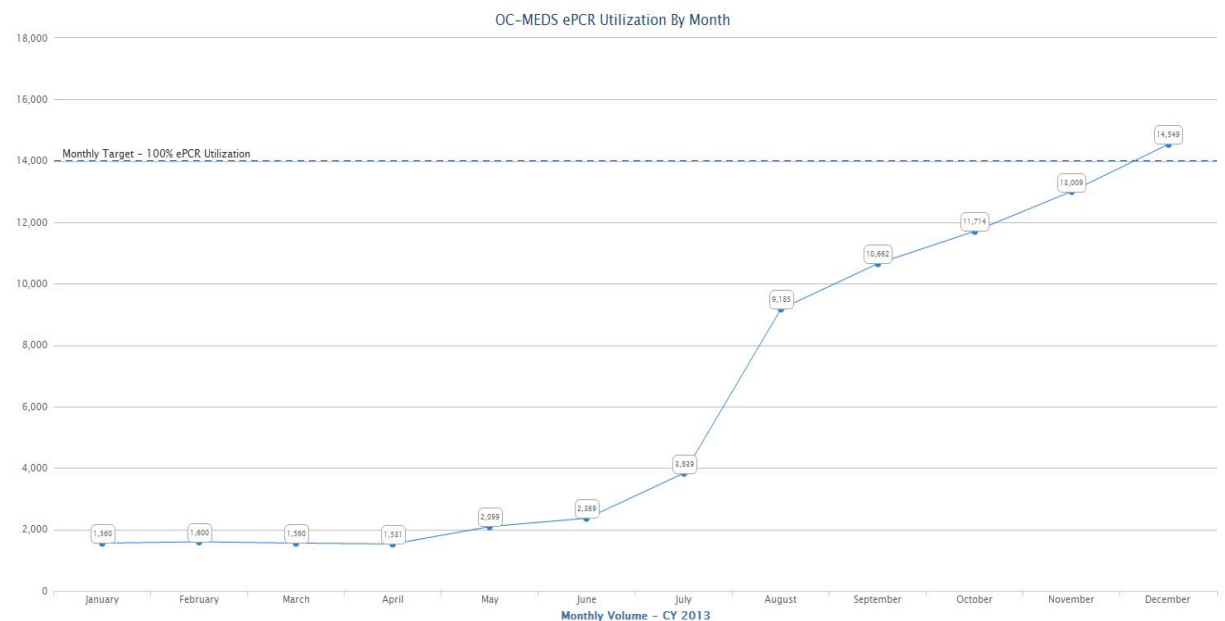
St. Jude Base Hospital Coordinator Sheryl Gradney testing the new eBHR

Hoag Hospital Newport Beach has been selected to be the first Base Hospital to pilot test the new software and has begun to train a few MICNs for a February 18th, 2014 launch.

ePCR Usage By Fire Departments Exceeds Threshold; Estimated at 98%

Last Spring, OCEMS set a goal of 75% ePCR utilization by fire departments by Winter 2013. The objective was to measure the countywide monthly average EMS call volume (n = 14,000) and compare it to the number of ePCRs that were completed and posted by fire department personnel. Completed ePCR totals have exceeded expectations with **the December 2013 totals exceeding the 14,000 threshold**. Nearly all Fire Departments are utilizing an ePCR and submitting data to OC-MEDS (Approx. 98% countywide utilization). OCEMS remains committed to the success of the ePCR project and will continue to work with fire departments to support agency implementation.

ePCR Utilization



OC-MEDS Licensure System Optimized For Tablets and Smartphones – “Print Your Own OC Card” to go online Feb. 1, 2014

The OC-MEDS Licensure and Certification System has been enhanced to allow applicants to access their accounts, apply for certifications, and pay associated fees on ANY device. The system can be used on any tablet, smart phone, or computer. The new enhancements significantly improve the user experience and speed up the application process.

These enhancements in technology have now made it possible to carry proof of your certification(s) on your smart phone or to print a copy of your card if you'd prefer to have it in your wallet. Therefore, **beginning Feb. 1, 2014, OCEMS will no longer print plastic cards for any OCEMS issued certification.** California state EMT Cards will continue to be issued in accordance with state regulations. Applicants may carry proof of their OC certification on their smart phone, or generate a printable card which includes a QR Code that can be scanned to verify their certification.

The OCEMS Licensure and Certification system has been operational for over a year and is being used daily by EMT and MICN applicants. OCEMS plans to continue to expand the system and include Paramedic Accreditation by 1st Quarter 2014.

The system is accessible online at: <https://www.oc-meds.org/licensure/public/orangecounty/>

