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1. Remember, CCEMSA has a protocol for Ischemic Coronary Chest Discomfort (ICCD), not Chest Pain. If you are treating a young patient with chest pain and are unsure if it is due to ischemic heart disease, Base contact is advised. There are many causes of chest pain, and our protocol for ICCD is designed to treat those whose pain is due to coronary ischemia.

2. When transporting a patient with a psychiatric complaint to a hospital, medics should report a minimum of three things to the triage nurse:
   - Patient’s medical complaint
   - Patient’s psychiatric complaint
   - Are they on a 5150 hold? Yes/No

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Paramedics who arrive at a hospital with an intubated patient should expect expeditious confirmation of ET placement by the receiving physician. Exactly how this is done is up to the accepting physician (auscultation, EDD, easy cap, laryngoscopy or some combination). Waiting for a chest x-rays is not an acceptable method to check ET tube placement. Tube confirmation may occur before or after the transfer to the hospital gurney, at the physician’s discretion.