

New Technology Documenting Patient Medical Histories

Attention Emergency Medical Service Personnel:



A new and potentially life-saving technology has been recently introduced in some areas of the state. VitalKey is a portable electronic medical record on a lightweight USB thumb drive that people will carry on their key chains. VitalKey is compatible with 99% of computers made in the last five years and will allow physicians and emergency medical personnel to access the holder's medical records by simply plugging it into the USB port on the computer.

VitalKey was designed by doctors to hold vital information to treat patients in emergency situations. Information such as: allergies, diseases, medications, immunizations, medical directives, past medical procedures, emergency contacts, family medical history, insurance information and more. While it is unlikely that the information will be available for your use in the field, the VitalKey, as is the case with medical alert jewelry, should be brought to the hospital, with the patient, where it can be accessed. I have been told that area hospital emergency department staffs are being alerted to the existence and use of this device here.

Please make sure that all of your EMS providers are alerted to look for the VitalKey symbol on bumpers or the rear windows of automobiles, on or around entrances to homes, on cell phones and on drivers' licenses. This symbol indicates that the patient carries his or her VitalKey with their medical records.

Please visit the VitalKey web site at www.vitalkey.com for more information on this new program.