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Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The OC-MEDS Steering Committee is comprised of representatives from the OC Ambulance Association, OC Fire Chiefs Association, OC Communications, and the Hospital Association of Southern California. <u>The group will continue to meet on a quarterly basis until the system is fully implemented.</u>
ePCR Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ePCR software is continuously being improved to meet the dynamic needs of the Orange County EMS system. The latest version of the software, v5.2.5.2 has been released and is available for download from within Field Bridge and includes functionality that enables Drivers License scanning to facilitate the entry of patient demographic information. The next major software version (v5.3) will be released on May 22, 2012 and will include requested features like a “complete” option upon post and an option that notifies the user that they are receiving a transfer from another unit. The OC-MEDS vendor has announced a new version of Field Bridge called Field Bridge Xpress. This new version may be used on ANY device including Windows, Mac, Android, Kindle, or iOS devices (iPad / iPhone). A beta version will be provided to OCEMS to begin testing this month. The new version will be implemented in a phased approach with several of the resources (e.g. PowerTools, Transfers, etc.) that are available in the full version of Field Bridge initially being unavailable. Check the ImageTrend website for more detail at: www.ImageTrend.com/FieldBridgeXpress <u>Two Ambulance Companies and ten Fire Departments have been issued LIVE OC-MEDS accounts and have been configuring and testing their own systems to meet their individual operational needs.</u> OCEMS is continuing to work with Orange County ambulance providers to encourage use of the system. Both Doctors and Medix Ambulance Services are pilot testing the Field Bridge ePCR in South OC. In addition, OCEMS is continuing to work with both Care Ambulance and Lynch Ambulance to test and eventually integrate data to / from their Zoll ePCR systems with OC-MEDS. Several fire departments are conducting live field testing of the system on select units and/or select stations in which the ePCR is the only form of documentation including Costa Mesa FD, Fountain Valley FD, Garden Grove FD, Huntington Beach FD, and Orange FD. HCA / OCEMS has provided the OC-MEDS vendor with a Scope of Work for automated exports to a secure web-service that meet both NEMSIS and NFIRS standards. These automated data exports are intended to enable EMS providers and/or their agents to establish automated data imports into their own systems. For example, Fire Department A completes and posts an ePCR, the data from the ePCR is immediately sent to a secure web-service; Ambulance Company B (who works with Fire Department A) accesses the web-service and imports the data into their own ePCR system. <u>ePCR Integration with new OCEMS Protocols</u> – All new Orange County Protocols (effective April 2012) have been added to the OC-MEDS ePCR. The “Active Protocol” section of the ePCR has been designed to allow documentation workflow that is consistent with the new protocols. Field Bridge ePCR users should review the “Active Protocols” sections and provide feedback to OCEMS at their earliest convenience. Feedback is needed to ensure that the “Active Protocols” are configured to best meet needs for field use. OC-MEDS specific Field Bridge and Service Bridge User Guides have been posted on the OCEMS website for download. Go to: http://ochealthinfo.com/ems/ocmeds
ePCR Hardware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCA / OCEMS have received UASI funded Mobile Data Collection Devices on behalf of <u>Anaheim Fire</u>. HCA / OCEMS is working with them to finalize the MOU that will be needed to transfer the equipment. HCA / OCEMS has been awarded a third and final year of UASI funding, \$500,000. The primary objective of this funding is to provide public safety based EMS providers with additional Mobile Data Collection Devices to aid with completing their equipment needs. HCA / OCEMS will be reconvening the ePCR Hardware Selection Taskforce soon so that the group can begin to plan for the next round of equipment purchases. Stay tuned for more information.
Training / Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCA / OCEMS is continuing to provide onsite and online Field Bridge ePCR and Service Bridge training for EMS provider agencies. Contact Ruth Grubb directly to schedule training. She may be reached at: (714) 296-6406 or via email at rsg@ca.rr.com. A Google Group called the OC-MEDS Community Forum has been created. The “forum” is intended to encourage community feedback and open discussion between system participants and will function as an information clearinghouse to aid with system development. To join the group, go to: http://groups.google.com/group/oc-meds?hl=en. The OC-MEDS Office Hour is scheduled every Wednesday from 10am – 11am in which you can share your screen with one of the System Administrators to answer your questions. The webinar style opportunity may be accessed at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/join/731839385 and by calling the OC Conf. line at 714-834-7400, agent ID 39, Password 102404#
CAD Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To date, CAD integrations have been completed for the following agencies: Anaheim, Brea, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Orange City, and Orange County. OCEMS is continuing to work with MetroNet and FATPOT to tweak and fine tune the CAD integrations to best meet the operational needs of public EMS providers.



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eBHR and Base Hospital Communications Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCA / OCEMS and Orange County Communications (OCC) will be implementing digital audio recorders which will replace the audio cassette records used today to record voice communications between paramedics and MICNs during base hospital contacted calls and MCIs. The equipment has been purchased and will likely be installed by mid to late summer 2012 pending the completion of contracts with Base Hospitals necessary to transfer and install the equipment. HCA / OCEMS is also working with OCC to plan for strengthening and enhancing the Radio Consoles and Workstations at each of the six (6) radio enabled base hospitals to bring them into compliance with OC-MEDS and the countywide 800Mhz communications network. HCA / OCEMS with the Orange County Base Hospital Coordinators have formed an electronic Base Hospital Report (eBHR) taskforce. The group has been meeting since Feb. 9, 2012 to design the future eBHR which will replace the existing paper based forms and will be interoperable with the OC-MEDS ePCR.
Hospital Dashboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCA / OCEMS has rolled out the OC-MEDS Hospital Dashboard. The “dashboard” is a component of the OC-MEDS software which provides an online method for Paramedic Receiving Centers (PRC) to receive electronic copies of prehospital care reports that have been completed by EMS providers. All 25 PRCs have been added to the system and should be operational. HCA / OCEMS has added accounts for and trained several hundred hospital staff members. In addition, a new module has been added that enables hospitals to manage their own staff. HCA / OCEMS is rolling out this new module and has asked that every emergency department name at least one person and up to two alternates to serve as Hospital Dashboard Administrators. These individuals will serve as the primary points of contact for everything OC-MEDS and Hospital Dashboard related and will be able to add, modify, or inactivate their own staff in the system. Updated “Dashboard” user guides have been posted in the OCEMS website at: http://ohealthinfo.com/ems/ocmeds
Patient Registry (Trauma, STEMI, Stroke, eHDDS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Patient Registry is a component of the system that is intended to be used by hospitals to submit and track specialty care patients including Trauma, Cardiac (STEMI), and Stroke victims. The trauma component of the system is ready to be used for either direct data entry of for the submission of National Trauma Data Bank (NTDB) compliant imports. HCA / OCEMS is working with Orange County Trauma Centers to best define how the system will be used for aggregate data sharing and countywide trauma system monitoring. The Cardiac (STEMI) and Stroke modules are currently under development and will be ready for testing by the summer. These two new modules are intended to replace the paper based processes that are used today for the submission of data to OCEMS for statistical tracking of the outcomes of these types of patients. Stay tuned for more info. The eHDDS module is intended to replace the existing paper-based Hospital Discharge Data Summaries (HDDS) already submitted to OCEMS to assist with determining ED patient outcome. This module will be the last to be implemented.
Licensure Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCA / OCEMS has been working to roll out the Licensure Management Module of OC-MEDS. This module is intended to replace all paper-based processes associated with the regulatory functions of OCEMS and will be used for such things as: EMT Certification / Accreditation, Paramedic Accreditation, MICN Authorization, Ambulance Company Licenses, Ambulance Vehicle Inspection Tracking, and Hospital Designations Tracking. The system will include a public section for remote access that will enable such things as: online applications and fee payments. For example, individuals will have the ability to apply for EMT renewal online, pay associated fees, and receive their certification card(s) without having to come to the HCA / OCEMS office. HCA / OCEMS has contracted with a consultant to assist with set up and training. The consultant will begin working on this portion of the project as early as May 15th, 2012. The system is expected to be fully operational by Early Winter 2012.
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