



EMTALA Compliance Update

Webinar

November 19th, 2026

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time

Speaker:

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Webinar Outline

- I. Introduction
- II. Overview of EMTALA Obligations
- III. Medical Screening Examination
 - A. ED
 - B. L&D for near term OB patients
- IV. Stabilization
 - A. Med-Surg patients
 - B. Psychiatric patients
 - C. Pregnant women with contractions
- V. Refusal of medical screening, stabilization, or transfer for stabilization
 - A. Patients who leave before the medical screening exam
 - B. Patients who leave against medical advice
- VI. Transfers
 - A. Duties of transferring hospitals
 - B. Duties of recipient hospitals
- VII. On-Call Physicians for Hospital ED Services
- VII. Conclusions and Questions