



## **System OMD Committee Advisory** **August 13, 2018** **Clinical Initiative Review Process (CIRC)**

The clinical practice serves as the foundation for any emergency medical services system. Our clinical practice is designed to guide the safe and effective delivery of clinical services in a manner that places the patient at the center, uses an evidence-based approach to defining care, minimizes the risk of harm to patients and providers, and seeks to provide a positive patient experience.

We recognize that successful implementation of EMS System clinical initiatives requires active participation and planning among the System's various stakeholder agencies. We also recognize the valuable improvement ideas that come directly from our System's providers. Over the past few months, the OMD has been working with System stakeholder agencies to develop a process and form a group that will provide a mechanism for submitting clinical initiative ideas as well as facilitate discussion of the operational impact of new clinical initiatives within our EMS System.

We are now ready to launch this new process referred to as the Clinical Initiative Review Process. While the OMD will oversee this process, the implementation review, discussion and planning are performed by the Clinical Initiative Review Committee (CIRC). In a nutshell, the process describes how new proposals are submitted, reviewed, prioritized and then passed on to the Committee for discussion and implementation planning. The Committee's primary responsibilities lie in identifying potential implementation challenges and impacts to their respective organizations, identifying approaches to overcoming these challenges and then creating an implementation plan that allows timeline flexibility among agencies when possible.

For more information, please see additional documents located on the [OMD website](#). These documents provide much more detail on the process and the committee. On our website you will also find the steps and form used for submitting a clinical initiative for review. If you have any questions, please contact the OMD or email us at [CIRC@austintexas.gov](mailto:CIRC@austintexas.gov).



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