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SUBJECT: Continuing Education – February 2014

"The Graying of America" it is evident! As a whole, the population of the United States is getting older. Increasing age equates to increasing medical problems. The emergency health-care provider must have insight into the changes that occur with the aging process and the special problems experienced by older adults. The geriatric patient can pose an assessment and treatment challenge to even the most seasoned EMS professional. It is important for us to provide quality assessment, treatment and transport for our geriatric patients. The month of February, in part, will be dedicated to a review of *"Geriatric Trauma."* Additional class time during the month will have us re-visit our systematic approach to "Overdose" and "Suicide-type" calls.

Last month the feedback on the *"Case of the Month"* series was very good. Please send me your interesting cases if you would like to have them presented during CE. This is a great way for everyone learn! February's case will highlight a cardiac case with related ECG data for review. I think you will find it both interesting and thought provoking.

Please take time to review the following protocols to better prepare you for class:

- Tab 900: Section E – Altered Mental Status
Section S – Overdose / Toxic Ingestion
- Tab 1000: Section A – Trauma Triage / Trauma Diversion
Section D – Multi-System Trauma

As always, if you have questions or comments please feel free to contact me. I look forward to seeing all of you in the coming month of February.

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