

## Parkmedic CE sessions

### *Parkmedic Curriculum Mission Statement:*

*To educate residents and fellows in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Wilderness Medicine and also provide excellent EMS oversight and advice to the National Park Service (NPS)*

CE sessions are held the first Monday of each month at Grant Grove Visitor's Center  
9:30am (allow 1.5 hours to drive from Fresno)

Goals of the CE sessions:

- Rangers become better Parkmedics
- Senior residents provide quality education to the Parkmedics and supervise the junior resident(s)
- Junior resident(s) learns about Parkmedic EMS
- Residents learn to teach to providers of different skill levels

CE sessions are generally 3 hours in length. You will be assigned one or more protocols; one or more drugs; and one or more procedures to review at each session. The protocols, drugs, and procedures will generally all be related to one another (e.g. chest pain, aspirin, nitroglycerin, AED). While the format of the session is up to you, the guidelines below may help you plan your session:

- There are no facilities at Grant Grove for projection of PowerPoint slides. If you wish to use PowerPoint you will need to bring your own projector and computer (you may use the Parkmedic projector/laptop and/or your own computer if you wish).
- A well-liked, time tested format would be:
  - 5-10 minute discussion of relevant pathophysiology; and expect to field questions about the pathophysiology of your assigned topic.
  - Review of the particulars of the specific protocol(s)
    - Care in the parks is protocol-driven, so please teach to the protocols
  - Discussion of recent cases in the park that relate to the specific protocol/drug/procedure (if there are no recent cases, you may use a prior case or make one up for the sake of discussion). Please discuss with the CQI resident several weeks in advance regarding selection of appropriate cases. You may also contact Erika in the month preceding your session to see if there is any particular area of emphasis that would be appropriate.
  - Skills sessions for the relevant procedures
    - This means that if you are discussing BVM, for example, you should have a mannequin and a bag-valve-mask for practice. If you need access to the Parkmedic closet, please do not wait until Sunday night to gather your supplies as you may not be able to access the closet at this time. Access to the closet is best done Monday-Friday 0800-1630.

A reasonable breakdown of the above would be:

- 1/3 lecture/protocol review
- 1/3 CQI cases
- 1/3 skills review and skills practice.

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Remember that the above are guidelines, not absolute requirements. You are free to create a presentation in any format you choose.

The audience will be both EMT-B and Parkmedics, so be prepared to field questions regarding both levels of the protocols but the focus of teaching should be at the Parkmedic level.

The rangers will have feedback forms at each session to provide feedback about your presentation. This is done to further our educational goal of helping you to become a better teacher and improve the sessions for the Parkmedics

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact any of the Parkmedic faculty in advance of your CE session.