



# Community Paramedicine

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## What is *Community Paramedicine*?

A nationally emerging initiative to utilize on duty paramedics to perform in home visits on patients that lack resources to stay healthy in their home.

## Method:

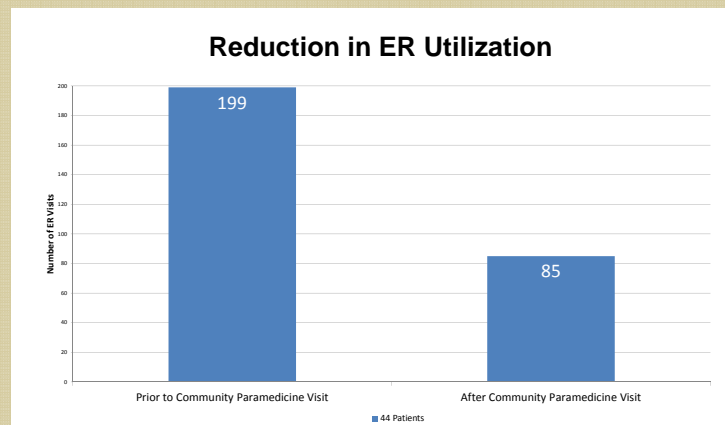
- Emergency Room (ER) staff refer high risk patients to the ER Patient Navigator.
- The trained paramedic crew makes a one time free home visit.
- Patient needs are identified based on home environment.
- Immediate barriers are addressed regarding the health and well being of the patient.
- Referrals are made to the appropriate health/community agencies.

## Benefits:

- Utilization of on duty hospital based paramedics with expertise and patient rapport skills.
- No additional health care cost.
- Increased referrals to outside entities.
- Immediately deployable work force.
- Decreased use of Emergency Services
- Keeping patients healthy and in their own home.
- Utilization of community resources.
- Increased staff satisfaction.



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## Case Study:

30 y/o male patient with significant seizure history that frequently utilizes Emergency Services.

- One home visit:** 24 minutes.
- Barriers found:**
  - Outdated medications
  - Absence of primary care provider (PCP)
  - Lacking medication management/education
  - Missing basic home necessities
- Outcomes:**
  - PCP identified and appointment made for same day.
  - Referral to Public Health agency for overall health care maintenance.
  - Offered reassurance that someone cared.
  - Dramatic decrease of Emergency Services usage.
  - Cost savings estimated to be: \$7200.

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