### EMTALA

**OBJECTIVES:** Review key components of EMTALA; discuss transfer issues

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### Post-Program Questions:

1. EMTALA requires that hospitals provide every individual who presents to the emergency department seeking acute medical care with an appropriate medical examination to determine whether the patient has an emergency medical condition or is in active labor.
   - True [ ] False [ ]

2. An appropriate EMTALA transfer may take place as a result of:
   - a) [ ] Transferring patient is requesting it and is informed of any potential risks
   - b) [ ] Transferring hospital does not have specialist or specialized equipment to treat patient and benefit of transfer outweighs risk of transfer
   - c) [ ] Transferring hospital has determined patient is uninsured
   - d) [ ] Receiving hospital has the capacity/capability to treat the patient and agrees to do so.
   - e) [ ] a, b, and d
   - f) [ ] All of the above

3. EMTALA applies to patients who require a transfer for an emergency medical condition that may not have been stabilized.
   - True [ ] False [ ]

4. A “Reverse Dump” is one in which:
   - a) [ ] The transferring hospital is requesting to transfer due to inability to provide care for the patient’s emergency medical condition that is needed
   - b) [ ] Requested receiving hospital has the capacity to take the patient, but instructs transferring hospital to send patient elsewhere
   - c) [ ] Economics is often a key factor
   - d) [ ] EMTALA is violated
   - e) [ ] All of the above

   The key word in EMTALA is “emergency” and the key component of any transfer is even when in doubt about the validity of the transfer, treat the patient.
   - True [ ] False [ ]

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