

## MICHIGAN TRAUMA BAND PROJECT



The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Trauma Section is piloting the Trauma Band Project which is designed to facilitate the identification of an injured patient in the field through their transfer and discharge from definitive care.

The Trauma Band Project involves the placing of a neon orange identification band with a unique alpha-numeric identifier on every injured patient encountered by the participating Emergency Medical Services agency and on the injured patient who presents to the participating Emergency Department. The identifier will be tracked in both the state EMS patient care record (Mi-EMSIS) and the state trauma registry. Using the unique identifier will assist in creating more certainty in ensuring the data collected in each registry matches the appropriate patient and will allow the system to more accurately measure outcomes, system functioning and more clearly define patient flow.

The pilot project began May 1, 2015 and will run through the fiscal year concluding September 30, 2015. At the conclusion of the pilot, participants will share their experiences, identify the challenges and issues to be addressed, and make suggestions for improvements for the next phase of the project.

If you receive a patient wearing an identification band with the words "Michigan Trauma System" (shown above) and you are **not** currently participating in the Trauma Band Project, we request that you leave the band in place until such time as the patient is discharged home. Doing so will allow the capture of movement of the patient in the event they are transferred by or readmitted to one of the EMS agencies/hospitals participating in the project.

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