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## **Medical IDs Take the Guesswork Out of Emergency Treatment**

When a patient cannot speak for himself or herself, a medical ID provides EMTs with crucial information that can help them make a diagnosis and initiate immediate treatment steps. In many emergencies, looking at a patient's medical ID necklace or bracelet can save valuable time because it visibly communicates the patient's chronic health conditions, drug, food or insect allergies or even medications that the patient is taking. The time you save by checking a patient's medical ID could mean the difference between life and death.

A recent American Medical ID survey of EMTs found that more than 90% of EMTs checked the wrist and neck for identification when assessing a patient. While EMTs and other medical professionals understand the importance of medical IDs, many patients are unaware of this medical tool's benefit in ensuring proper diagnosis and treatment in an emergency. As an EMT you play an important role in communicating the urgency for patients to obtain medical IDs. When you are with a patient and realize he or she should be wearing a medical ID you can recommend that he or she get one.

American Medical ID offers a variety of products with free custom engraving and also enables users to set up an online medical record that emergency personnel can access by phone or web when necessary.

More information about medical IDs can be found at [www.IdentifyYourself.com](http://www.IdentifyYourself.com).

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