

Medical: Behavioral Emergencies

EMR

EMT

- Be aware of dangers to patient or medical personnel/summon law enforcement
- Request mental health professional as needed
- Never stay alone with a violent patient and have enough help to restrain him/her if needed.
- Consider the armed patient potentially homicidal as well as suicidal.
- For severe or dangerous agitation/combativeness that represents an acute danger to the patient or EMS personnel, consider physical restraint. Refer to **Restraint for Aggressive or Violent Patients Procedure**



EMR & EMT STOP

EMT IV

ADVANCED EMT

- Vascular access as needed



EMT IV / ADVANCED EMT STOP

Key Points/Considerations

- For severe or dangerous agitation/combativeness that represents an acute danger to the patient or EMS personnel, consider physical restraint:
- 4 point soft restraints- secure patient safely in supine position to gurney or backboard.
- Spitting or biting patients may be secured with a surgical mask or an oxygen mask that has flowing oxygen
- Law enforcement personnel may assume responsibility for patient restraint, but must personally accompany patient to the emergency department..