

Narrative Guidance for Vermont EMS Providers

SOAP

Subjective

- Dispatch Information
- History of present illness
- Symptoms
- EMS perception of scene

Objective

- Assessment findings
- Vitals
- Physical assessment
- Changes in patient presentation

Assessment

- Associated symptoms
- Pertinent negatives and positives
- Changes in patient presentation

Plan

- Interventions
- Patient's response to interventions
- Transport
- Transfer of Care

CHART

Chief Complaint

- The patient's primary physical complaint

History of Present Illness/Injury (HPI)

- Events leading up to incident
- SAMPLE
- OPQRST
- Medications
- Significant medical history

Assessment

- Initial patient presentation
- Assessments (primary and secondary)
- Physical findings
- Associated symptoms
- Pertinent negatives and positives
- Vital signs

Treatment

- Interventions
- Patient's response to interventions

Transport

- Changes during transport
- Transport
- Transfer of Care

Chronological

- Dispatch Information
- Response findings
- Initial patient impression

- On-scene events
- Assessment
- Treatment

- Transport
- Continued assessment
- Intervention follow-ups
- Medications administered
- New findings

- Transfer of care at the hospital

