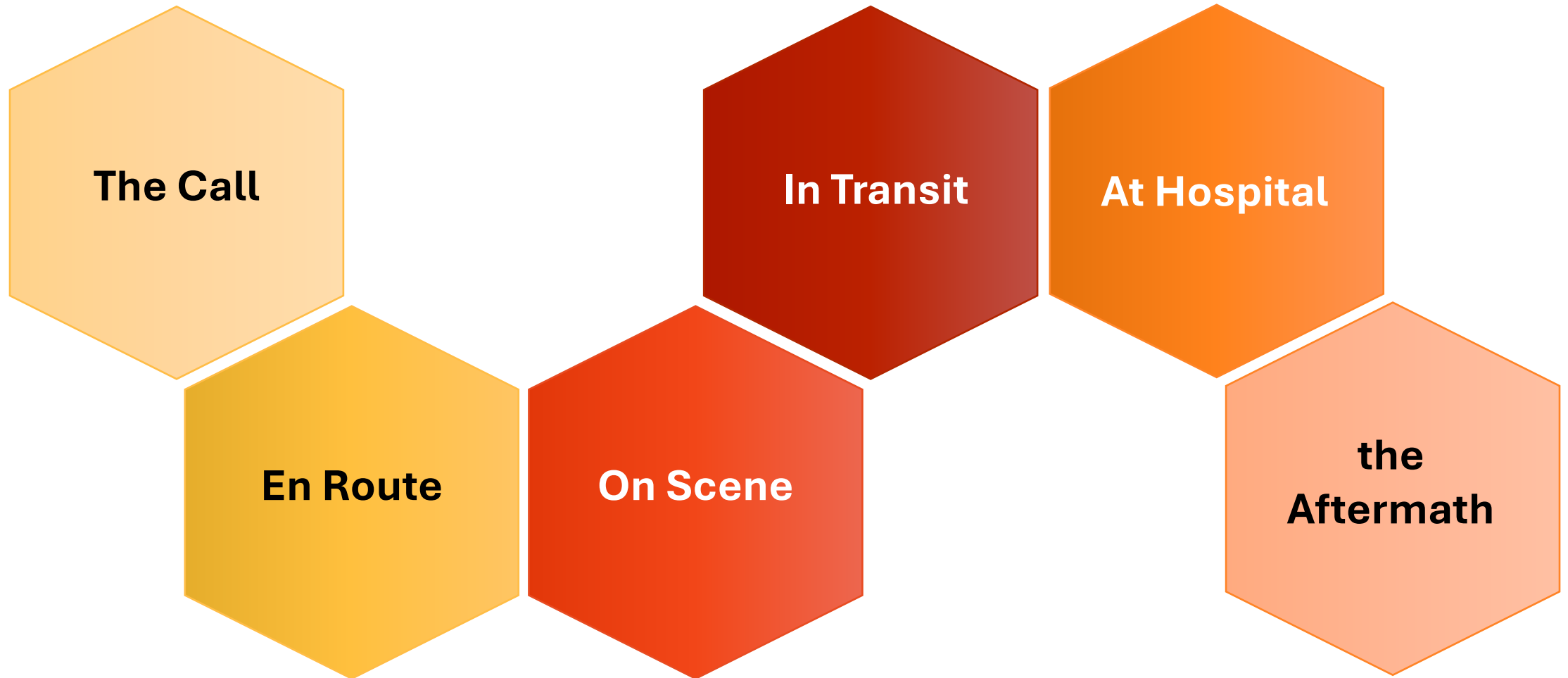


IPC on the Go

Big Challenges, Small Spaces and
Uncontrolled Places



Anatomy of an Ambulance Call



The Call

- Scripted protocols
- Limited information available
- Unreliable information provided
- High pressure (call centre)
- High stress (scene)



Problem / Diagnosis	<p>YOU ARE RESPONDING TO [REDACTED] YEAR-OLD, [REDACTED] CONSCIOUS, BREATHING. BREATHING PROBLEMS CODE: 6-D-2: DIFFICULTY SPEAKING BETWEEN BREATHS CALLER STATEMENT: [REDACTED] CAN HARDLY BREATHE / HAD V + D MOST OF THE DAY / FEELS DIZZY / HX [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [NO KNOWN COVID19 EXPOSURE] [REDACTED]</p>
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Problem / Diagnosis	<p>YOU ARE RESPONDING TO A [REDACTED] YEAR-OLD, [REDACTED] CONSCIOUS, BREATHING. CHEST PAIN / CHEST DISCOMFORT (NON- TRAUMATIC) CODE: 10-C-1: ABNORMAL BREATHING CALLER STATEMENT: [REDACTED] COVID POSTIVE / STOMACH PAIN CHEST PAIN . COMMENTS: 1. PANADOL [COVID POSITIVE]</p>
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Problem / Diagnosis	<p>YOU ARE RESPONDING TO A [REDACTED] YEAR-OLD, [REDACTED] CONSCIOUS, BREATHING. SICK PERSON (SPECIFIC DIAGNOSIS) CODE: 26-A- 10: UNWELL/ILL CALLER STATEMENT: SORE THROAT, COUGHING, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] COMMENTS: 1. STOMACH ACHE [REDACTED] HAD COVID APPROX [REDACTED] AGO</p>
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Problem / Diagnosis	<p>YOU ARE RESPONDING TO [REDACTED] YEAR-OLD, [REDACTED] CONSCIOUS, BREATHING. FALLS CODE: 17-B-1: POSSIBLY DANGEROUS BODY AREA CALLER STATEMENT: FALLEN AND CUT BACK AND [REDACTED] . 1. NO SPECIAL CONCERNS HAVE BEEN REPORTED.</p>
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Problem / Diagnosis	<p>YOU ARE RESPONDING TO [REDACTED] YEAR-OLD, [REDACTED] CONSCIOUS, BREATHING. CONVULSIONS / FITTING CODE: 12-D-2: CONTINUOUS OR MULTIPLE FITTING CALLER STATEMENT: SEIZURE.</p>
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En Route

- Limited information available
- Unreliable information provided

Standard & Transmission Based Precautions

Standard and Transmission-based Precautions Quick Reference Guide *(Click to expand)*



Standard Precautions

To be used for all patients

- Hand hygiene
- PPE based on risk of exposure to blood and body fluids
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette
- Safe handling of sharps, linen and waste

Contact Precautions

Patient is confirmed or suspected of having an infection that is spread by the contact route

- Standard Precautions AND,
- Gloves
- Consideration to gown/coverall

Droplet & Airborne Precautions

Patient is confirmed or suspected of having an infection that is spread by droplets, aerosols, or by the airborne route

During OHCA - Chest compressions and defibrillation can be commenced without the need for airborne precautions until other staff can take over

- Standard Precautions AND,
- P2/N95 respirator
- Eye Protection
- Gloves
- Consideration to gown/coverall

Standard and Transmission-based Precautions PPE Quick Reference Guide *(Click to expand)*



Type of Precautions Required for Specific Diseases *(Click to expand)*



Infection Prevention & Control

[Quick Reference Guide](#)

[Principles of Cleaning](#)

[Vehicle Cleaning and Spills Management](#)

[Standard & Transmission Based Precautions](#)

[Aseptic Technique](#)

[Hand Hygiene and Skin Care](#)

[Linen Management](#)

[Waste Management](#)

[Laundering of Uniform](#)

IP&C Quick Reference

[Bronchiolitis](#)

[Invasive group A Streptococcus infection \(IGAS\)](#)

[Pertussis \(Whooping Cough\)](#)

[COVID-19](#)

[Lice \(head and body\)](#)

[Scabies](#)

[Chickenpox \(Varicella Zoster\)](#)

[Measles](#)

[Shingles \(Varicella Zoster\)](#)

[Clostridioides difficile](#)

[Meningococcal disease \(invasive\)](#)

[Tuberculosis \(TB\)](#)

[Diarrhoea/gastroenteritis of unknown cause](#)

[Mpox](#)

[Bedbugs](#)

[Hepatitis \(HBV / HCV\)](#)

[Multi-resistant Organisms](#)

[Other respiratory illnesses](#)

On Scene

- Unpredictable
 - Patient
 - Family and Pets
 - Bystanders
 - Vehicles
- Uncontrolled environments
 - Weather
 - Lighting
 - Contaminants
- Limited resources













In Transit

- Confined space
- Ongoing vehicle movement



At Hospital

- Triage area issues
- Patient flow issues
- Incorrect PPE usage
- Limited resources







Aftermath

- Limited resources available
- Complex areas to clean
- Time and operational pressures

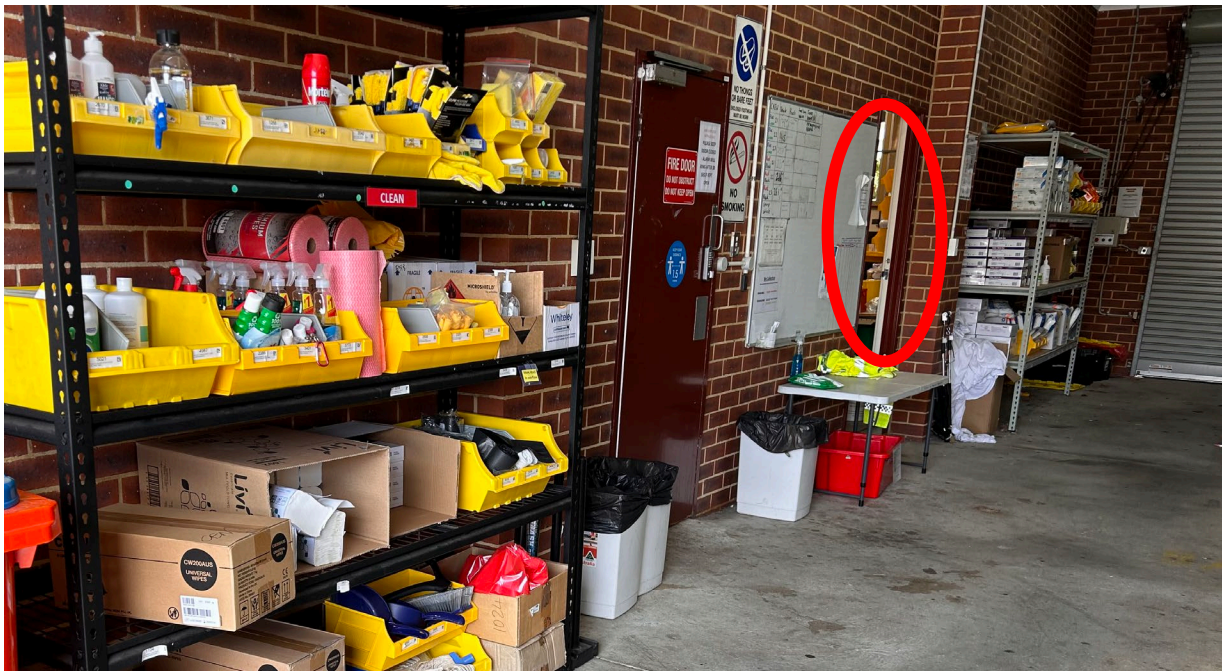


Other Challenges

- Patients not transported
- Working with existing infrastructure
- Compliance
- Auditing











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Thank you

