



The Fire Department of New York (FDNY) EMS Utilizes General Devices (GD) e-Bridge Mobile Telemedicine for Electrocardiogram (ECG) Transmissions

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When a heart attack is suspected, triage and timing are critical. Once on-scene an FDNY paramedic quickly obtains a 12-lead ECG from the patient and transmits the report to a physician at the agency's Telemetry Center in Woodside Queens. The physician reviews the 12-lead and consults with the medic. The 12-lead is key in diagnosing a ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI), a serious heart attack. Treatment protocols can then be used to initiate advanced life support and provide advance notification to the receiving hospital's cardiology team. The utilization of this pre-arrival notification is vital for patients experiencing time-sensitive acute care cases like heart attacks, strokes, traumas, and sepsis in which minutes make all the difference. Hospitals and medical teams use this information to make advance preparations for the incoming patient by streamlining the workflow to reduce time-to-treatment and restore critical blood flow to vital organs.

With GD e-Bridge technology, FDNY ambulances can now forward 12-lead reports faster than ever before, with greater security and effective automation directly from their mobile device. In addition, they also have the capability of increased patient care in-route with more positive outcomes. Jim Nejme, Vice President of Technical Services and Support at GD, stated 'With the inclusion of GD e-Bridge on their new tablets, FDNY EMS now has a true EMS Mobile Telemedicine solution at their fingertips and can implement additional advanced capabilities.' Nejme added, 'Secure live video, multi-media messaging, ETA tracking, and much more are possible with GD e-Bridge. The Internet of Life Saving Things (IoLST), like the GD e-Bridge, offer capabilities soon to be the norm in today's mobile connected world, not only for hospitals but also for EMS and Community Paramedicine around the country, reducing risks and costs while ensuring the right care, at the right place, and the right time.

Today's emergency healthcare demands the ability to do more patient care with less, while maintaining quality and accountability. For over 10 years, GD and FDNY have been working together to implement the latest technologies to ensure the best patient care available in the city.

About GD (General Devices)

General Devices (GD) enables smarter patient care by empowering hospitals, EMS, mobile integrated healthcare, community paramedicine, and public safety responders with the most comprehensive, interactive, configurable, affordable, and integrated medical team communication and mobile telemedicine solutions. Offering benefits unmatched in the industry including enhanced workflows, minimized risks, reduced costs, and improved patient outcomes, GD's innovative solutions help more than 15,000 patients' lives daily. Learn more at general-devices.com.

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About FDNY

The Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) is the largest Fire Department in the United States, universally recognized as the world's busiest and most highly skilled emergency response agency. The Department's main goal is to provide fire protection and other critical public safety services to residents and visitors in the five boroughs of the city. The Department also works to continually educate the public in fire, life safety, and disaster preparedness, along with the enforcement of public safety codes.

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