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| **Questionnaire** |
| Q1. What is your highest level of certification? |
| EMT-P |
| EMT-I |
| EMT-B |
| Q2. How many years have you served as an EMS provider? |
| 0-2 |
| 2-5 |
| 5-10 |
| 10-20 |
| 20+ |
| Q3. Over the course of my career, the average weight of my patients has increased. |
| Strongly Agree |
| Agree |
| Disagree |
| Strongly Disagree |
| Q4. Over the course of my career, the number of patients whose weight has become an obstacle to transport has increased. |
| Strongly Agree |
| Agree |
| Disagree |
| Strongly Disagree |
| Q5. Please rank the following in order of most challenging to least challenging to providing proper care to morbidly obese patients: (Answer Options: Most Challenging = 5, Least Challenging = 1) |
| Transport Time |
| Lifting/Moving Patient |
| Measuring Vital Signs |
| Establishing Intravenous Access |
| Airway Management |
| Determining Medication Dose |
| Q6. Have you ever responded to a call for a patient that is morbidly obese? |
| Yes |
| No |
| Q7. I feel comfortable accurately predicting the weight of a morbidly obese patient. |
| Strongly Agree |
| Agree |
| Disagree |
| Strongly Disagree |
| Q8. I am able to get accurate vital signs on morbidly obese patients. |
| Strongly Agree |
| Agree |
| Disagree |
| Strongly Disagree |
| Q9. Have you ever intubated a morbidly obese patient? |
| Yes |
| No |
| Q10. Do you feel you need more training on intubating morbidly obese patients? |
| Yes |
| No |
| Q11. Have you calculated appropriate medication dosages for morbidly obese patients? |
| Yes |
| No |
| Q12. Would you like more training on adjusting medication dosages for morbidly obese patients? |
| Yes |
| No |
| Q13. Have you ever established IV access on a morbidly obese patient? |
| Yes |
| No |
| Q14. Have you ever used specialized equipment for transporting morbidly obese patients? |
| Yes |
| No |
| Q15. My currently level of training has made me feel prepared to transport morbidly obese patients. |
| Strongly Agree |
| Agree |
| Disagree |
| Strongly Disagree |
| Q16. Morbidly obese patients take significantly longer to transport. |
| Strongly Agree |
| Agree |
| Disagree |
| Strongly Disagree |
| Q17. I know when I am responding to a morbidly obese patient. |
| All of the time |
| Most of the time |
| Occasionally |
| Never |
| Q18. Morbidly obese patients wait longer than other patients to call EMS. |
| Strongly Agree |
| Agree |
| Disagree |
| Strongly Disagree |
| Q19. Morbidly obese patients are able to receive the same standard of care as other patients. |
| Strongly Agree |
| Agree |
| Disagree |
| Strongly Disagree |
| Q20. How many Fire/EMS personnel does it take to properly handle a morbidly obese patient? |
| 0-2 |
| 2-4 |
| 4-6 |
| 6-8 |
| 8+ |
| Q21. How many morbidly obese patients do you transport in an average month? |
| 0 |
| 1-2 |
| 2-3 |
| 3-4 |
| 4+ |
| Q22. What is the most common reason for morbidly obese patients requesting EMS? |
| Shortness of Breath |
| Pain |
| Non-emergent Transport to Health Care Facility |
| Transport Assistance Around the Home (“Fallen and cannot get up") |
| Q23. Have you ever had a morbidly obese patient code in the field? |
| Yes |
| No |
| Q24. I feel it would be beneficial to receive more training and tools to appropriately handle a morbidly obese patient that codes during EMS care. |
| Strongly Agree |
| Agree |
| Disagree |
| Strongly Disagree |
| Q25. How many times have you transported morbidly obese patients with traumatic injuries? |
| 0 |
| 1-2 |
| 2-3 |
| 3-4 |
| 4+ |
| Q26. I believe my EMS service needs more equipment for handling morbidly obese patients. |
| Strongly Agree |
| Agree |
| Disagree |
| Strongly Disagree |
| Q27. I believe that my EMS service needs more protocols to readily handle morbidly obese patients. |
| Strongly Agree |
| Agree |
| Disagree |
| Strongly Disagree |
| Q28. I would like to receive more training on handling and/or treating morbidly obese patients. |
| Strongly Agree |
| Agree |
| Disagree |
| Strongly Disagree |
| Q29. What level of EMS care was needed for most of the morbidly obese patients I’ve treated? |
| BLS |
| ALS |
| Critical Care |
| Q30. Would you benefit from more training on the correct dosing of medications for the morbidly obese patient, specifically whether you use total body weight (TBW) or lean body mass (LBM) in your calculations? |
| Yes |
| No |