



Technology Improving Emergency Care

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Midland, Texas – A new device being used by EMS is proving successful. It's called "Continuous Positive Airway Pressure" or C-PAP and is being used by Odessa Fire and EMS out in the field. It's a breathing device that helps patients who are having difficulty breathing or with respiratory failure. Medical experts say the new technology, first used on people with sleep apnea, is saving lives.

"By the time they get to the emergency room, a lot of times they don't need to be put on a ventilator and that's great news, we've decreased that by over 50 percent," said Doctor Sudip Bose, Medical Director, Odessa Fire and EMS.

Bose says Odessa Fire and EMS are the first to re-purpose this technology.