Reviewer’s report

Title: Transition in care from paramedics to emergency department nurses: a systematic review protocol

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Reviewer: Natalie Strobel

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This is a comprehensive systematic review protocol. Only minor clarification is needed.

Introduction - Line 78 'Efficient and safe transitions in care are dependent on accurate communication of pertinent patient information between caregivers' Is caregivers the correct term? Are you discussing health service providers or individuals caring for the patient?

Introduction - Line 87-88 - The authors mention 'EMS practitioners such as paramedics' Which implies there are other EMS practitioners. However, the review seems to focus on paramedics. Can you please be clearer whether there are other EMS practitioners? This needs to also be clear under the 'participants' heading who you will be including as an EMS practitioners.

Introduction - Please reference this statement: Line 97-99: Loss of information during transitions in care may lead to incorrect triage decisions in terms of acuity rating or prioritization of order to be examined by a physician, delayed time to treatment, or the patient being triaged to an inappropriate area of the ED.

'Intervention' heading: Can you please provide a list of examples of interventions that you would include to support transitions of care. Also how will you consider whether transition of care has been completed?

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