Protocols/Algorithms

Protocols for PAs ensure better patient care: set ground rules before patients are seen...physician assistants. *Patient Focused Care* 1997 Oct;5(10):115-7.

Discusses ACEP's sample PA job description. Advice on developing a protocol includes: (1) consult ED physicians; (2) limit midlevels' role to what the supervising physician can do; (3) follow state and federal licensing requirements; and (4) decide whether a physician must see high acuity patients. ∎