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Research and Best Practice

The following research papers have been published in the last couple of months. The papers have been arranged by the topic headings below: (Ctrl & Click on the heading to go straight to that section)

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Thematic Analysis - Cross Referenced by First Author – AI Generated

Theme	First Author List (Separated by '; ')	Brief Description	Primary Original Category
1. Opioid & Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Interventions (12)	Bornstein; Broach; Engel; Gaw; Godfrey; Gormley; Hern; Joiner; Langabeer; Patch; Rettger; Ulitz; Vandergrift	Focuses on EMS integration of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder (e.g., Buprenorphine), management of opioid-related overdoses (Naloxone use/complications), and identification of emerging illicit substances like Medetomidine.	On-Scene Interventions; Prehospital Practitioners – Professional Development
2. Precise Cardiac Resuscitation & Quality (27)	Bánfa; Charleux; Debaty; Hindborg; Joshi; Kim; Kruit; Lee; Ma; Miura; Mølstrøm; Morgan; Niiranen; Paratz; Sakamoto; Sari; Schnaubelt; Semeraro; Stephenson; Stromberg; Takahashi; Turan; Vallentin; Walker; Yoon	Improving neuro-favorable outcomes from OHCA through high-fidelity protocols: optimizing CPR quality (feedback devices, chest compression technique, crew size), refining the timing and dosing of vasopressors , and determining post-resuscitation hemodynamic targets.	Airway Management, Resuscitation & CPR
3. Advanced Prehospital Assessment & Screening Tools (13)	Ahmad; Balen; Baumgarten; Jeong; Kjærgaard; Naylor; Nicoletta; Sandelich; Speijers; Squires; Strum; Tsze; Zègre-Hemsey	Validation of rapid screening scores and algorithms for time-critical conditions like Stroke (FAST-ED) and identifying impending clinical deterioration (Early Warning Scores). Also includes refining dispatch triage accuracy and defining frequent EMS user profiles .	Diagnosis and Triage
4. Workforce Well-being, Safety, & Competency (16)	Birkun; Chen; Cicero; Engelen; Fatai; Garner; Hill; Jarman; Khoshnood; Lavabre; Lindekilde; Veigl; Vihonen; Viking; Wampler	Covers the non-clinical health of the EMS workforce: studies on burnout, coping strategies, and job stress related to vulnerable patient exposure, effectiveness of specialized training models (e.g., SISU, RoadRes-Q), and mitigation of workplace violence .	Prehospital Practitioners – Professional Development
5. Trauma and Critical Care Transport Logistics (8)	Ateek; Breyre; Fritz; Larson; Lindsay; Ljungqvist; Lyng; Maloney	Research dedicated to high-acuity, specialized care delivery, focusing on HEMS outcomes , implementation of novel trauma-specific interventions (prehospital plasma/blood products, hypocalcemia correction), and logistical efficiency, especially patient hand-off/offload time.	HEMS and Air Medical; On-Scene Interventions

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