

National Consensus Conference on Community Paramedicine



Panel 3: Medical Direction / Regulation

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- *Drew Werner, MD, Medical Director, Western Eagle County Health Services District Community Paramedic Program, Eagle, CO*
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Legislation

❁ 2011: S.F. 119

- Created CP certification
 - Must have 2 years of experience as a Paramedic
 - Must complete CP course through an accredited college or university
 - Must practice under supervision of an ambulance service medical director
- Directed State DHS to develop services to be covered by Medicaid
 - Stakeholder process in Fall of 2011

Legislation, cont.

❁ 2012: S.F. 1543

- Based on work of stakeholder process
- Authorized coverage in Medicaid for:
 - » health assessment
 - » chronic disease monitoring and education
 - » medication compliance
 - » immunizations and vaccinations
 - » laboratory specimen collection
 - » hospital discharge follow-up care
 - » minor medical procedures, as approved by the Medical Director

Supervision and Coordination

- CP's must work under the supervision of an Ambulance Service Medical Director
 - The Medical Director will bill Medicaid on behalf of CP
- To bill Medicaid, the Medical Director must have an order from the patient's primary care provider
 - Must be maintained in the patient's record

Process for Medicaid coverage

❁ Every state has a Medicaid State Plan

- A contract of all services covered by Medicaid in that state
- Negotiated between CMS and the state Medicaid agency
- Services are authorized by states, approved by CMS
- State submits a State Plan Amendment
- CMS has 3 months to respond
 - If CMS approves, the state can implement immediately
 - If CMS has questions, another 3 month clock is started

❁ With new professions, CMS usually concerned about

- Cost
- Potential duplication of services
- Supervision
- Definitions of services

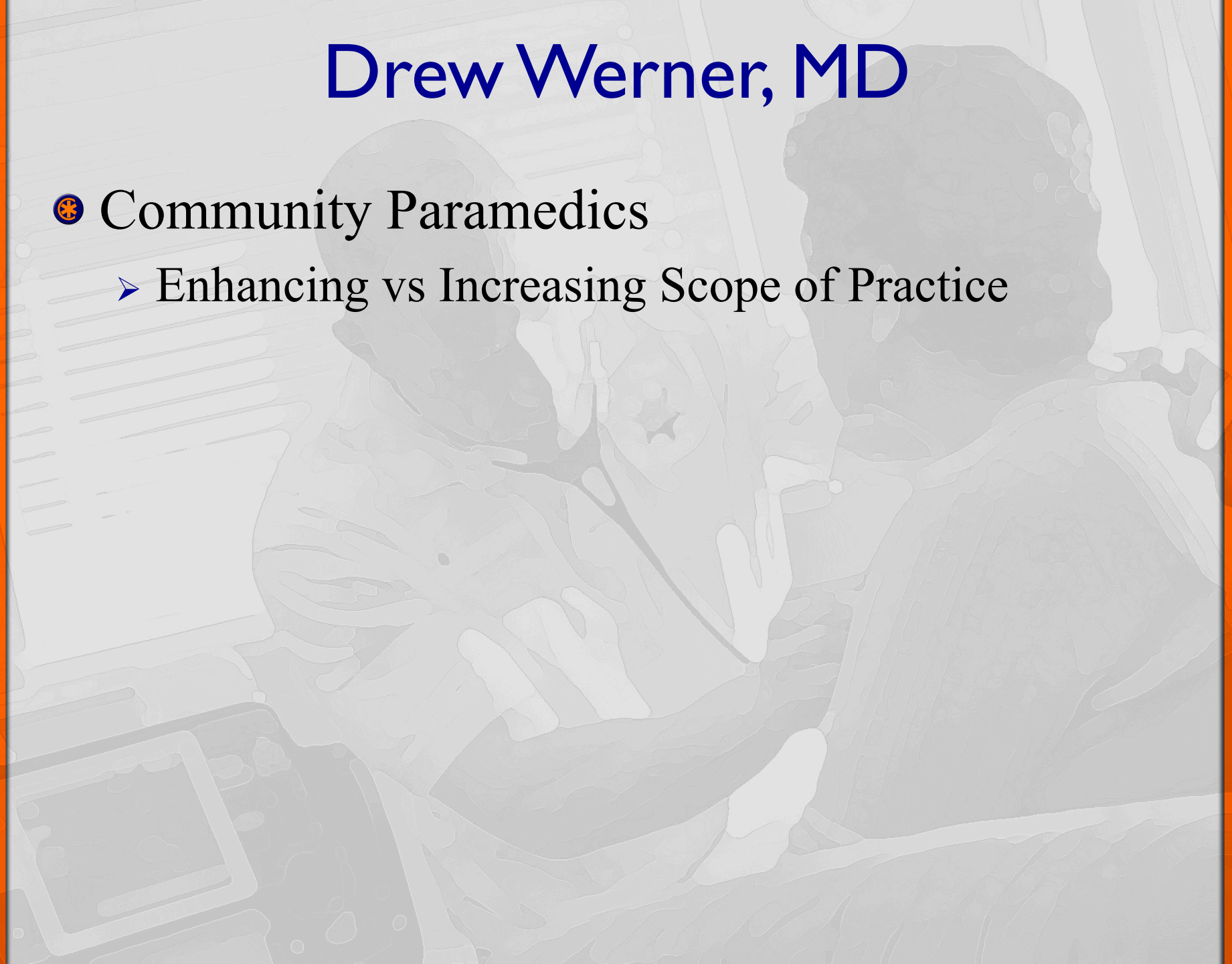
Status of CP Expansion in MN

- State Plan Amendment submitted August 11
 - State working on implementation
- Latest State “Flex” grant currently underway
- Interested providers are already building CP’s into their HER systems
- More CP courses are in development
- Rural stakeholders showing increased interest

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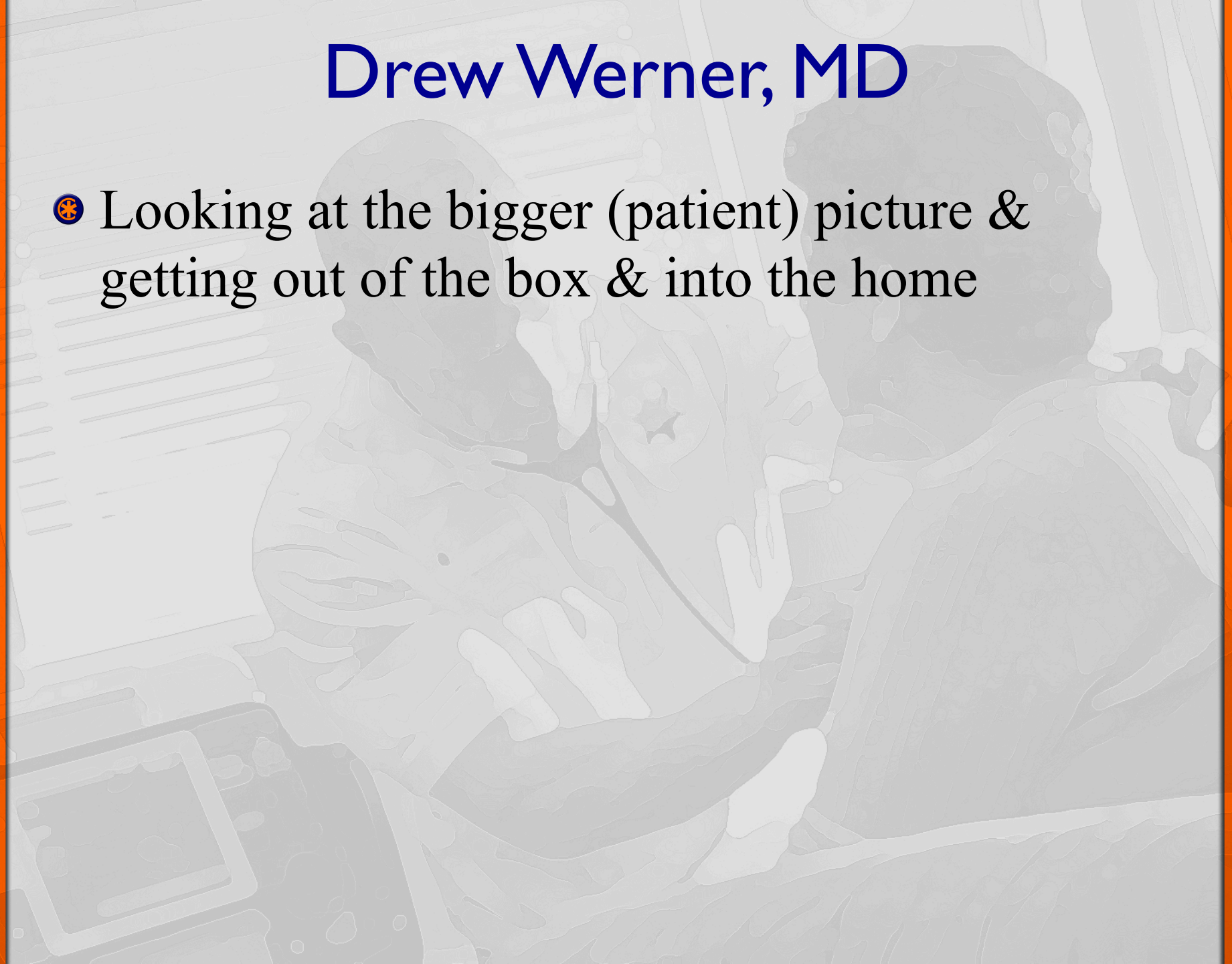
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- Enhancing vs Increasing Scope of Practice



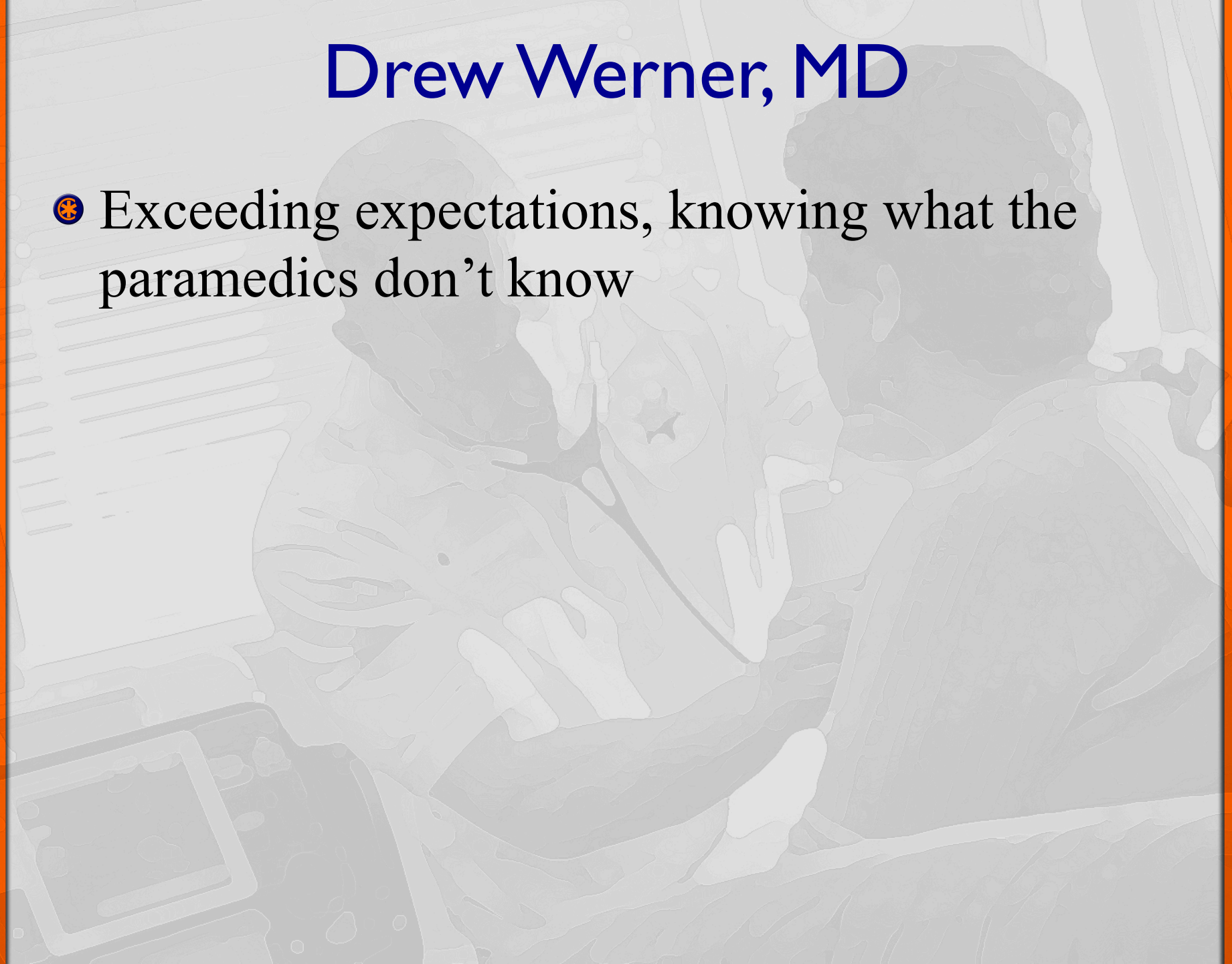
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- 🚑 Looking at the bigger (patient) picture & getting out of the box & into the home



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- ❖ Exceeding expectations, knowing what the paramedics don't know



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- ❖ Meeting your Community's needs



Discussion

- Best Practices and Models
- Discussion of Gaps
- Research Questions and Activities
- Action Plan for National Agenda (Who, What, When, Where?)