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Garza A, Gratton M, McElroy J, Lindholm D, Glass E. The Association of Dispatch Prioritization and Patient Acuity. *Prehosp Emerg Care*. 2008;12(1):24-29.

### Books:

Schwartz GR, Safar P, Stone JH, et al, eds. Principles and Practice of Emergency Medicine. 2nd ed. Philadelphia, PA, USA: WB Saunders Co.; 1985:1198-1202.

### Chapters:

Structure and Function of Priority Dispatch; Understanding Determinant Terminology. In: Clawson JJ, Dernocoeur K, Murray C, eds, Principles of Emergency Medical Dispatch. 5th ed. Salt Lake City, UT, USA: Priority Press; 2014:3.25.

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World Health Organization. World Health Statistics 2011. [http://www.who.int/gho/publications/world\\_health\\_statistics/EN\\_WHS2011\\_Full.pdf](http://www.who.int/gho/publications/world_health_statistics/EN_WHS2011_Full.pdf). Published 2011. Accessed February 6, 2012.

### Manuals, Courses, Protocols:

The International Academies of Emergency Dispatch. Fire Priority Dispatch System: v 5.0; 2009 release. Salt Lake City, UT: Priority Dispatch Corp.

Wheeler S, Ness S.M. (2014). Telephone Triage: Roles, Tools, and Rules. [http://www.nursingceu.com/courses/465/index\\_nceu.html](http://www.nursingceu.com/courses/465/index_nceu.html). Accessed 02/20/2015.

### Websites:

The importance of behavior in cancer prevention and early detection. American Cancer Society Web site. <http://www.cancer.org/Research/ResearchProgramsFunding/BehavioralResearchCenter/TheImportanceofBehaviorinCancerPreventionandEarlyDetection/the-importance-of-behavior-in-cancer-prevention-and-early-detection>. Accessed January 1, 2012.

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