

What is the EMS Star of Life all about?

The EMS Star of Life is adapted from the personal Medical Identification Symbol of the American Medical Association. Each bar on the Star of Life represents one of the six EMS Functions:

1. Detection
2. Reporting
3. Response



4. On-Scene Care
5. Care in Transit
6. Transfer to Definitive Care

The Serpent and Staff represent the staff of Asclepius, an ancient Greek Physician deified as the god of medicine. Overall, the staff represents medicine and healing, with the skin-shedding serpent symbolizing renewal.