

DEC. 1980 VOL. 5 NO. 10

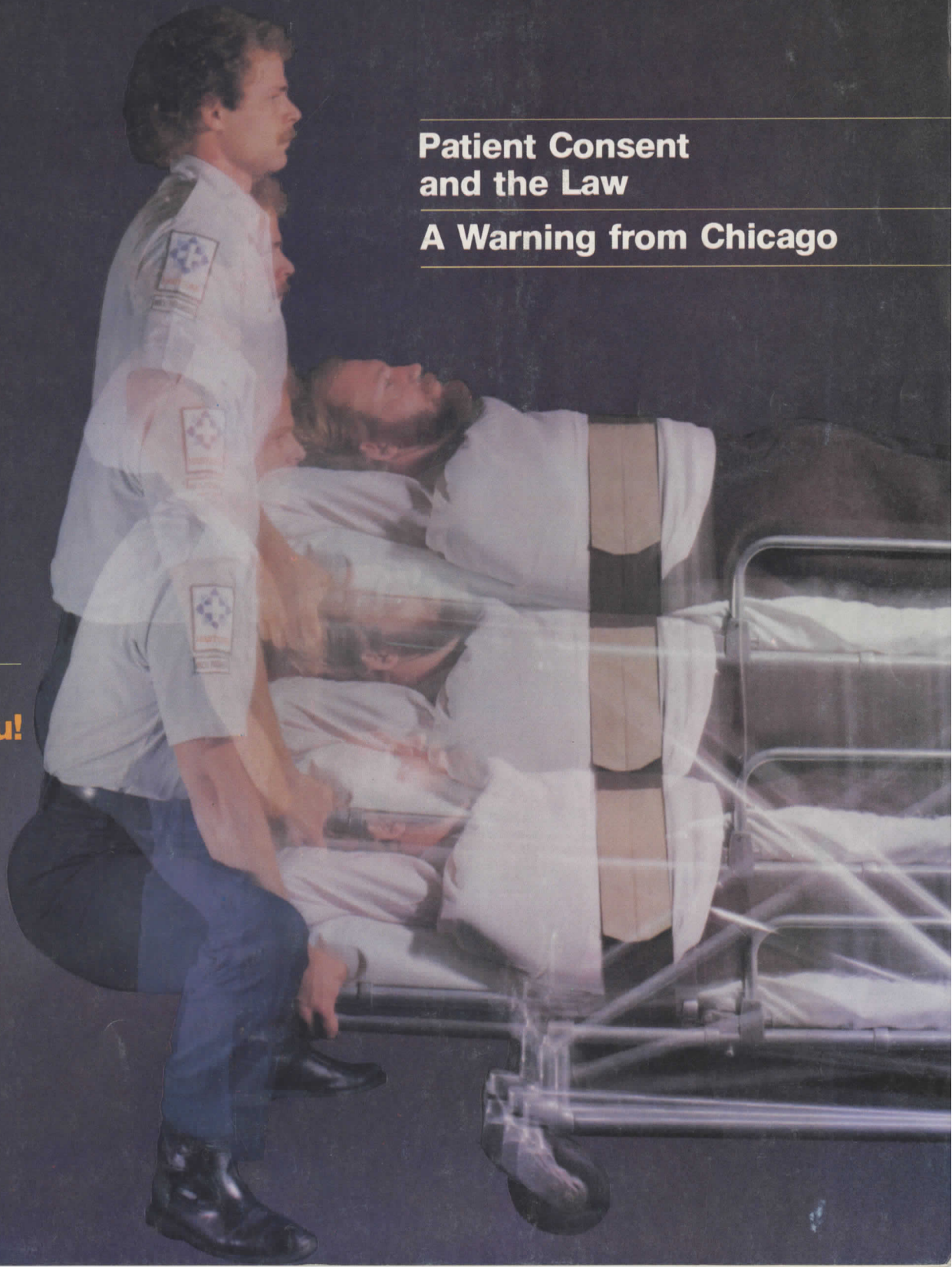
jems

A JOURNAL OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Patient Consent and the Law

A Warning from Chicago

**Look Out
Behind You!
How to
Protect
Your Back**



James O. Page
Publisher and Editor-in-Chief

Keith Griffiths
Managing Editor

Betty Scalice
Associate Editor

Jan Schwettman
Contributing Editor

Thom Dick
Contributing Editor

Jane Ann Seymour
Assistant to the Publisher

Mary Jane Preiser
Advertising Coordinator

Bobl Dorward
Circulation Manager

David Boe
Design Consultant

The Art Depot
Production

Joan Whitcombe
Graphic Artist

Executive and Advertising Offices

P.O. Box 152
Morristown, NJ 07960
201/766-7937

Editorial Offices

P.O. Box 1026
Solana Beach, CA 92075
714/942-5148

jems, A Journal of Emergency Medical Services, is published monthly by Jems Publishing Co., P.O. Box 152, Morristown, NJ 07960.

Subscription Information: Send \$12.40 for one year (12 issues), \$22.00 for two years (24 issues), or \$30.00 for three years (36 issues) to P.O. Box 152-M, Morristown, NJ 07960. Add \$10.00 per year for mailings outside the U.S. and Canada. Add \$4.00 per year for Canadian mailings. Financial or other discounts, services or inducements may be offered periodically to encourage subscriptions or resubscriptions. Change of address notices should include both old and new addresses and zip codes. CANADA — *jems* is distributed in Canada by Emergency Care Ontario, P.O. Box 604, Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 6V5; (416) 357-4825.

Advertising Information: Rates are available upon request. Contact Mary Jane Preiser, advertising coordinator, at 201/766-7937; P.O. Box 152, Morristown, NJ 07960.

Editorial Information: Manuscripts, letters and queries should be directed to Keith Griffiths, managing editor, P.O. Box 1026, Solana Beach, CA 92075; 714/942-5148.

Copyright 1980 Jems Publishing Co., Inc. No material can be reproduced without the express permission of the publisher; ISSN 0197-2510. Controlled circulation postage paid at San Fernando, California.

Postmaster—Return Form 3579 to P.O. Box 152, Morristown, NJ 07960.

Cover photo by Ed Kessler

CONTENTS

VOL. 5 NO. 10
DECEMBER 1980

FEATURES

- 20 Look Out Behind You!**
A pictorial demonstration of how to protect yourself from back injuries—*by Thom Dick*
- 28 A Warning From Chicago**
A paramedic is beaten while on duty, and finds his troubles have just begun—*by Betty Scalice*
- 33 Patient Consent and the Law
Part 1: General Principles**
A paramedic-trained attorney takes a realistic look at the principles and problems of patient consent in this first of a two-part article—*by R. Jack Ayres, Jr.*
- 36 Standardized Skills Testing**
California Emergency Care is a non-profit organization making strides with a new competency-based testing procedure—*staff report*

DEPARTMENTS

- 4 Letters**
- 5 Editorial**
- 6 Inside EMS**
- 6 Washington Report** *by Jim Malone*
- 7 Nuggets** *by Jan Schwettman*
- 9 Around The Nation** *by Betty Scalice*
- 15 Calendar**
- 16 Tricks of the Trade** *by Thom Dick—Pediatric IVs*
- 18 EMS Workshop—Miscellaneous Resources**
- 40 Index to Advertisers**
- 41 New Product Guide**
- 42 Clinical Review** *by Michael Antoline—Dysrhythmia Recognition*
- 46 The Publisher's Page—EMS Graffiti**