All around the world, acutely ill and injured people seek care every day. Frontline providers manage children and adults with injuries and infections, heart attacks and strokes, asthma and acute complications of pregnancy. An integrated approach to early recognition and management saves lives. This visual summary illustrates the essential functions of a responsive emergency care system, and the key human resources, equipment, and information technologies needed to execute them.

- **BYSTANDER RESPONSE**
- **DISPATCH**
- **PROVIDER RESPONSE**
- **RECEPTION**
- **EMERGENCY UNIT CARE**
- **DISPOSITION**
- **EARLY INPATIENT CARE**
- **PATIENT TRANSPORT**
- **TRANSPORT CARE**

[Diagram of emergency care system with icons and labels for each stage of the process.]