

# Welcome to the Joint National EMS Leadership Forum



June 26, 2012  
Washington, DC

# JNEMSLF AGENDA

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- Agenda Review/Additions
- Drug shortages and NEMSIS: progress and next steps
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The mission of the **Joint National Emergency Medical Services Leadership Forum** (JNEMSLF) is to facilitate a shared vision, collaboration, and unity in purpose to improve emergency medical services and conditions that affect emergency medical services throughout the country.

It is the vision of the **JNEMSLF** that timely, stable and accountable local and regional emergency medical services systems with the capacity and performance to ensure optimal patient outcomes must be available throughout the United States. The **JNEMSLF** will achieve this vision through:

- Maintaining contemporary and mutual awareness of the priorities, challenges, and accomplishments of national associations with a leadership role in emergency medical services systems in the United States
- Fostering an environment of trust and information exchange among and between national EMS associations and partners in the executive branch of the federal government
- Identifying matters of mutual importance and developing consensus-based positions for emergency medical services stakeholders and partners at the all levels – local through federal
- Serving as a collective voice for interactions with federal and national organizations when a multi-association, multidisciplinary educational approach is of benefit to all stakeholders

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# Drug shortages: Next steps

- Requested that NCEMSI add “indicated-drug-not-available?”
- Consider promoting EVENT use for indicated-drug-not-available patient care encounters
- JNEMSLF all-assn letterhead to GAO re FDA 4 weeks post PDUFA enactment
- Dave Finger NVFC to lead

# Drug shortages: Next steps

## Letter Content Areas

- “Physicians” includes “EMS Medical Directors”
- “Providers” includes “EMS agencies”
- How are they mitigating, and how well is that working, impediments to mitigation
- Exp dates - inability for medical directors or states to authorize use
- Potency and toxicity?
- Define the problem at local, system, and state level (including escalating prices and compounding)
- Effect of changing formulations/substitute drugs is a patient and provider safety issue
- Unique nature of EMS care and the time urgency
- Liability

# NEMESIS: progress and next steps

- Conference call
- Social Marketing
- Power of messages from national associations
- Value of peer-to-peer presentations (e.g., NAEMSP in January)
- Outreach to NEMESIS TAC
- HL7 is only step 1, interface of EMS data with EHRs, but this has not received a lot of attention
- If JNEMSLF feels EMS integration in the EHIE is important, communication of this would be helpful to US HHS—there are a lot of issues that haven't been thought through
- Consider bidirectional information flow and incentives



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# Burning Platforms 3/12

- Issue identification about the “business of EMS”
- Medical Safety Countermeasures
- Financing EMS
- Safety, Culture of Safety
- Innovation-CMS Challenge Grant
- Definition of EMS
- Declaration that EMS is an essential function
- Drug shortages
- Enhancing NEMESIS & other system and patient data
- Research and scholarly development
- D Block
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# Burning Platforms 6/12

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- MedPAC & the criticality of making add ons permanent
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- D Block and FirstNet Governance
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- Leadership and “Statesmanship”
- Local EMS agency manpower & workforce issues

# Action Items

- All association letter to GAO
- Permanizing Medicare addons
- CMS Letter (to Tavenner)
- Consortium of EMS Leadership Organizations  
“CELO”?

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# JNEMSLF 2012-2013 Meeting Schedule

- TBD- October 29-31, November 1-2 @ EMS World
- TBD- December 2012 @ FICEMS/NEMSAC
- TBD- March 2103 @ EMS Today
- TBD- June 2013 @ FICEMS/NEMSAC