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David Newton has been a nationally registered paramedic for nearly 20 years, and has worked in both hospital and prehospital settings. He taught in EMS initial education programs for over 14 years, and in July of 2017 became the Cardiac Care Registrar for the Georgia Department of Public Health. David's specific interest is in using an evidence-based approach to advance Georgia's EMS system, from initial education all the way to field providers and their integration with trauma, stroke and cardiac care systems.

He received his Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Georgia in 2009, and he is currently in candidacy for the Doctor of Public Health degree, also at UGA. His dissertation focuses on examining the EMS workforce in Georgia, specifically on those medics who do not work for an EMS agency, their reasons for leaving the profession, and their likelihood of returning.

In 2017, David was awarded Best Oral Presentation and Best Research at the NAEMSE Annual Symposium for his research into the benefits of cardiac patient encounters on paramedic student exam performance.