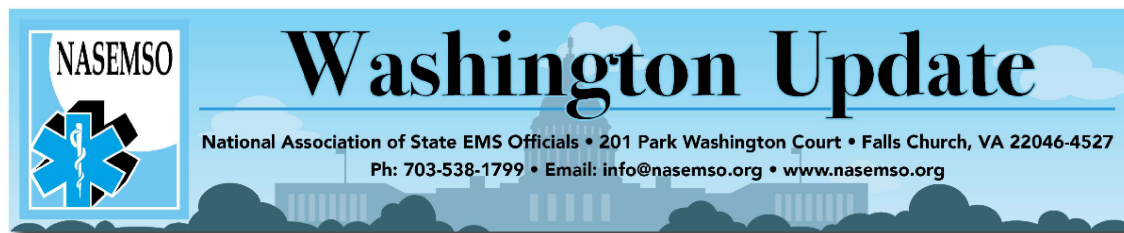


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### **NEW!! Evidence Based Guidelines for Prehospital Pain Management**

NASEMSO is pleased to announce the completion of Evidence Based Guidelines for Prehospital Pain Management. The 18-month project was conducted in collaboration with the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) EMS Committee. The National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) will offer a webinar on the pain management guidelines on March 9, 2022, 1:00 PM ET. Read more & register [here](#). For more detailed information about the methodology, manuscripts were recently published in *Prehospital Emergency Care* at [EBGs for Pain Management: Recommendations](#) and [EBGs for Pain Management: Literature and Methods](#). More information about the project is available at [NASEMSO Prehospital Pain Management EBGs](#).

### **NASEMSO Annual Meeting Registration NOW LIVE!!**

NASEMSO is excited to resume convening in-person for the Annual Meeting in beautiful Charleston, South Carolina, June 19-23, 2022. The heightened learning and camaraderie that result from meeting face-to-face have been sorely missed during the pandemic and will be welcomed by members and other attendees. The NASEMSO Annual Meeting is especially designed for the maximum benefit of its primary members who are key personnel in state offices of EMS. It is also an ideal venue for federal, association, and business partners whose mission relates to emergency medical services, specialty systems of care (trauma, stroke, STEMI, overdose), disaster preparedness and related matters. Schedule at a glance, hotel information, call for abstracts, and meeting registration is now live at <https://nasemso.org/news-events/meetings/>.

### **NASEMSO Endorses “Lights & Siren” Joint Position Statement**

Citing several traffic statistics and resulting crew and patient outcomes, NASEMSO joins partner organizations in supporting several guiding principles intended to advise “lights and siren” protocols to improve ambulance safety. Read more at <https://bit.ly/34E2XSg>.

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## [For The States](#)

### **AMA Offers New State Overdose Toolkit**

The American Medical Association (AMA) has partnered with Manatt Health to produce the “State Toolkit to End the Nation’s Drug Overdose Epidemic” that includes proposals ranging from scrapping prior authorization requirements, to incentivizing positive behavior change, to enforcing parity laws -- the groups highlighted that 28 states have witnessed a 30% increase in overdose deaths in 2020 over the year prior. Read more at [https://end-overdose-epidemic.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/AMA-Manatt-Health-Toolkit-Resources-January-2022\\_f\\_FOR-WEB-FINAL.pdf](https://end-overdose-epidemic.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/AMA-Manatt-Health-Toolkit-Resources-January-2022_f_FOR-WEB-FINAL.pdf).

### **Notice of NTIA IIJA Broadband Grant Program Webinars**

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Broadband Infrastructure Program; and the Digital Equity Act Programs, which include the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program, State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program, and Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program. These pre-NOFO technical assistance webinars are designed to help prospective applicants understand NTIA's IJA broadband grant programs and to assist applicants to prepare high quality grant applications. Read more at <https://ntia.gov/federal-register-notice/2022/notice-ntia-ija-broadband-grant-program-webinars>.

## New NHTSA Research Supports .05 BAC Limits

A new National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) study validates a previous National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recommendation that lowering the blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit from .08 to .05 will save lives and increase road safety. Read the press release and access the report at <https://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/NR20220211.aspx>.

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### Recruitment of FirstNet Authority Board Members

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) issues this Notice to initiate the annual process to seek expressions of interest from individuals who would like to serve on the Board of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority Board or Board). The term of one of the 12 non-permanent members to the FirstNet Authority Board will be available for appointment or reappointment in 2022. To be considered for the calendar year 2022 appointment, expressions of interest must be electronically transmitted on or before March 14, 2022. Read more [here](#).

### NTIA Receives More than 550 Comments on Broadband Programs in BIL

Earlier this year, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) issued a Request for Comment (RFC) on a wide range of policy and program considerations associated with new broadband grant programs authorized and funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL.) The RFC period was open from January 10, 2022, to February 4, 2022. NTIA welcomed input from all interested parties, conducted extensive stakeholder outreach, and received comments reflecting a diverse range of backgrounds and stakeholder groups. NTIA received 557 written comments, which are available for public view at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) by searching Docket ID NTIA-2021-0002.

### FCC Publishes Final Rule on ACP

The Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) adopts final rules for the Affordable Connectivity Program, established by Congress in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Infrastructure Act). The Affordable Connectivity Program is designed to make broadband service and connected devices available to eligible low-income households at affordable, discounted prices from providers that opt to participate in the program. The rules adopted in the Report and Order address, inter alia, the eligibility criteria for broadband service providers that opt to participate in the program, eligibility criteria for households that seek benefits, the types of broadband services and connected devices that will be covered, the amounts of reimbursements available to providers, claims procedures, consumer protection requirements, and reporting, auditing, enforcement, and related matters. Read more [here](#).

## [Data](#)

### Free CE Credit Course by the NEMESIS TAC and Prodigy EMS

national standard in prehospital patient care data collection. Registering a free account with Prodigy is required to access the course. <https://frontend.prodigyems.com/class/9DF13D48-42C1-4FA8-91EB-EF1CD03790FA?tab=overview>

## NEMSIS Annual Meeting 2022

Save the Date: August 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

The NEMSIS v3 Implementation Annual Meetings bring together the many voices of EMS data. This group includes State/Territory Offices of EMS, EMS Software Vendors, NHTSA's Office of EMS, and other National EMS partners. By facilitating critical conversations and open discussion, this gathering helps to ensure that the collection and utilization of EMS data meets the rapidly evolving needs of EMS service and care. When they are available, registration and list of topics will be posted on the NEMSIS website.

## Health and Medical Preparedness

### NFA Announces Resident Course Vacancies

Applications are being accepted for the National Fire Academy (NFA) resident course deliveries with vacancies, including the EMS Program, for courses scheduled through September 2022. Resident courses are held on the NETC Campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland. [Review the complete list](#) and [apply](#) today!

### NASEM: New Report on Inhalation Hazards

For decades, the nation's systems for ensuring respiratory protection have been focused on a small subset of the U.S. population—those workers who are exposed to inhalation hazards as an intrinsic consequence of their jobs and for whom respiratory protection programs are required by law. However, threats from such inhalation hazards as COVID-19 and wildfire smoke extend far beyond this group of workers, with the potential to impact every person in the United States and Americans abroad. This new report, from the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), outlines recommendations to improve respiratory protection practices and systems to better prepare the nation for future airborne threats. Access *Frameworks for Protecting Workers and the Public from Inhalation Hazards* via <https://www.nap.edu/catalog/26372/frameworks-for-protecting-workers-and-the-public-from-inhalation-hazards>.

### FEMA Seeks Public Input on EOC Guide

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is seeking public feedback on an updated Emergency Operations Center (EOC) How-to Quick Reference Guide. The 30-day national engagement period is now open and will conclude at 5 p.m. ET March 10. The [EOC How-to Quick Reference Guide](#) is a collection of guidance and best practices, which will contribute to developing an EOC that can successfully meet the jurisdiction's needs. The updates include considerations for virtual and hybrid working environments. Read more at <https://www.fema.gov/event/fema-seeks-public-feedback-emergency-operation-center-how-guide>.

### FEMA Recruits the Next Generation of Emergency Managers

FEMA is accepting applications for the Youth Preparedness Council. All applications are due no later than midnight on March 6. If you know a teen interested in preparedness and community service, encourage them [to apply](#). Help us spread the word about this year's Youth Preparedness Council by using #YPC2022 on social media when sharing this news. To learn more about the Youth Preparedness Council, visit [Youth Preparedness Council | Ready.gov](#).

### FEMA Seeks New Members for National Advisory Council

FEMA is seeking qualified individuals to lend their expertise and serve on the agency's National Advisory Council. The National Advisory Council includes a geographically diverse and substantive cross-section of 35 members who advise the FEMA Administrator on all aspects of emergency management, ensuring input from and coordination with state, local, tribal and territorial governments as well as the private and nonprofit sectors. For more information about what each position entails, please see the [council's charter](#). Individuals appointed to the council bring their experience and diversity of views to provide the administrator consensus recommendations on a broad range of issues. If

## Wildfire Crisis Strategy Announced

The U.S. Forest Service has launched a robust, 10-year strategy to squarely address the wildfire crisis in the places where it poses the most immediate threats to communities. The strategy, called “Confronting the Wildfire Crisis: A Strategy for Protecting Communities and Improving Resilience in America’s Forests,” combines a historic investment of congressional funding with years of scientific research and planning into a national effort that will dramatically increase the scale of forest health treatments over the next decade. The Forest Service will work with other federal agencies, including the Department of the Interior, and with Tribes, states, local communities, private landowners, and other partners to focus fuels and forest health treatments more strategically and at the scale of the problem, based on the best available science. Read more at <https://www.route-fifty.com/public-safety/2022/01/feds-unveil-new-10-year-plan-confront-wildfires/360861/> and download the plan at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/Confronting-Wildfire-Crisis.pdf>.

## HHS Issues New Civil Rights Guidance for Disabled Persons During PHE

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently issued guidance to health care providers on civil rights protections for people with disabilities. The guidance by HHS’ Office for Civil Rights makes clear that in light of the continuing public health emergency, when resources can be scarce, it is vital that individuals with disabilities are not prevented from receiving needed health care benefits and services as this violates federal civil rights laws. HHS clarified that federal civil rights laws apply to health care providers, including those administering COVID-19 testing, medical supplies, and medication. These rules also apply to entities providing hospitalization, long-term care, intensive treatments, and critical care, such as oxygen therapy and mechanical ventilators. Additionally, federal civil rights laws apply to state Crisis Standard of Care plans, procedures, and related standards for triaging scarce resources that hospitals are required to follow. The FAQs remind health care providers of their obligations under law and provide examples of applicability. Read more at <https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-providers/civil-rights-covid-19/disability-faqs/index.html>.

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## Pediatric Emergency Care

### FDA Warns of Strangulation Risk

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning health care providers, parents and caregivers that there is a risk of strangulation in children who receive enteral feeding. The feeding set tubing can become wrapped around a child’s neck and cause strangulation or death. The FDA has received reports of two toddlers who died after being strangled by the tubing. This safety communication provides:

- Recommendations for parents and caregivers of children who receive enteral feeding.
- Recommendations for health care providers.
- Background on the issue and the FDA’s actions to address the issue.
- Instructions for reporting problems with enteral feeding tube delivery sets to the FDA.

Read more at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/safety-communications/potential-risk-strangulation-children-who-use-enteral-feeding-delivery-sets>.

## HHS Launches Pediatric Advisory Committee

A public/virtual meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters (NACCD) was held on February 17. The new advisory committee was sworn in along with the presentation and discussion of challenges, opportunities, and priorities for national public health and medical preparedness, response and recovery, specific to the needs of children and their families in disasters. Meeting materials will be made available to the public on the [NACCD webpage](#).

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## Rural

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## Care Conference 2022

We're going virtual! The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, the National Association of State EMS Officials, and the Joint Committee on Rural Emergency Care invite you to join them on April 19-21, 2022 for the 7th Annual National Virtual Rural EMS & Care Conference. This conference is the only meeting of its kind for all rural EMS stakeholders: rural ambulance services, rural EMS directors, medical directors and officers, rural healthcare providers, ambulatory agencies and staff, state EMS officials, state rural health officials, hospital administrators, federal agency officials, and State Offices of Rural Health. Please visit the [EMS Conference Web Page](#) for additional details about the conference and to view the draft agenda.

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## Trauma

### New NASEM Report on TBI

Traumatic Brain Injury: A Roadmap for Accelerating Progress examines the current landscape of basic, translational, and clinical TBI research and identifies gaps and opportunities to accelerate research progress and improve care with a focus on the biological, psychological, sociological, and ecological impacts. This new evidence based report from the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) calls not merely for improvement, but for a transformation of attitudes, understanding, investments, and care systems for TBI. According to the report, "The labels of "mild," "moderate," and "severe" to classify traumatic brain injury (TBI) are outdated, imprecise, and do not effectively serve patients, clinicians, or payers." Read more (and download the free pdf version) at <https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25394/traumatic-brain-injury-a-roadmap-for-accelerating-progress>.

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## Federal News

### CDC Updates CPG on Opioids Rx; Requests Public Comment

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the opening of a docket to obtain comment on the proposed clinical practice guideline, CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids—United States, 2022 (the clinical practice guideline). The clinical practice guideline updates and expands the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain—United States, 2016, and provides evidence-based recommendations for clinicians who provide pain care, including those prescribing opioids, for outpatients age 18 years and older with acute pain (duration less than 1 month), subacute pain (duration of 1-3 months), or chronic pain (duration of 3 months or more), not including sickle cell disease-related pain management, cancer pain treatment, palliative care, and end-of-life care. Public comments are invited but must be received on or before April 11, 2022. Read more at <https://www.cdc.gov/opioids/guideline-update/index.html>.

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## Industry News

### NEMSMS Accepting Nominations for Remembrance Ceremonies

The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride (NEMSMBR), the National EMS Memorial Foundation (NEMSFM) and the National EMS Memorial Service (NEMSMS) have announced the dates for the National EMS Memorial Service and Weekend of Honor for the next two years.

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of duty from the previous year. Submission criteria and to submit a provider for consideration can be found in the following links:

- [national-ems-memorial honoree nomination](#)
- [national-ems-memorial recognition-criteria](#)

## NEJM Reflects Trends in Emergency Medicine

The New England Journal of Medicine “Catalysts” series recently added global data when it updated its Insights Report entitled “The Hardest Time in the History of Emergency Medicine.” Capacity issues, overcrowding, boarding of patients, and staffing shortages are identified as the biggest problems facing emergency departments, exacerbated by the global pandemic and increased patient demands leading to profound clinician burnout. Conversely, a much lower percentage indicate problems with patients with non-acute issues seeking care in the ED, lack of adequate inpatient and outpatient mental health services for patient referrals, and lack of adequate community-based social services resources for patient referrals. Download the free report at <https://catalyst.nejm.org/doi/pdf/10.1056/CAT.22.0009>.

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## Interesting Reading

**PANDEM Guidelines for Infants and Children.** The 2022 SCCM Clinical Practice Guidelines on Prevention and Management of Pain, Agitation, Neuromuscular Blockade, and Delirium in Critically Ill Pediatric Patients With Consideration of the ICU Environment and Early Mobility (PANDEM), published in the February 2022 issue of SCCM's *Pediatric Critical Care Medicine* journal. Citation: *Ped Crit Care Med* 2022 Feb;23(2):e74-e110 available [here](#).

New Commentary in Journal of General Internal Medicine: **The abrupt expansion of ambulatory telemedicine: implications for patient safety.** Read more at <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11606-021-07329-9>.

**Acceleration of opioid-related EMS runs in the spring of 2020: The National Emergency Medical Services Information System data for 2018–2020**

Researchers used NEMSIS data to conduct a temporal analysis examining US national trends of nonfatal opioid overdose in 2020 in comparison to pre-COVID years 2018–2019. In 2020, opioid-related runs increased in January-June, with a pronounced acceleration in March, which coincided with stay-at-home orders. In both 2018 and 2019, opioid-related runs increased in January-August without a spring acceleration. The acceleration of opioid-related EMS runs during the stay-at-home period of 2020 suggests that EMS data may serve as an early warning system for local health jurisdictions to deploy harm reduction/prevention resources. Read the study here: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2022.109271>

**Estimated Population Access to Acute Stroke and Telestroke Centers in the US, 2019.** “The proportion of the US population within 60 minutes of an ED in a stroke center was 91%.”

An open-access article provided by the JAMA Network at <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2788932>.

## Calendar

### FEBRUARY

None Listed

### MARCH

American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma Annual Meeting. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! March 9-11, 2022. Seattle, WA. <https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/cotmembers/cot-annual-mtg>

Society of Trauma Nurses Annual Meeting. March 30-April 1, 2022. Las Vegas, NV. <https://www.traumanurses.org/education/traumacon-2022>

### APRIL

[EMS On The Hill Day](#). April 5-6, 2022, Arlington, VA

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Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference. April 11-13, 2022. Orange Beach AL. <https://cctmc.net>

National Virtual Rural EMS & Care Conference 2022. April 19-21, 2022 <https://nosorh.org/ems/>

American Academy of Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting. April 23-27, 2022. Baltimore, MD. <https://www.aaem.org/aaem22>

JEMS Conference & Expo. April 25-30, 2022. Indianapolis, IN. <https://www.jemscon.com/>

Injury Prevention Professionals Symposium. April 29, 2022. VIRTUAL. <https://www.amtrauma.org>

#### MAY

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting. May 10-13, 2022. New Orleans, LA. <https://www.saem.org/meetings-and-events/saem222>

EMS Week. May 15-21, 2022. EMSC Day is May 18.  
<https://www.acep.org/administration/ems-resources/emsweek/>

#### JUNE

Accreditcon. June 1-5, 2022. Louisville, KY. <https://www.accreditcon.org>

National Association of State EMS Officials Annual Meeting. June 19-23, 2022. Charleston, SC. <https://nasemso.org/news-events/meetings/>

NFPA Annual Conference. June 6-9, 2022. Boston, MA. <https://www.nfpa.org/conference/>

#### JULY

Fire Rescue Med. July 12, 2022. VIRTUAL. <https://www.iafc.org/events/frm>

Pinnacle 2022. July 25-29, 2022. Marco Island, FL. <http://pinnacle-ems.com/>

#### AUGUST

National Association of EMS Educators Annual Meeting. August 2-7, 2022. Louisville, KY. [www.naemse.org](http://www.naemse.org)

NEMSIS Annual Meeting 2022. August 21-23, 2022

IAFC Annual Conference. Fire-Rescue International. August 24-26, 2022. San Antonio, TX. [www.iafc.org/fri](http://www.iafc.org/fri)

#### SEPTEMBER

American Ambulance Association Annual Meeting. September 18 - 20, 2022. Nashville, TN. <https://annual.ambulance.org/>

Emergency Nurses Association Annual Meeting. September 30 – October 3, 2022. Denver, CO.. <https://www.ena.org/events/emergency-nursing-2022>

#### OCTOBER

American College of Emergency Physicians Annual Meeting. October 1 - 4, 2022. San Francisco, CA. <https://www.acep.org/sa>

EMS World Expo. October 10-14, 2022. Orlando, FL <http://www.emsworldexpo.com/>

American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress. October 16-20, 2022. San Diego, CA. <https://www.facs.org/clincon2022>

#### NOVEMBER

Elevate 2022 (formerly Air Medical Transport Conference.) October 24 – 26, 2022. Tampa, FL. <https://aams.org/page/Elevate2022>

IAEM EMEX 2022. November 2022. Savannah, GA. [www.iaem.com](http://www.iaem.com)

#### DECEMBER

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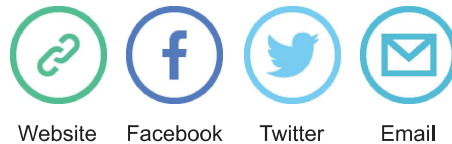
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