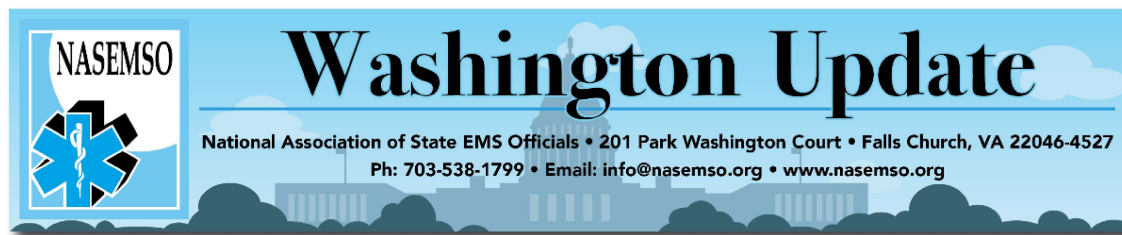


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2022 Edition NASEMSO Model Clinical Guidelines Now Available!

Following an extensive public comment period, Version 3 of NASEMSO's Model EMS Clinical Guidelines is now available! All of the 2017 guidelines have been reviewed and updated, and additional guidelines and new evidence-based guidelines have been added to this edition. While some of the new material has been added as guidelines in the appropriate chapter, other topics have been incorporated into a previously existing guideline. New guidelines have been added to the 2022 edition for the following clinical conditions or scenarios:

- Brief Resolved Unexplained Event (BRUE) & Acute Events in Infants
- Resuscitation in Traumatic Cardiac Arrest
- Tracheostomy Management
- Trauma Mass Casualty Incident

In addition, with the permission and assistance of the American College of Surgeons – Committee on Trauma, we have included the 2022 National Guideline for the Field Triage of Injured Patients as Appendix IX. Download the updated guidelines at https://nasemso.org/wp-content/uploads/National-Model-EMS-Clinical-Guidelines_2022.pdf.

NASEMSO Annual Meeting Registration Is 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/>.

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ARP Guidance Offers Workforce Based Solutions

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, a part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP), delivers \$350 billion to state, local, and Tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. Recipients may use SLFRF funds to:

- Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services up to the amount of revenue lost due to the pandemic
- Respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic, by supporting the health of communities, and helping households, small businesses, impacted industries, nonprofits, and the public sector recover from economic impacts
- Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical sectors
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, to support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand affordable access to broadband internet

Read more at <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds>.

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The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has launched a new [Emergency Medical Services Legislative Database](#) to track enacted state actions on a variety of topics. The easy-to-navigate database currently features 2021 legislation and will be updated regularly with legislation from 2022 sessions and beyond. You can search legislation by year, state, topic, keyword, year, status or primary sponsor. New legislation is added weekly by NCSL staff.

Manufacturer and Distributors Offer States \$26B Opioid Settlement

The three largest U.S. drug distributors and drugmaker Johnson & Johnson have agreed to finalize a proposed \$26 billion settlement resolving claims by states and local governments that they helped fuel the U.S. opioid epidemic. The deal aims to resolve around 3,000 lawsuits by state and local governments seeking to hold the companies responsible for an opioid abuse crisis that has led to hundreds of thousands of overdose deaths in the United States over the last two decades. The deal represents the second-largest cash settlement ever, trailing only the \$246 billion tobacco agreement in 1998. Read more at <https://www.reuters.com/legal/litigation/drug-distributors-agree-finalize-opioid-settlement-2022-02-25/>.

2022 HIRE Vets Medallion Award

The Department of Labor's 2022 HIRE Vets Medallion Award information is now available and they encourage organizations to consider applying. This is the only federal-level award that recognizes employers of all sizes for their efforts to recruit, employ, and retain our nation's veterans. Each year, nearly 200,000 transitioning Service Members are instructed in the Transition Assistance Program to seek out HIRE Vets Medallion Award recipients via the interactive map on [HIREVets.gov/Awardees](https://www.hirevets.gov/Awardees). Join the over 1,400 employers who have been recognized as veteran-ready employers who meet the rigorous award criteria – or learn how to meet this meaningful criteria and be recognized down the road. The application deadline is April 30, 2022. Read more at <https://www.hirevets.gov>.

New Study Reveals COVID Impact on Government Workers

A new study presents the results of a November/December 2021 national online survey conducted by MissionSquare Research Institute and Greenwald Research of 1,100 state and local government employees, assessing their views on COVID-19's impact on their job and financial outlook, general concerns about COVID-19 and morale, and general satisfaction with their employer and retention issues. Among the takeaways: 36% are considering leaving their positions, 33% are considering retirement, and 28% are considering leaving the workforce entirely. Read more at <https://slge.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/public-workforce-and-covid-march2022.pdf>.

IE Retirement Affects Some Government Systems

Microsoft has announced that Internet Explorer (IE) will be retiring on June 15, 2022. E-Verify, a web-based system that allows enrolled employers to confirm the eligibility of their employees to work in the United States, has announced exclusion of the web browser after April 30, 2022. E-Verify employers verify the identity and employment eligibility of newly hired employees by electronically matching information provided by employees on the Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, against records available to the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In addition, the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) will no longer be able to support electronic handbooks (EHB) compatibility with the IE browser after June 2022. Going forward, other freely available browser such as Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Mozilla Firefox are recommended.

988 Implementation Act Hopes to Add State Implementation Funds

On Thursday, March 17, 2022, Congressman Tony Cárdenas (D-CA) led the introduction of the 988 Implementation Act with Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA), Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Congressman Seth Moulton (D-MA), Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (D-CA), Congressman Don Beyer (D-VA) and Congressman Jamie Raskin (D-MD). The transformative, comprehensive legislation will change our crisis response to mental health emergencies. The 988 Implementation Act will provide federal funding and guidance for states to implement their crisis response infrastructure ahead of the July launch of the new national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline, 988. Read: <https://cardenas.house.gov/imo/media/doc/988%20Implementation%20Act%20Packet.pdf>.

MD Ends 4 Year Degree Requirement for Some State Jobs

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There are more than 300 currently open state government jobs that no longer require a four-year degree, all of which are now listed on [“Stellarworx.”](#) Opportunity@Work’s innovative STARs talent marketplace. Read more at <https://governor.maryland.gov/2022/03/15/governor-hogan-announces-elimination-of-four-year-degree-requirement-for-thousands-of-state-jobs/>.

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Proposed Legislation to Make FirstNet Permanent

Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher (TX-07) and Congresswoman Val Demings (FL-10) have introduced *H.R. 6768*, the *FirstNet Reauthorization Act*, to promote public safety by ensuring first responders can communicate with each other in times of crisis. Established in response to the first responder communication problems that occurred during 9/11, the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) is a public-private partnership to build and operate a nationwide public safety broadband network. The original legislation that created FirstNet included a sunset provision to terminate the program 15 years after its enactment. On the 10-year anniversary of its enactment, this bill reauthorizes FirstNet by striking the original sunset provision and making FirstNet permanent. Read more at [here](#).

Contingency Planning for Emergency Communications Funding

Even if budgets are drastically reduced, state, local, tribal and territorial public safety agencies need reliable and interoperable communications to respond effectively when events disrupt normal operations. To help address these critical requirements, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), has published the [Contingency Planning Guide for Emergency Communications Funding PDF](#) in partnership with SAFECOM and the National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators.

[Health and Medical Preparedness](#)

2021 National Preparedness Report Now Available

The 2021 National Preparedness Report (2021 NPR) summarizes progress made, and challenges that remain, in building and sustaining the capabilities needed to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats, hazards, and incidents that pose the greatest risk to the Nation. For this report, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) used the events of 2020 to draw broader conclusions about national risk and capabilities and identified management opportunities to build those capabilities and reduce risk. Read more at https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_2021-national-preparedness-report.pdf.

TFAH Annual “Ready or Not” Report Now Available

As the nation enters its third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, a new report calls for urgent investment to create a public health system able to protect all Americans’ health during emergencies. Released by Trust for America’s Health, [Ready or Not 2022: Protecting the Public’s Health from Diseases, Disasters, and Bioterrorism](#) evaluates states’ performance on 10 key emergency preparedness indicators and identifies gaps in states’ readiness to respond to emergencies. The report includes policy recommendations for strengthening the nation’s health security.

ERDSS Software Update Supports First Responders

The Emergency Response Decision Support System (ERDSS) provides first responders with decision support for hazardous environments contaminated with chemical agents. This software tool, which operates on Windows, Android, and iOS, is provided free-of-charge to the military, law enforcement, and fire departments. Features include:

- Detailed information on thousands of common chemicals and synonyms
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including respirators

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- Identify unknown chemicals using physical properties or exposure symptoms
- Decision Support Tools and more...

For more information go to <https://www.chemicalcompanion.org/index.php/site/index>.

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New NHTSA Rule to Improve Safety for Roadway Users

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has [issued a final rule](#) allowing automakers to install adaptive driving beam headlights on new vehicles. According to NHTSA, this final rule aims to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists by making them more visible at night, and helps prevent crashes by better illuminating animals and objects in and along the road.

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Ambulance Prior Authorization Model Expands April 1

On April 1, the Repetitive, Scheduled Non-Emergent Ambulance Transport Prior Authorization Model will expand to Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Puerto Rico, Wisconsin, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Model has already been implemented in Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Alabama, American Samoa, California, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, Northern Mariana Islands and Tennessee. The remaining states are scheduled for implementation in 2022. Visit the [Prior Authorization of Repetitive, Scheduled Non-Emergent Ambulance Transport](#) webpage for the timeline, updates, and other information.

FDA Issues Draft Guidance on Developing Non-Opioid Pain Management Alternatives

The FDA issued draft guidance for companies developing non-opioid pain management alternatives for acute pain lasting up to 30 days, typically responding to some form of tissue injuries, such as trauma or surgery. Comments on the draft guidance are being accepted through April 11. For more information: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/02/10/2022-02858/development-of-non-opioid-analgesics-for-acute-pain-draft-guidance-for-industry-availability>.

ARHQ Seeks Public Input on Framework for PCOR Investments

A new [Federal Register Notice](#) solicits public input on a draft strategic framework for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) future investments in patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) dissemination and implementation projects. The framework will help guide AHRQ's PCOR investments, long-range planning and the selection and scope of objectives, projects and outcomes. AHRQ's investments, supported by the PCOR Trust Fund, are intended to have the greatest impact on equitable whole-person care across lifespans. Responses to AHRQ's draft framework are sought from healthcare providers, patients, community groups, employers, health services researchers, dissemination and implementation scientists, communications experts, representatives from health systems, and public and private payers. The comment period ends April 19. Access more information about AHRQ's [draft framework](#) and the agency's [PCOR activities](#).

applications due March 25

The Department of Agriculture (USDA), Department of the Interior, and Department of Homeland Security through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are now accepting applications for members to the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission. Applications for membership must be submitted via the [online form](#) by **11:59 p.m. PST, March 25, 2022**. To ensure the process is equitable for all applicants, those who have previously expressed interest in membership must still apply via the online form. For more information visit the [commission website](#) or email wildlandfirecommission@usda.gov.

NIJ School Shooting Open Source Database

Researchers, funded by the National Institute of Justice, have created the first open-source catalog of U.S. school shootings to better understand the causes of school-related gun violence and identify intervention points. Read the final report at <https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/301665.pdf>.

NASEM Addresses Suicide Prevention

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine [Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders](#) will host a 3-part public webinar series, Using Innovative Data Science Approaches to Identify Individuals, Populations, and Communities at High Risk for Suicide. Webinar 1 (April 22, 2022) will focus on current approaches used by social media platforms, technology companies, and researchers to determine suicide risk in individuals and communities. Sessions will:

- Explore current strategies used by technology and social media platforms
- Discuss artificial intelligence/machine learning (AI/ML) algorithms used to identify individuals and populations at high-risk for suicide
- Examine data science techniques and their effectiveness to assess suicide risk
- Discuss the responsibility of AI/ML algorithms in the continuum of care for suicide prevention

Dr. Lorna Breen Healthcare Provider Protection Act Signed into Law

President Biden has signed the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act, a law that will provide federal funding to address behavioral health and well-being among healthcare workers. The law is named for Lorna Breen, MD, a New York City emergency physician who died by suicide April 26, 2020, toward the beginning of the pandemic. Overall, the law provides up to \$135 million over three years for training healthcare providers on suicide prevention and behavioral health, and for awareness efforts to improve mental health among healthcare workers, according to the White House. Read more at <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/workforce/dr-lorna-breen-health-care-provider-protection-act-becomes-law-4-details.html>

AHRQ Issue Brief Focuses on Improving Diagnostic Competencies

Research studies over the past two decades have shown how diagnostic errors can be prevented or mitigated, and these lessons should become part of healthcare professionals' education and training. While individual, professional, contextual, patient, and health system factors make diagnostic error a challenge to address, health professions education is a common experience for all healthcare professionals and is foundational in improving diagnosis. In a new Issue Brief funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), authors provide several recommendations to enhance healthcare professional education. Read more at [here](#).

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NAEMT Recruitment Guide Now Available

In response to the ongoing, critical personnel shortages that our agencies are facing, NAEMT's EMS Workforce Committee has collected some best practices and successful case studies of EMS agency recruitment strategies. Their work has been compiled into a new guide on *Innovative Recruitment Strategies for EMS Agencies*. In this guide you will find:

- [You can download a free copy of the guide here.](#)

NEMSMS Accepting Nominations for Remembrance Ceremonies

The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride (NEMSMBR), the National EMS Memorial Foundation (NEMSMBF) 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. Planning has begun near the nation's capital for the following dates, July 22-24, 2022, and July 21-23, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport, Arlington, VA. The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride will host the special one-day Ride of Honor as part of the Weekend as well. The National EMS Memorial Service recognizes and honors EMS and air medical personnel who have died in the line 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](#)

MedPAC Ambulance Report Delayed in Omnibus Bill

According to the American Ambulance Association (AAA), members of Congress passed language as part of the FY 2022 Omnibus Appropriations Package that would delay the due date of the Medicare Payment Advisory Committee (MedPAC) report analyzing ambulance cost data. The delay in the timing of the MedPAC report was necessary due to CMS postponing the beginning of ambulance cost data collection by two years to account for the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though data collection had been delayed, MedPAC indicated that they were compelled to stick to the statutory deadline of issuing a report – with very little or no new ambulance data – to Congress by March 15, 2023. Read more at <https://ambulance.org/2022/03/11/house-passes-medpac-ambulance-report-delay/>.

Safety Stand Down 2022

Taking place each year during the third full week of June, Safety Stand Down highlights critical safety, health, and survival issues for fire and emergency services personnel. Departments are asked to suspend all non-emergency activities during the week to focus their attention on safety and health education efforts. A week is provided to ensure that all duty shifts can participate. The 2022 Safety Stand Down theme is "Situational Awareness: The Foundation for Good Decision Making." This theme focuses on the importance of situational awareness during response operations to help firefighters solve problems, prevent bad outcomes, and make better decisions in high stress environments. Five daily focus areas will highlight situational awareness during different incident types: structure fires, EMS, wildland incidents, roadway response, and acts of violence. Read more at <https://www.safetystanddown.org>.

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Interesting Reading

Emergency medical services shock index is the most accurate predictor of patient outcomes after blunt torso trauma. Shock index (SI) and delta shock index (Δ SI) predict mortality and blood transfusion in trauma patients. This study aimed to evaluate the predictive ability of SI and Δ SI in a rural environment with prolonged transport times and transfers from critical access hospitals or level IV trauma centers. Read more [here](#).

Non-Validated BP Monitors Are a Global Problem— Thousands of device models don't meet international standards. Automatic blood pressure (BP) monitors that are clinically validated for accuracy turned out to be few and far between in terms of worldwide distribution, despite guideline recommendations that patients use validated models, researchers found. Read at [MedPage Today](#).

Optimizing Outcomes After Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest With Innovative Approaches to Public-Access Defibrillation: A Scientific Statement From the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation. Free access to full article and supplemental materials are available at <https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/suppl/10.1161/CIR.0000000000001013>.

More Work Needed to Restore Trust in the Public Health System, Says AMA President From MedPage Today. Federal and state officials need to do more to restore trust in science and public health, says American Medical Association (AMA) president Gerald Harmon. Harmon listed five actions the AMA was recommending to fix the healthcare system, rebuild trust, and better respond to the next public health emergency:

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- Learn from the process that led to the rapid-scale development of vaccines.
- Continue expanding access to telehealth.
- Address clinician burnout.

Read more at <https://www.medpagetoday.com/publichealthpolicy/healthpolicy/97360>.

Calendar

MARCH

American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma Annual Meeting. 100th 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

American Trauma Society Annual Conference. April 8, 2022. VIRTUAL. <https://www.amtrauma.org>

National EMS Safety Summit. April 6-8, 2022. VIRTUAL. <https://www.milehighretacfoundation.org/safetysummit>

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>

National EMS Memorial Service, July 22-24, 2022. Arlington, VA. <http://www.national-ems-memorial.org>

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

NEMSIS Annual Meeting for August 21-23, 2022 at the Deer Valley Resort in Park City, Utah

IAFC Annual Conference. Fire-Rescue International. August 24-26, 2022. San Antonio, TX. www.iafc.org/fri

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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

DECEMBER

TQIP Annual Conference, December 11-13, 2022. Phoenix, AZ. <https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/tqp/center-programs/tqip/conference>

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