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- 38. FDA Issues Proposed Rule on OTC Hand Sanitizers
- 39. FDA Panel Evaluates New Aneurysm Treatment Devices
- 40. USFA, IAFC Release Report on Safety Culture Change
- 41. New NIOSH Report Recommends All Workplaces Be Tobacco Free (Including ENDS)
- 42. ECMO Catheters Recalled for Potential for Separation of Tube from Hub
- 43. FDA Offers Guidance on Using Data from International Studies
- 44. GAO Considers Use of Electronically Readable Medicare Cards
- 45. New AHRQ YouTube Channel Features Patient Safety Videos
- 46. CDC Making Progress on Winnable Battles
- 47. Did You Miss the Launch of Suicide Safe?
- 48. CDC Reports on Occupational Traumatic Injuries Among Workers in Health Care Facilities

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- 49. Institute of Medicine to Become National Academy of Medicine
- 50. NREMT Introduces New Paramedic Psychomotor Competency Portfolio Exam
- 51. Simulation Use in Paramedic Education Research (SUPER): A Descriptive Study
- 52. Rescue Workers Use Apps to Help Save Lives

INTERESTING READING

- 53. ICUs give life-saving treatment to many patients with 'do not resuscitate' orders

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2. NASEMSO Joins Letters to Support Key Federal Funding
3. Dr. Douglas Kupas Named Among Top EMS Innovators of 2014
4. DHS S&T Shines Spotlight on Dr. Carol Cunningham for Women's History Month

FOR THE STATES

5. Employment Related Background Checks Focus of New GAO Report
6. FEMA to Require States to Incorporate Environment and Climate into Hazard Mitigation Plans
7. AHRQ's National Quality Measures Clearinghouse Now Represents Public Health Quality Aims
8. HHS Announces Proposed Rules for EHR's to Improve Nationwide Interoperability
9. APHA Provides Free Access to Disaster Epidemiology Article

COMMUNICATIONS

10. NTIA Announces Second Phase of Funding for State and Local Implementation Grant Program
11. New Report Addresses Healthcare "Internet of Things"
12. FirstNet Board Approves Release of 2nd Public Notice; Seeks Comments
13. NPSTC Survey Seeks to Study Prehospital Telemedicine

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

14. Patient Identification Technology Introduced At CDP
15. New AHRQ Issue Brief on the Role of Simulation in Preparedness Training
16. FDA Approves Duo-Dote Date Extensions
17. NPG National Engagement Underway
18. Patterns of Emergency Department Use After a Disaster Described by UPMC
19. Webinar: Pediatrics Planning in Disasters
20. 2015 FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Award Application Period Now Open
21. GAO Recommends Improvements to DHS Acquisition Programs
22. Offers Guide to Assist Shelter Planning During a Radiation Emergency

HITS

23. WiFi Expansion Could Threaten V2V Safety Technology
24. Secretary Foxx Sends Six-Year Transportation Bill to Congress

MEDICAL DIRECTION

25. New Guideline Evaluates High Sensitivity Troponin Tests in Ruling Out AMI
26. Rare But Dangerous Drug Interaction Reported

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

27. New AAP Policy Statement Addresses Preferred Dosing of Liquid Meds in Pediatrics
28. EMSC NRC Seeks Applicants for Advisory Council
29. Fifth Annual QI Research Methods Conference Scheduled for April 24

TRAUMA

30. NTAM 2015 Toolkit Now Available
31. Researchers Evaluate Trauma Center Financial Impacts in a Statewide System
32. Trauma Bill Moves to Senate
33. ATS Offers New Course for Injury Prevention Coordinators

FEDERAL PARTNERS

34. NHTSA to Host “EMS Focus” Webinar on Ground Ambulance Crashes
35. NIOSH Science Blog Spotlights Violence in Healthcare
36. AHRQ Seeks Comment on Predictive Validity of GRADE Approach
37. AHRQ Offers Innovations on Reducing Non-Urgent Emergency Services
38. Wakefield Named New Acting Deputy Secretary at HHS
39. HHS to Address Opioid Drug Related Overdose, Death and Dependence
40. GAO Report Addresses Federal Coordination of Drug Shortages
41. FDA Approval Potentially Reduces Number of Childhood Vaccines
42. White House Announces National Action Plan to Combat Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria
43. FDA Issues Non-Binding Recommendations to Prevent Mishaps with Small Bore (Luer) Connectors

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44. Nominations Sought for National EMS Awards of Excellence

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45. Revisiting the “Golden Hour”: An Evaluation of Out-of-Hospital Time in Shock and Traumatic Brain Injury
46. Ultrasonography for confirmation of endotracheal tube placement: A systematic review and meta-analysis
47. Out-of-hospital pediatric airway management in the United States
48. Measuring Quality of Pediatric Care: Where We’ve Been and Where We’re Going
49. High Tidal Volume Decreases Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome, Atelectasis, and Ventilator Days Compared with Low Tidal Volume in Pediatric Burned Patients with Inhalation Injury

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1. NASEMSO Survey on EMS Specialty Certification Strategy Now Available
2. NASEMSO Letter to Nationwide Supports Controversial Super Bowl Ad
3. NASEMSO Comments on Health IT Strategic Plan
4. NASEMSO Endorses EMS Strong Campaign
5. NEW!!! Look up an EMS License!
6. NASEMSO Introduces *Toward Zero Deaths* Efforts to Reduce Highway Fatalities
7. NASEMSO Comments on NFPA Proposal to Develop CP Guide
8. FARB Responds to Supreme Court Decision Regarding State Sovereignty
9. Utilization of the National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Growing!

FOR THE STATES

10. CDC Grand Rounds: Addressing Preparedness Challenges for Children in Public Health Emergencies
11. New Ebola Resources for States from the CDC
12. SCOTUS Blog Provides Insight to King v. Burwell Discussions
13. Revised Immunization Schedules Posted
14. Flowchart Assists Medical Evaluation of Patients with Possible Influenza
15. FEMA Introduces New Data Visualization Tool
16. Federal Grants Provide Assistance to States

COMMUNICATIONS

17. **ONC Releases Interoperability Roadmap**

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

- 18. OCHA Offers Hashtag Standards for Emergencies
- 19. NIOSH NPPTL Webinar Concerning Standard for Performance Requirements of the CUR
- 20. National Health Security Strategy and Implementation Plan Now Available
- 21. Senate HELP Committee Hears PHSR Testimony
- 22. NIH Seeks Comment on Emergency Response Resources
- 23. EMSC-NRC Invites Participation in Upcoming Pediatric Webinar
- 24. Using Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Throughout a Disaster
- 25. Status of Measles Outbreaks in the US
- 26. Emergency Medical Response in Active-Threat Situations: Training Standards for Law Enforcement

HITS

- 27. TRB Webinar: Creative Ways to Consider Funding Future Transportation

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

- 28. PA EMSC Offers New Video for Concussion Awareness and Emergency Response

TRAUMA

- 29. In-Flight Blood Transfusions Improve Outcomes
- 30. New ACS Position Statement on Trauma Center Designation Based on System Needs
- 31. Stand Tall, Stand Proud, Stand-Down for Fall Safety
- 32. Trauma Bills Headed to Full Vote of the House
- 33. ATS Updates TIEP, Launches New Trauma Maps
- 34. Preventing Work-Related Motor Vehicle Crashes

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- 35. Dr. Kathryn Brinsfield Appointed DHS Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs
- 36. OSHA to Finalize Rules on Reporting Occupational Injuries
- 37. FDA Launches Drug Shortages Mobile App
- 38. New Resources Available for State Laws on Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse
- 39. EMS Update Winter Issue Now Available
- 40. CDC Grand Rounds: Preventing Youth Violence
- 41. FDA to Increase Oversight of Compounding Facilities
- 42. GSA Issues Change Notice 7 for Revision F of the Federal Specification for the Star-of-Life Ambulance
- 43. SAMHSA Guidance on Medication-assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction Released
- 44. NHTSA Releases Two New Studies on Impaired Driving
- 45. GAO Report Focuses on Issues of Drug-Impaired Driving
- 46. HIPAA-Covered Entities Reminded of Obligation to Report Privacy Breach
- 47. FDA Approves Zoll CPR Devices
- 48. FDA Warns of Chantix Side Effects When Combined with Alcohol
- 49. GAO Report Addresses Federal Coordination to Serious Mental Illness
- 50. Study Finds Peanut Consumption in Infancy Prevents Peanut Allergy
- 51. CMS Seeking Input on Advanced Primary Care Initiatives, Request For Information (RFI) Posted
- 52. Suicide Safe Mobile App Is Now Available for Download!

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53. IOM to Host End-of-Life Summit
54. Results of SUPER Project Now Available in PEC
55. National Resource Center Webinars on Equipment for Ground Ambulances Available for Review
56. Apple Introduces New Apps to Aid in Medical Research
57. External Survey(s) Participation Invited

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58. Self-monitoring coagulation status using point-of-care coagulometers in the UK
59. Association of NSAID Use With Risk of Bleeding and Cardiovascular Events in Patients Receiving Antithrombotic Therapy After Myocardial Infarction

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1. NASEMSO Announces Release of EMS Domestic Preparedness Strategy
2. NASEMSO EMS Specialty Certification Strategy Now Available
3. NASEMSO and NOSORH Join Forces to Publish State Compendium on EMS Leadership Education
4. SAVE THE DATE: CDC Outreach Call on EVD
5. NASEMSO Coordinates EMS Representation to Disaster Focus Groups
6. NASEMSO Assists DHS Release of Updated 2014 National Emergency Communications Plan

FOR THE STATES

7. Free Webinar on Feb 5—"When Public Health Goes to Court: Judicial Structure and Functions"
8. AHRQ Grants Policy Notices
9. Safe States Annual Report on Injury Prevention Programs Now Available
10. CDC Provides Listing of State Laws on Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse
11. EVD Preparedness Funding Now Available
12. CDC Releases Public Health Preparedness Report

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13. NHTSA OEMS to Host Next EMS Focus Webinar at Noon EST on February 19
14. FCC Concludes AWS-3 Auction; Winning Bidders Announced
15. FCC Adopts Rules to Help Better Locate Wireless 911 Callers
16. FCC to Vote on Proposal to Reinstate Net Neutrality

DATA

17. HHS Proposes Path to Improve Health Technology and Transform Care
18. CMS to Modify Requirements for Meaningful Use

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

19. FEMA Seeks Applicants for National Advisory Council
20. National Health Security Preparedness Index (NHSPI) Call for Measures
21. New Research Demonstrates Need for Careful Selection of Responders for Disasters
22. Offers New EVD Guidance for Law Enforcement Professionals
23. EMI Offers Virtual Tabletop Exercise on Active Shooter Event
24. CDC Issues HAN Advisory on Measles Outbreak
25. Institute of Medicine Releases PAPER Report for Healthcare Stakeholders

EMS EDUCATION

26. Military Making Progress towards Academic Affiliations in METC Training

HITS

- 27. LODD Report Highlights Need for Improved Awareness, Training, and Importance of Highway Design
- 28. DOT to Unveil “Beyond Traffic” Outlook on Future of Transportation Infrastructure
- 29. Nominations Being Accepted for Roadway Safety Awards

MEDICAL DIRECTION

- 30. Field-Deployable Neurocognitive Assessment Tool Receives FDA Premarket Approval
- 31. FDA Approves Single-Access Right Heart Pump

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

- 32. CDC Investigates Reports of Acute Flaccid Myelitis
- 33. 2015 Childhood Immunizations Schedule Released
- 34. AHRQ Report Finds More Children Hospitalized for Suicide, Self-Injury
- 35. Research Grants Available for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury
- 36. CDC Announces Grant Opportunity to Evaluate “Heads Up” Training Materials in Youth Sports

TRAUMA

- 37. Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient 2014 Now Widely Available from the COT

FEDERAL PARTNERS

- 38. NHTSA to Collect Info on EMS Driver Training
- 39. NIOSH Seeks Comments on NORA
- 40. SAMHSA Releases Guidance on Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction
- 41. New OIG Guide Available from DHS
- 42. FDA to Require Premarket Approval of AEDs

INDUSTRY NEWS

- 43. DPHHS Receives \$3.2 Million Gift to Enhance Heart Attack Survival in Rural Montana
- 44. Nominations Accepted for Advocate of the Year Award
- 45. PEHSC Seeks Speakers for Annual Statewide Conference

INTERESTING READING

- 46. Gray et al. Cumulative Use of Strong Anticholinergics and Incident Dementia in JAMA Intern Med
- 47. AAP Technical Report: Patient and Family Centered Care of Children in the Emergency Department

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- 1. NASEMSO Announces Recent Advocacy Efforts
- 2. NASEMSO Joins Public Safety Partners on Feedback to FCC
- 3. NASEMSO Data Managers Offer New Resource on Selecting ePCR Software
- 4. NASEMSO Expresses Gratitude for Tireless Efforts to Improve 9-1-1
- 5. NASEMSO Members Eligible for Discount Registration

FOR THE STATES

- 6. “Outbreaks” Report Rates States in Ability to Respond to Severe Infectious Disease
- 7. GAO's State and Local Fiscal Simulations
- 8. NACo Unveils County Explore Interactive Map Tool
- 9. OMB Super Circular Consolidation of Federal Grant Guidance Applies to State Awards

AIR MEDICAL

10. CAMTS Invites Comments to Proposed Standards Revisions
11. UAS Groups Join to Promote Safe Flying
12. NTSB Remands Administrator v. Pirker Case Back to ALJ for Further Review

COMMUNICATIONS

13. FCC Advisory Warns Against Cell Phone Jammers
14. DHS Offers Revised National Emergency Communications Plan
15. PSHSB Announces First Meeting of Optimal PSAP Architecture Task Force

DATA

16. ONC Seeks Comments on Health IT Strategy

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

17. HHS Releases Best Practices Toolkit for Healthcare Resilience During Extreme Weather Events
18. NPHL Offers Legal Preparedness and Response FAQs on Ebola
19. CDC Maintains EMS Guidance on Approach to EVD
20. USDOT Safety Advisory: Packaging and Handling EVD Contaminated Waste
21. US Army Helps Develop Air Medical Containment System Used Against Ebola
22. New IOM Workshop Report Highlights PAPR Effectiveness
23. NIOSH and OSHA Provide New Resource to Help Ebola Responders Prevent Fatigue
24. New GAO Report Assess Interagency Capabilities in ESF Preparedness
25. ASPR Releases Evidence Based Planning Guidance for Patient Decontamination
26. New ASPR Guide Urges HCF Planning for Active Shooter Incidents
27. REMINDER: FEMA Seeks Comments to Public Assistance Simplified Procedures Thresholds
28. New GAO Report Highlights Administrative Costs in Major Disasters

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

29. NIOSH Offers Recommendations to Prevent Worker Health Risks After Prolonged Standing
30. New Report from Cochrane Collaboration: Preventing Occupational Stress in Healthcare Workers
31. Take Time for YOU: Work-family Conflict, Sleep, and the Heart
32. HPRC Offers Wellness Resource Available to EMS Personnel

MEDICAL DIRECTION

33. Naloxone Legal Resources Released
34. NAMD Releases Report on State Actions to Combat Prescription Drug Abuse
35. WHO Recommends Naloxone to Prevent Overdose Deaths

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE/CP

36. AHRQ Report Studies Outpatient Medication Management
37. IOM Focuses on Health Literacy in New Report

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

38. CCDBG Ensures Funding to States to Improve Pediatric Disaster Planning Standards
39. New Study Reviews Recommendations for Rest Following Acute Pediatric Concussion
40. VETOViolence Web Site Encourages Public Health Approach to Youth Violence

TRAUMA

41. ATS Unveils Explanation of Trauma Center Capability

FEDERAL PARTNERS

42. Reminder: FDA Drug Shortages Index Has Migrated to New Page
43. National Practitioner Data Bank Update
44. OSHA Updates Requirements for Reporting Work-Related Injuries/Fatalities
45. Senate Approves Murthy as Surgeon General
46. GAO Examines Prescription Drug Fraud, Waste, and Abuse
47. NHTSA Announces Investigation into Child Seat Recall
48. CDC Updates Immunization Schedule Resources for Websites
49. DOJ Report Highlights Efforts to Combat Substance Abuse
50. OPM Authorizes Paid Leave to Feds Exposed to EVD
51. NHTSA Unveils SaferRide App

INDUSTRY NEWS

52. OnStar Offers Free Newsletter Geared to EMS and Public Safety
53. Getnaloxonenow.org Provides Free Training for Bystanders and First Responders
54. EMS Blogger Challenges States and Medical Directors to Rethink Approach to Epi Administration
55. IOM Publishes Consensus Report on End of Life Issues
56. EMS State of the Science 2014 Supplement Available Online

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58. OOH Cardiac Arrest Care: Less Is More
59. EMS Job Posting

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2. NASEMSO Releases National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines
3. New Initiative on EMS Performance Measures Announced
4. NASEMSO Migrates to New Member Database
5. NASEMSO Partners with NOSORH in First Rural EMS Leadership Conference
6. EMS and 9-1-1 PSAP Ebola Guidance Now Available
7. NASEMSO Addresses Senate Committee on Emergency Request for Ebola Funding

FOR THE STATES

8. HRSA Awards \$51.3 Million to Support Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment

COMMUNICATIONS

9. FCC Publishes Final Rule on 9-1-1 Reliability

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

10. New PPE Training Videos Available
11. Pediatric TECC Guidelines Available for Comment
12. NIOSH Releases Updated Emergency Preparedness Web Page
13. New FEMA Fact Sheet Outlines Guidance for Domestic Infectious Disease Events
14. Proceedings from OSHA EPR Stakeholder Meeting Now Available

15. Phillips Respironics to Develop Disaster Ventilator
16. FEMA Offers New Resource for Tribal Emergency Managers
17. Spotlight: FEMA's "Ready Kids" Site Offers Resources Aimed at Youth Preparedness

HIGHWAY SAFETY

18. NTSB Announces Symposium on Vehicle Tire Safety
19. NTSB Finds Distracted Driver Caused Serious 2013 Incident in Maryland
20. NTSB Shines Spotlight on Drowsy Driving

MEDICAL DIRECTION

21. WHO Issues Community Management Strategy for Opioid Overdose

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

22. CDC Offers Ebola Guidance for Parents, Schools, and Pediatric Healthcare Professionals

TRAUMA

23. NEW!! Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient 2014 Now Available
24. New Motor Vehicle PICCS Can Enhance System Planning Efforts by States

FEDERAL PARTNERS

25. NIOSH Responds To Respiratory Protective Devices Used in Healthcare
26. NIOSH Offers Free Training on Emergency Responder Health Monitoring
27. FDA Supports Class I Recall for Gemstar Power Supply
28. Gentile Named Branch Chief at EMS-C
29. AHRQ Reviews Effectiveness and Use of Opioids for Chronic Pain
30. Spotlight: TeamSTEPPS 2.0 Online Master Trainer Course
31. FDA Approves First Combination Pill to Treat Hepatitis C
32. Trauma Community Informs SAMHSA Guidance
33. AFG Grant Period Now Open

INDUSTRY NEWS

34. CAAS Releases Ground Vehicle Standard for Public Comment
35. Free Online Naloxone Training Program Now Available
36. Special Announcement! EMSC to Host Webinar on Pediatric Access to Specialty Care
37. RWJF Accepting Applications for Health Policy Fellows Program
38. JEMS Provides Active Shooter/TECC Supplement
39. New Hospital Safety Scores Help Patients Find the Safest U.S. Hospitals

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40. Single-Dose Etomidate Does Not Increase Mortality in Patients with Sepsis
41. Optimal Chest Compression Depth During Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest
42. 'Decision fatigue' may lead docs to prescribe unnecessary antibiotics
43. CDC: Life expectancy and leading causes of mortality

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2. NASEMSO Migrates to New Member Database
3. NASEMSO Board Approves EMS Domestic Preparedness Improvement Strategy
4. Summary of Changes Document Provides Crosswalk to Ambulance Equipment Standards
5. EMS Ebola Resource Section Added to NASEMSO Web Site

FOR THE STATES

6. Ebola Readiness Self-Assessment for State and Local Public Health Officials
7. NASADAD Issues Policy Statement on Preventing Fatal Opioid Overdoses
8. PHF Offers New Performance Improvement Toolkit
9. OIG Finds Hospital Preparedness Lacking During Superstorm Sandy

AIR MEDICAL

10. FAA Publishes Clarification on IFR Transition Regulations for Air Ambulances

COMMUNICATIONS

11. NG9-1-1 Program Office Announces Profile Database Is Now Open for 2013 Data

DATA

12. California Becomes First State to Complete NEMSIS Version 3 Transmission

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

13. Detailed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Checklist for Ebola Preparedness Now Available
14. State Mitigation Plan Review Guide: Highlights of Key Concepts
15. CDC Confirms Enterovirus-D68 Infection in 30 States
16. DIMRC, EMSC, ASPR Announce New Online Guide for Children in Disasters and Emergencies
17. FBI Provides Study on Active Shooter Incidents
18. AAR From CAPSTONE 2014 Exercise Now Available
19. FAA Administrator Calls for Full Review of Contingency Plans and Security Protocols
20. FEMA Unveils National Strategy to Strengthen Youth Preparedness
21. NEMA Produces Primer on the History of EMAC
22. FEMA Awards \$11 Million to Increase Preparedness Through the Continuing Training Grants Program
23. EMI Offers VTTX Public-Health Focused Pandemic Scenario
24. CDC Provides Updated Preparedness and Response Framework for Influenza Pandemics

HITS

25. NHTSA Invites V2V Rulemaking Comments
26. FMCSA Provides Guidance on Hearing Standards for Drivers of Commercial Vehicles

MEDICAL DIRECTION

27. New Guideline Available for Non-ST-Elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

28. IOM Workshop Summary on Capacity to Reduce Bullying Now Available
29. IOM Report Summarizes Revisions to National Children's Study Design

FEDERAL PARTNERS

30. Notice of Request for Applications for Appointment to the National EMS Advisory Council

31. Emergency Care Coordination Center Launches Newly Designed Website

32. OSHA Tightens Rules on Reporting Workplace Deaths and Injuries

33. IOM Workshop Summary Now Available on Total Worker Health

INDUSTRY NEWS

34. EMSWorld Expo Now Accepting 2015 Course Proposals

35. ASTHO Publishes Legal Analysis of EMS Expanded Roles

36. MONOC Invites Use of Safety PSA for Emergency Responders

37. FARE Convenes Anaphylaxis Summit in Chicago

September 2014**NASEMSO NEWS**

1. NASEMSO Annual Meeting Plans in Full Swing!

2. BREAKING NEWS!! CSG Passes Resolution in Support of REPLICA!!

3. NASEMSO Issue Brief: The Use of Naloxone in Out-of-Hospital Settings

4. NASEMSO Member and Program Manager Quoted in Recent Article on Rural EMS

5. NASEMSO to Host Webinar on FDA's Medwatch Program

6. NASEMSO Provides Comments on Model Uniform Core Criteria for Mass Casualty Triage

7. NASEMSO Program Manager Explains CFD Simulation Goals in JEMS Article

FOR THE STATES

8. Affect of ACA on Emergency Preparedness Programs Reported by IOM Workshop

9. AHRQ Offers Guide to Reduce Medicaid Hospital Readmissions

10. Two Upcoming Webinars Available from The Network for Public Health Law

11. RWJF Offers Small Grants to Improve Health Care Costs

12. CDC Requests Nominations for Infection Control Advisory Committee

13. NCSL Offers Health Impact Assessment Tool

COMMUNICATIONS

14. FCC Adopts Rules to Promote Widespread Text to 9-1-1 Availability

15. Houston LODD Report Illustrates Need for Communications Reliability

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

16. September is National Preparedness Month

17. NEMA Offers New Primer on History of EMAC

18. CDC Guidance Document on Ebola Virus Posted for EMS

19. 2015 Preparedness Summit Issues Call for Abstracts

20. IOM Reviews Lessons Learned from Fukushima Nuclear Accident

21. FEMA Releases National Preparedness Report

22. Updated TRAIN Catalog Now Available

23. ACIP Immunization Recommendations— United States, 2014–15 Influenza Season

24. President Revises List of Quarantinable Diseases

25. Healthcare Resources for Suspected Cases of Ebola Virus Disease

26. NLM Highlights Ebola Resources

27. Assessment of Radiological Incidents Response Laws

28. FEMA Releases Final Tribal Consultation Policy

29. RAND Corporation Offers Online Resiliency Training

EDUCATION AGENDA

30. NEMSAC Offers Revisions to EMS Education Agenda

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

31. Twitter Chat: Emergency Preparedness for Little Ones
32. CE Video Addresses Children Exposed to Trauma and Interventions for Maltreatment
33. Annual Disaster Preparedness Resource Available from Save the Children
34. Management and Prevention of Pediatric Influenza in Healthcare Settings
35. IOM Issues Report to Reduce Bullying
36. Front-of-Head Hits Blamed for Nearly Half of Young Football Player Concussions

RURAL

37. NOSORH Grant Writing Institute Accepting Registrations

FEDERAL PARTNERS

38. Rescheduling of Hydrocodone Goes Into Effect
39. SAMSHA Updates Opioid Prevention Toolkit
40. New AHRQ Center Supports Increased Use of Evidence To Improve Care
41. Shift Work Article Cites NIOSH Resources
42. Public Comment Sought on Draft Document for Workplace Tobacco Policies

INDUSTRY NEWS

43. NAEMSP Committee Distributes Initial Draft of Prehospital EBG Strategy Project
44. Johns Hopkins Pilots Study on EMS Treatment of Substance Abusers
45. Joint Commission Alerts Organizations to Tubing Misconnection Risks
46. State Supreme Court Rules ED Boarding of Psychiatric Patients Unconstitutional
47. Medical Helicopter Crews and Others Concerned About Drones

INTERESTING READING

48. Experimental Drug Shows Promise in Treating Heart Failure
49. Study Shows Increased Benefit of Early Antimicrobial in Peds Sepsis
50. FDA Approves New Drug for the Treatment of DVT and PE

August 2014

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Annual Meeting Council and Committee Agendas Posted
2. NASEMSO Participates in Update to BLS Data on EMS Professions
3. NASEMSO Posts New “Need to Know” Resource for Paramedic Students on Program Accreditation
4. NASEMSO Offers Licensure Compact Webinar for EMS Stakeholders
5. NASEMSO Ventures into the World of Social Media

FOR THE STATES

6. NHTSA RFI Seeks to Integrate ICD-10 and AIS into Mapping Software
7. NIOSH Has MERS Information for Healthcare and Laboratories
8. CDC Releases Guide for Health Departments on Climate Change
9. CPH “Unsung Heroes of Public Health” Award Nominations Sought

AIR MEDICAL

10. FAA Proposes Fines on Two Air Medical Operators
11. Former California Helicopter Pilot Pleads Guilty to ID Theft
12. FAA Corrects Air Ambulance Requirements
13. CONCERN Network Warns of Old Airport Radar Effect on Zoll X Series Monitors

DATA

14. NIST Seeks Public Comment on Updated Guide Assessing Network Security Measures
15. Official Date for ICD-10 Implementation Announced

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

16. REMINDER: August 5 Webinar Focuses on Tourniquets and Hemostatic Dressings
17. Saving Lives on the Battlefield: Lessons for Prehospital Care
18. DHS Announces FY2014 Grant Allocations for Preparedness Grants
19. Alaska Invites Participants to Disaster Forum
20. FEMA Announces Availability of Strategic Plan
21. Response to Radiologic Incidents Focus of New CDC Report
22. US Influenza Vaccine Supply Expected to Top 150 Million Doses
23. NIST Announces Competition for Community Resilience Center of Excellence
24. 2014 National Preparedness Month Theme Announced
25. FEMA Releases National Protection Framework
26. NACCD to Hold Inaugural Meeting This Week
27. House Passes Bill to Increase Use of Social Media Use During Disasters
28. Free Online Emergency Responder Health Monitoring and Surveillance Training
29. Learning in Disaster Health 2014: Registration Now Open
30. New GAO Report Focuses on FEMA Efficiencies and Operations
31. BUMC Publishes Study on EMS in Active Shooter Scenarios
32. BPC Publishes Follow-up Report on Terrorist Threats
33. NIOSH Issues First Closed-Circuit Escape Respirator Approval Under New Certification Requirements

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

34. Senate Committee Announces FY2015 LHHS Spending Bill
35. Highway Reauthorization Update

MEDICAL DIRECTION

36. FDA Approves Ultraportable Ultrasound in US
37. USAG Announces Plans for Federal Law Enforcement Personnel to Begin Carrying Naloxone
38. States to Consider Measure to Expedite Multistate Medical Licensure

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

39. New Document Highlights Childhood Ag Research
40. Down on the Farm; Fifteen Years of Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention
41. NHTSA Provides Useful Prevention Resources on Kids in Hot Cars
42. Keeping Kids Safe: Opportunities and Challenges in Bullying Prevention
43. NCDMPH Releases "Radiation Disaster Issues in Children: A Case-Based Activity"

TRAUMA

44. Ohio Geriatric Trauma Guidelines Improve Triage Sensitivity
45. New Study Shows Even Mild Brain Injury Causes Brain Damage

FEDERAL PARTNERS

46. NHTSA OEMS Research Notes Break Down National EMS Assessment
47. FDA Approves New Extended Release Oxycodone with Abuse Deterrent Properties
48. New AHRQ Monograph Addresses Mental Health: 1st Versus 2nd Generation Antipsychotics
49. SAMHSA Invites Comments on 2015-2018 Strategic Plan
50. SOPHE/CDC Announces Student Fellowship in Injury Prevention and Control
51. New Resource Helps Practitioners Enhance Posture Assessment Practices in the Workplace
52. NIOSH Health Hazard Evaluation Highlights Importance of Preventing Heat-Related Illness
53. CDC and EPA Join Forces to Prevent Vector-Borne Diseases

INDUSTRY NEWS

54. New Interactive Map Reveals Info on Fire Fighter Investigations
55. New Hand-Hygiene Guidelines Available
56. New ISO Standards Address Medical Device Connectors
57. NFPA's 2013 Firefighter Fatality Study Released
58. NEMSMA, IAEMSC Announce Merger
59. Institute on Disabilities Releases New Video on Autism and First Responders
60. AHA Launches New EMS Course

INTERESTING READING

61. Nonintravenous Therapy for Acute Renal Colic
62. Efficacy of Paracetamol for Acute Low-back Pain
63. Researchers Study Usefulness of Telephone Triage in Reducing Unnecessary Visits
64. Non-invasive Arterial Pressure Measurement Evaluated

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Annual Meeting Update
2. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! NASEMSO Announces Meeting Dates for 2015

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

3. CDC Launches Blast Injury Mobile App
4. FCC Issues Proposed Rules for Emergency Alert System
5. Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) 2014 Guidebook Now Available
6. HHS Grants Bolster Health Care and Public Health Disaster Preparedness
7. Failures in Federal Security Processes Detailed in Navy Yard Shooting Reports
8. CDC Director Releases After-Action Report on Recent Anthrax Incident
9. House Committee Passes DHS Funding Bill
10. SAMHSA Journal Profiles Children, Older Adults and Special Populations Affected by Disaster
11. NARR to Host Webinar on Use of Medical Countermeasures and Population Management
12. Report to President on Improving Chemical Safety and Security Now Available
13. State Mitigation Planning Guidance Update Information Bulletin Published
14. SAMHSA Disaster App Gives Responders Ready Access to Critical Resources

15. FEMA Releases Mass Care Resource Typing Definitions
16. IOM Issues Report on ACA and Preparedness
17. NEMA Issues Reports on States' Abilities to Deploy Private Sector and Volunteer Resources through EMAC

EMS EDUCATION

18. Proposed Annotated CAAHEP Standards for EMSP Now Available

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

19. New HHS Secretary Confirmed by Senate
20. Trauma Bills Introduced in Congress

HIGHWAY SAFETY

21. ATSIP Seeks Presentations for Annual Meeting

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH/CP

22. USPSTF Publishes Pocket Guide to Preventive Care

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

23. Report Shows Combining Drug Use with Underage Drinking Raises Health Risks
24. First Comprehensive Pediatric Concussion Guidelines Released
25. FDA Issues Boxed Warning on Lidocaine Viscous Use in Children

TRAUMA

26. CDC Task Force Posts Evidence on Universal Motorcycle Helmet Laws
27. Kelly Report Provides Legislative and Policy Recommendations to Stop Gun Violence

FEDERAL PARTNERS

28. REGISTER NOW: Tourniquets and Hemostatic Dressings: The New Evidence-based Guideline
29. CDC Issues *Vital Signs* on Opioid Painkiller Prescribing
30. National Drug Control Strategy Encourages Naloxone; Prevention and Treatment of Addiction
31. SAMHSA Offers Online Course for Managing Anger
32. IHI Announces Free Prehospital Seminar

INDUSTRY NEWS

33. NFPA Announces Next Meeting to Review 1917 Standard

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1. NASEMSO Annual Meeting Update
2. Equipment for Ground Ambulances Revision Now Available
3. NASEMSO Joins EMS Organizations to Comment on FCC Proposed Rule Making

FOR THE STATES

4. New Information Available on Local Health Department Services and Resources
5. ASTHO Proposes Guiding Principles for Public Health Block Grants
6. New NSADAD Report Includes Naloxone Distribution Data

7. CDC NCHS Releases Health, United States 2013
8. TFAH and RWJF Release Annual Health Report

COMMUNICATIONS

9. Frontier Emergency Phone Service Will Target Rural Areas
10. 9-1-1 Text Availability Now Live
11. GETS Priority Calls Jeopardized by AT&T Plan

DATA

12. My Own Network, Powered by AHRQ

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

13. Effective Communication for People with Disabilities Before, During, and After Emergencies Evaluated
14. Free Online Course Highlights Legal Aspects of Public Health Preparedness
15. EMI to Host HSEEP Basic Course
16. Operation Dragon Fire to Roll This Summer
17. NHC to Issue Potential Storm Surge Flooding Maps
18. Changes in Submission Requirements for State Mitigation Plans
19. CRS Issues Primer on Emergency Response

EMS EDUCATION

20. Update: CAAHEP Standards Revision Process

HIGHWAY SAFETY

21. NIOSH Center for Motor Vehicle Safety: Strategic Plan for Research and Prevention, 2014-2018
22. Transportation Research Board Issues Call for Papers

MEDICAL DIRECTION

23. Fisher and Paykel Infant Nasal CPAP Prongs Recalled
24. FDA Approves Implantable Device to Remotely Measure PAP in CHF Patients
25. FDA Approves Implantable Device to Treat OSA

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH/CP

26. Transitional Care Interventions To Prevent Readmissions for People With Heart Failure
27. New Policy Brief Examines Approaches & Benefits for CAHs

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

28. Summary of NIOSH Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Extramural Research Now Available

RURAL

29. Telehealth Services Fact Sheet Now Available

FEDERAL PARTNERS

30. New Report Highlights Improved EMS Through Transportation Safety
31. Federal Collaboration in EMS—The Four Priorities
32. MERS Update--Simplified
33. NIOSH Provides Progress Report on "Prevention Through Design" Initiative

34. NIH Pain Consortium Promotes Course Module on Chronic Pain
35. CDC Vaccine Schedules App for Clinicians and Other Immunization Providers
36. CMS Announces Resources on Comparative Billing Report on Ambulance: Ground Transportation

INDUSTRY NEWS

37. Saline Shortage Likely to Stretch into 2015
38. Field EMS Bill Introduced in Senate

INTERESTING READING

39. Delayed Epinephrine Increases Mortality in In-Hospital Arrests

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. 2014 NASEMSO Annual Meeting Update
2. NASEMSO Congratulates Joe Schmider on State Director Appointment to FICEMS
3. NASEMSO Annual Report to NEMSAC Now Available

FOR THE STATES

4. CDC Announces Webinar on Tribal Public Health Law Resources
5. CDC Encourages the Use of State Health Data to Reduce Rate of Preventable Deaths
6. HHS Invites Comments on Proposed National Health Security Strategy

AIR MEDICAL

7. FAA Delays Helicopter Rule Implementation
8. NTSB Recommends FAA, NWS Improve Weather Forecast to Pilots
9. FAA Launches "Got Weather" Campaign

COMMUNICATIONS

10. FirstNet Announces Plans for State Consultations

DATA

11. Act of Congress Delays ICD-10 Implementation
12. New AHRQ Publication Guides Development of Registries To Evaluate Patient Outcomes
13. AHRQ Will Host Two-Part Webinar on HCUP: Registration Opens May 14

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

14. *Reminder:* National Preparedness Grant Application Period Still Open
15. *Reminder:* 2014 FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Awards Application Period Still Open
16. NACCHO Releases 2013 MRC Profile
17. NETC Announces FY15 Leadership Academy
18. WHO Declares PHE Over International Spread of Polio
19. FEMA to Offer Virtual Tabletop Exercise With Aircraft Focus
20. White House Targets Climate Change in Wildland Fire Strategy
21. Patient Decontamination Guidance in a Mass Chemical Exposure Open for Public Comment

EMS EDUCATION

22. IOM Health Professional Education Workshop Summary Now Available

MEDICAL DIRECTION

- 23. Congressional Hearing Spotlights Growing Problems of Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse
- 24. FDA Approves New Hand-held Auto-injector to Reverse Opioid Overdose
- 25. FDA Awards IDE for Technology to Treat Thermal Burns
- 26. Current Clinical Questions in Post Resuscitation Hypothermia

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

- 27. NEW from the CDC!! Data on Injury-related ED Visits by Children and Adolescents
- 28. SAMHSA Town Hall Meetings Aim to Prevent Underage Drinking
- 29. EMSC NRC Launches New Web Site

TRAUMA

- 30. Traffic Safety Facts: Not-in-Traffic Surveillance: Fatality and Injury Statistics in Non-Traffic Crashes
- 31. State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Professionals Gateway Provides 2013 PSRs
- 32. ACP Recommends Physicians Take Steps to Reduce Gun Violence

FEDERAL PARTNERS

- 33. FHWA Launches New Site to Assist State EMS Officials
- 34. FDA Reviews Use of Aspirin for Primary Prevention of Heart Attack and Stroke
- 35. WISQARS Goes Mobile
- 36. HHS Publishes Updated Action Plan to Combat Viral Hepatitis
- 37. Foxx Sends Transportation Reauthorization Proposal to Congress
- 38. Stolen Laptops Lead to Important HIPAA Settlements
- 39. New NCHS Data Online Query System Now Available
- 40. FDA Further Extends Expiration Dates of Meridian's DuoDote Auto-Injector Lots

INDUSTRY NEWS

- 41. Alere Recalls INRatio2 PT/INR Professional Test Strips
- 42. NFPA Provides Links for Public Comment Opportunities
- 43. Call for Proposals: International Roundtable on Community Paramedicine

CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- 44. CURRENT STATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

INTERESTING READING

- 45. AHA/ASA Revise Recurrent Stroke Guidelines
- 46. Better Outcomes with Prehospital Stroke Thrombolysis
- 47. Epinephrine May Be of No Survival Benefit in Cardiac Arrest

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NASEMSO NEWS

- 1. NASEMSO Congratulates Gainor for 2013 Outstanding Wildfire EMS Distinguished Service Award
- 2. Model EMS Clinical Guidelines - DRAFT Available for Public Review

3. NASEMSO Poster Competition Slated for 2014 Annual Meeting
4. NASEMSO Joins Coalition to Support EMS-C Appropriations

FOR THE STATES

5. AHRQ Grant Opportunity Focuses on Simulation and Patient Safety
6. RWJF to Host Webinar on Improving Community Health
7. Council on Financial Reform (COFAR) Issues Fraud Alert

AIR MEDICAL

8. NTSB Releases Preliminary Report on Recent Air Ambulance Crash Near Florida

COMMUNICATIONS

9. April Is 9-1-1 Education Month

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

10. NIOSH Offers Options for Prolonging Supplies of Respirators During Severe Outbreaks
11. Hopkins: Untrained Volunteers May Do Harm as Well as Good During Disasters
12. FDA Updates information Regarding Saline Shortages
13. DHS Releases Emergency Services Sector Roadmap to Secure Voice and Data Systems
14. FEMA Will Offer Virtual Tabletop Exercise with Hurricane Focus
15. President Announces Climate Data Initiative
16. SAMSHA Offers New Resource in Disaster Planning
17. MCHB to Host the Everyday Pediatric Readiness for Extraordinary Events Webcast
18. Free Safety Program Available on "Responding to Gunfire"

EDUCATION AGENDA

19. Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

20. House Committee Passes Public Health Legislation

HITS

21. NIOSH Center for Motor Vehicle Safety Now on Twitter
22. Traffic Records Training for State Highway Safety Office Leadership Now Available

MEDICAL DIRECTION

23. Senator Introduces "Good Samaritan" Bill on Use of Overdose Prevention Drug

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

24. Senate Passes Child Care Disaster Plan Legislation
25. Keeping Families Safe Around Medicines
26. Optimal Resources for Children's Surgical Care in the United States
27. Class 1 Recall Involves Pediatric Resuscitation Systems
28. IOM Recommends Strategy for Child Abuse and Neglect Research

TRAUMA

29. May is National Trauma Awareness Month

30. Access to Firearms Linked to Elevated Mortality Risk
31. New HCUP Methods Report Evaluates Reporting of E Codes

FEDERAL PARTNERS

32. FICEMS Releases 5-Year Plan
33. FDA Allows Marketing of First Medical Device to Prevent Migraine Headaches
34. Policy Update! NIOSH Revising Policy on Use of Emergency Breathing Support Systems
35. GAO Study Highlights Manufacturing Component of Medical Countermeasures
36. GAO Report Highlights DHS Critical Infrastructure Partnerships
37. New Interactive Video Aims to Reduce Clinical Research Misconduct
38. CDC Reports on Healthcare-Associated Infections
39. Revised TeamSTEPPS Curriculum Helps Improve Patient Safety
40. ECCC Offers Resources on Health Information Exchanges
41. HHS Releases Security Risk Assessment Tool to Help Providers with HIPAA Compliance

INDUSTRY NEWS

42. IRS Excludes Volunteer Firefighters and EMS Personnel from ACA Employer Mandate
43. New National Organization Fills Gaps for Public Safety Infection Control Officers
44. Call for Proposals EMS Today 2015
45. Senate Passes ICD-10 Delay Bill
46. AHA/ACC Issue New Guidelines for the Management of Atrial Fibrillation

INTERESTING READING

47. Swedish Study Shows 20-25% Reduction in Hospital Admissions for “Rule-Out MI” with HS Troponin T
48. Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture
49. NIOSH Partners With WHO to Address Occupational Health Issues
50. Sepsis Study Comparing Three Treatment Methods Shows Same Survival Rate
51. Influenza Vaccine Cuts Flu-Related Pediatric ICU Admissions
52. Application of New Cholesterol Guidelines
53. “Citing Urgent Need, U.S. Calls on Hospitals to Hone Disaster Plans”
54. Glove and Gown Effects on Intraoperative Bacterial Contamination

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Congratulates Dr. Robert Bass on Receiving 2014 JEMS Lifetime Achievement Award
2. Final Draft Model Interstate Compact for EMS Personnel Licensure for State Adoption Now Available
3. NASEMSO Offers Compilation of Blast Injury Training Resources
4. NASEMSO Poster Competition Slated for 2014 Annual Meeting

FOR THE STATES

5. New Document Focuses on Local Health Departments Working With the NIOSH HHE Program

AIR MEDICAL

6. FAA Final Rule Addresses Helicopter Operations for Air Ambulance, Commercial, and Part 91
7. NTSB Issues Two Safety Alerts Focusing on Improving Helicopter Safety

COMMUNICATIONS

8. DHS S&T Releases Key Findings Related to Wireless Emergency Alerts

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

9. FEMA Releases Resource Typing Library Tool
10. FEMA Seeks Applicants for National Advisory Committee
11. Snow Now Means Water Later: Are You Ready?
12. CMS Extends Deadline for Comments
13. Global Health Security Agenda Promotes Collaboration Among Nations
14. SAMHSA Behavioral Health Disaster Response Mobile App
15. NTSB Offers Training Related to Transportation Accidents

EDUCATION AGENDA

16. NASEMSO Offers New Resources to Assist Implementation Efforts
17. New Standards *Interpretations* Adopted by CoAEMSP Board of Directors
18. CAAHEP *Standards* Under Revision
19. CoAEMSP and NAEMSE Offer "Evaluating Student Competency Workshop" --March 7-8 in New Orleans

HITS

20. NIOSH Invites Comments on Center for Motor Vehicle Safety Strategic Plan

FEDERAL PARTNERS

21. ECCC Launches EMS Collaboration Community on IdeaScale
22. AHRQ Study Finds Use of Contact Precautions in Emergency Departments Varies
23. 2014 GAO Report Highlights Drug Shortages
24. IOM Committee on DHS Workforce Resilience Releases Follow-up Report
25. Etomidate Injection Recall Announced by Manufacturer
26. Philips Respironics Initiates Recalls Trilogy Ventilator
27. FY 2013 Fire Prevention and Safety Grants Application Period Now Open

INDUSTRY NEWS

28. ACEP Reports Nation Receives a D+ in Emergency Care
29. National Organizations Promote Guidelines for Geriatric Emergency Departments

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. Update on NASEMSO 2014 Mid-Year Meeting
2. NASEMSO Supports Standardized Ambulance Equipment List
3. NASEMSO 2014 Council and Committee Calendar Now Available
4. NASEMSO Provides Comments to the National EMS Advisory Council

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5. New Federal Rule Allows Patient Access to Lab Reports
6. NACCHO Releases 2013 National Profile of Local Health Departments
7. ASTHO Releases State Legislative Prospectus for 2014

COMMUNICATIONS

- 8. GAO Says NG 9-1-1 Needs Protection from Cyberattacks
- 9. Improving 9-1-1 Reliability; Reliability and Continuity of Communications Networks

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

- 10. Are You Ready? An In-Depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness
- 11. [SAMHSA Provides Technical Assistance on Disaster Behavioral Health](#)
- 12. WebWISER 4.5 Now Available from National Library of Medicine
- 13. CDC Releases 2013-2014 National Snapshot of Public Health Preparedness
- 14. House Passes Medical Preparedness Allowable Use Act

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- 15. OFR Now Offers Online Training

HITS

- 16. Yellow Dot Programs Gaining Attention
- 17. Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety releases the 2014 Roadmap to State Highway Safety Laws

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

- 18. New National Advisory Committee Focuses on Pediatric Needs During Disasters or Public Health Emergency
- 19. FDA Approves Pediatric Use of Dexcom's G4 Platinum Continuous Glucose Monitoring System

TRAUMA

- 20. DCoE Webinar: TBI Management in the Deployed Environment: The Concussion Care Center Model
- 21. CDC: Traffic Deaths Among Children Dropped 43% Over the Decade

FEDERAL PARTNERS

- 22. NEMSAC Announces 2014 Public Meeting Dates
- 23. Second Wave of CMS Enrollment Moratoria Impacts Ambulance Suppliers
- 24. ACIP Revises Immunizations Schedules
- 25. CDC Issues Assessments of State Prescription Drug Overdose Laws
- 26. New Report Tracks the Behavioral Health of America
- 27. SAMHSA Provides Guidance on Managing Pain in Patients with Substance Use Disorders
- 28. FDA Increases Awareness on Drug Products That Contain Acetaminophen

INDUSTRY NEWS

- 29. Brady Campaign Surveys Gun Laws One Year After Newtown
- 30. ATA Seeks Public Comment for New Telemedicine Guidelines
- 31. PEC Provides Open Supplement on EMS Evidence Based Guidelines
- 32. NAEMSE Seeks Nominations for Hero Award
- 33. AAMS Seeking Nominations for the 2014 Excellence in Community Service Award
- 34. NAEMT Seeks Nominations for the Field EMS Bill Advocate of the Year Award
- 35. ACEP Announces National EMS Week Will Take Place May 18-24, 2014
- 36. IV Saline Solutions in Short Supply
- 37. RWJF Commission Announces New Recommendations
- 38. Safety of Benzodiazepines and Opioids in Very Severe Respiratory Disease: National Prospective Study

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1. NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting Dates and Location Confirmed
2. Military Medic to Paramedic Webinar Now Available

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3. New App Predicts and Compares ED Wait Times and Other Metrics Based on Medicare Data
4. New Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
5. Feds to Expand Mental Health Funding in Community Health Centers
6. HHS Announces NPPA Grant Opportunity for FY 14

COMMUNICATIONS

7. FirstNet Will Provide Priority Access for First Responders
8. NPSTC Submits EMS Apps List for FirstNet's PSAC
9. National 911 Program Releases Video on Benefits of NG911
10. FCC Adopts Rules To Improve 9-1-1 Reliability

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

11. CMS Proposes Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Participating Providers and Suppliers
12. NIPP Focuses on Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience
13. FEMA and Partners Publish "Post Disaster Reunification of Children: A Nationwide Approach"
14. TFAH and RWJF Publish Report on Protecting Americans from Infectious Diseases
15. CDC Emergency Management Program Obtains Accreditation
16. AAP Promotes Pediatric Preparedness Resource Kit
17. Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Considerations for Children and Families Now Available
18. GAO Studies Spending Estimates Related to Medical Countermeasures
19. NCHS to Evaluate Health Security Preparedness
20. FCC Appoints New PSHSB Chief
21. GAO Finds Low Employee Morale at DHS
22. FEMA Releases NIMS Intelligence/Investigations Function Guidance and Field Operations Guide
23. FDA Extends DuoDote Expiration Dates
24. HHS and DHS Encourage Anthrax Preparedness for First Responders
25. IPRED III Highlights Healthcare System Preparedness and Response

EDUCATION AGENDA

26. IOM Workshop: Assessing Health Professional Education Resources Now Available

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

27. CDC Issues Guidance on HBV Postexposure Management in Healthcare Personnel
28. NIOSH Seeks Comment on Occupational Exposure to Heat and Hot Environments
29. Protect Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act to Exempt Volunteer Responders from ADA

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

30. CMS Proposes Final Rules for 2014 Ambulance Fee Schedule; Comment Period Available
31. Solicitation of New Safe Harbors and Special Fraud Alerts
32. New Federal Law Addresses Regulation of Compounded Drugs

33. School Access to Epinephrine Bill Becomes Law
34. FDA Proposes Rule to Require Notification Regarding Discontinuance or Manufacturing Interruption

HITS

35. AASHTO Studies Performance Among State DOTs

TRAUMA

36. NIH and NFL Tackle Concussion Research

FEDERAL PARTNERS

37. Carr Named to Lead ECCC
38. NHTSA Deputy Administrator Highlights Relationship with EMS
39. Baxter Recalls Lots of 5% Dextrose and 0.9% NSS
40. Blood Glucose Strips Recalled by Abbott
41. FDA Allows Marketing of First Device to Relieve Migraine Headache Pain
42. FDA Announces Improvements To The Medical Device Recalls Database
43. SAMHSA Provides Resources to Prevent Opioid Related ODs and Deaths
44. New OIG Advisory Opinion Warns of Proposed Arrangement for City Ambulance Services
45. NIOSH Offers New Ladder Safety App for Mobile Devices

INDUSTRY NEWS

46. Entire December Issue of *Health Affairs* Dedicated to Emergency Care
47. Journals Focus Issues on Prehospital and Emergency Care
48. NREMT Seeks Item Writers
49. Study Finds Low Hand-Washing Rates Among EMS Personnel
50. Industry Working Group Focuses on Small-bore Connectors and Tubing Misconnections

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Congratulates Manz on NAEMT Lifetime Achievement Award
2. NASEMSO Medical Directors Council to Meet in January
3. NASEMSO Announces Call for Poster Presentations
4. Calling All NASEMSO Authors!! SHARE Your Success!!!
5. NASEMSO Endorses Hartford Consensus II Document
6. WANTED: 2014 NASEMSO Calendar Items

FOR THE STATES

7. Comments Accepted on HHS Guidance on Temporary Assignment of Personnel During PHE
8. New State-by-State Report Examines Growing Concern Over Prescription Drug Abuse
9. New CHIPRA Evaluation Highlight Focuses on Elevating Children on State Policy Agendas
10. Health in All Policies: A Guide for State and Local Governments
11. ASTHO Releases 2013 State Legislative Summary
12. U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Opportunities for Public Comment
13. CDC Invites Applications for National Leadership Academy
14. State Patient Confidentiality Laws Map Now Available

15. New Study Finds Public Health Does Not "Lose Out When Merged With Medicaid Programs"
16. NQF Seeks Nominations for Behavioral Health Panel to Focus on Performance Measures

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

17. New HHS Approved Guidance: Considerations for Anthrax Vaccine Adsorbed Post-Exposure Prioritization
18. USFA Posts Guidance on Active Shooter and Mass Casualty Incidents
19. FSF Provides Free Video Training on Active Shooter Response
20. PTSD Treatment for Flight 93 Responders
21. FEMA Announces New NDRF Course
22. NIOSH Revises IDLH Methodology
23. EMSC Grantee Releases Pediatric Disaster Triage Online Lesson
24. CDC Outlines Threats Caused by Antibiotic Resistance
25. Medical Preparedness the Focus of State Homeland Security Grants
26. IOM Workshop to Focus on the Impact of the ACA on US Preparedness

EDUCATION AGENDA

27. CoAEMSP Webinar Now Available: Airway Competency

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

28. Helmet Technology Emerging as Greater Safety Consideration in EMS
29. EMS Response Times Increased Following Ambulance Crashes in Tulsa

HITS

30. GAO Report Highlights V2V Technology
31. NTSB Finds Lack of Advanced Planning a Factor in Fatal Parade Float Accident

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

32. NIH and CDC Launch Registry for Sudden Death in Younger Populations
33. Final Rule Authorizes New Safety Standards for Bassinets and Cradles
34. Acetaminophen Recall- Potential Defect with Co-packaged Oral Syringe
35. Cardiac Arrests in Schools: Assessing Use of AEDs on School Campuses
36. IOM Releases New Report on Sports Related Concussions in Youth
37. CDC Offers Guidelines on Managing Food Allergies in Schools, Early Child Care

RURAL

38. NOSORH Prepares to Celebrate National Rural Health Day

TRAUMA

39. Skullly Demonstrates GPS, Rear-view Camera in Motorcycle Helmets
40. NIH Funded Study Shows Promise in Treating Alcohol Dependence

FEDERAL PARTNERS

41. NEMSAC and FICEMS to Meet in December
42. FDA Releases Strategic Plan for Preventing Drug Shortages
43. FDA Provides CE to Improve Greater Awareness in Drug Advertising
44. Register Now: November 13 Webinar on TeamSTEPPS® in Critical Care Transitions
45. AHRQ-Funded Study Looks at Benefits of Universal Glove and Gown Use in ICUs

46. HRSA Action Needed to Publish Timely National Supply and Demand Projections
47. AFG Program Application Period Now Open
48. NIH Scientists Develop Candidate Vaccine Against RSV
49. Hospira Brand Lidocaine and Marcaine: Recall - Presence Of Particulate

INDUSTRY NEWS

50. Fraudulent Online CPR Training Targets Health Professionals and Others
51. Elder Abuse and Its Prevention – IOM Workshop Summary Now Available
52. Making Sense of the ACA--An EMS Introduction to Accountable Care Organizations
53. NAEMT Announces Results of Community Paramedicine Survey
54. Ford Recalls 3,000 Ambulances for Engine Stopping
55. ACEP and Urgent Matters Publish ED Discharge Toolkit for Patients with Atrial Fibrillation

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Annual Meeting Held in Nashville

FOR THE STATES

2. Health Workforce Webinar: Revising the Standard Occupational Classification
3. NGA Calls States to Act on Cybersecurity
4. Maps Available for Outlining State Public Health Laws

DATA

5. ECCC Invites Participants to Health Information Exchanges and the Prehospital Environment

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

6. Share Your Expertise and Submit an Abstract for the 2014 Preparedness Summit Today
7. GPO Offers New Military Title--Medical Consequences of Radiological and Nuclear Weapons
8. New Workshop Summary Available from the IOM
9. Radiation Disaster Issues in Children: An Approach to the Patient
10. NIST Developing "Richter" Scale for Wildland Fires
11. SAMHSA Offers Tip Sheets on Managing Behavioral Health Issues After Disasters
12. Legislation Introduced to Address School Emergency Preparedness
13. Situational Awareness Identified as Key Factor in Firefighter Deaths in Yarnell Hill Fire
14. New IOM Report Addresses Workforce Resilience
15. HHS Boosts Stockpile of Products to Treat Acute Radiation Syndrome
16. IOM Unveils Summary on Engaging the Public in Disaster Planning
17. HHS Launches New Challenge to Aid People with Durable Medical Equipment

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

18. NCHRP Publishes Report on its Study of EMS Response to Motor Vehicle Crashes in Rural Areas
19. New NIOSH Fact Sheet Available on PAPR Performance

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

20. HRSA MCB "Transfer Processes" Webinar Now Available for Viewing
21. IOM Recommends Collaborative Approaches for Confronting Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Minors
22. PEARS Updated to Reflect 2010 AHA Guidelines

RURAL

23. Celebrate National Rural Health Day November 21, 2013

FEDERAL PARTNERS

24. HHS Seeks Comment on Draft Strategic Plan
25. SAMHSA Releases Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit
26. New FDA Rule Requires Unique Identifier on Medical Devices
27. New Safety Measures Announced for Extended-release and Long-acting Opioids

INDUSTRY NEWS

28. NFPA 1201 Revision in Progress
29. New Statement on EMS as an Essential Public Function
30. Hospira Blood Sets: Recall - Blood Bags Punctured With Piercing Pin
31. Ladder Safety: There's an App for That

JOB

32. Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Director: Applications accepted until Thursday October 3rd

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

33. Early Warning Scores in the ED Identify Kids Who Need the ICU
34. New from AAP: Evaluation of Children When Sexual Abuse is Suspected
35. New Study Supports Use of Pediatric Telemedicine in Rural EDs

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. 2013 NASEMSO Annual Meeting Right Around the Corner!
2. NASEMSO Finalizes EMS Workforce Guidelines Draft
3. Armstrong Reappointed to FEMA National Advisory Council
4. NASEMSO Supports Safety Performance Measures for Non-Motorized Transportation
5. NASEMSO Members Asked to Review Strategies to Increase Survivability in Mass Casualty Shootings
6. Survey Results Posted: State EMS Office Involvement in Domestic Preparedness Efforts
7. NASEMSO Supports Efforts to Save Highway Trust Fund
8. McGinnis Working to Assist Tribal Participation in Nationwide Wireless Broadband Efforts

FOR THE STATES

9. Patient Centered Outcomes Research Focus of New Grant Opportunity from AHRQ
10. OMB Issues 2013 Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement

AIR MEDICAL

11. NTSB Issues Safety Alert on Use of PEDs Before and During Flight

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

12. CDC Issues Updated Guidance on MERS-CoV
13. APIC Releases Infection Control Guide for Ambulatory Care Centers During Disasters
14. DHS Appropriations Passed in Senate
15. NIOSH Emergency Response Office Director Retires, New Director/Deputy Named
16. NIOSH Seeks Comment on Personal Protective Technology (PPT) Program
17. Upcoming Webinars on Respiratory Protection and Fit Test Panels
18. NIOSH Uses Headforms to Test N95 Fit
19. IOM Crisis Standards of Care: A Toolkit for Indicators and Triggers
20. CDC Seeking Nominations for BSC/OPHPR
21. WHO Provides Clinical Protocols for PTSD, Stress, and Bereavement
22. IOM Addresses IND Response Requirements
23. Post-Incident Recovery Considerations of the Health Care Service Delivery Infrastructure
24. Senate Hearing on Lessons Learned from Boston Marathon Bombings Posted
25. PA Toolkit for Public Health Emergencies that Impact Children
26. Wildland Fire Resources Identified
27. NASA 'Fire Towers' in Space Watch for Wildfires on the Rise
28. CALL FOR NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE (NWS) SERVICE ASSESSMENT CONSULTANTS
29. FEMA Posts AAR on Hurricane Sandy
30. National Preparedness Month Toolkit 2013 Now Available
31. NAGC Offers Webinar on Crisis Communications

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

32. A Day All About N95s!
33. TWH Program Aims to Improve Occupational Safety and Health

MEDICAL DIRECTION

34. NGC Updates Evidence Based Trauma Guidelines from EAST; ASA Guideline on Difficult Airway Management
35. Nova Max Glucose Test Strips: Recall - May Report False, Abnormally High Blood Glucose Result

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

36. Now Available: Archived NHPP Webinar on Pediatric Preparedness for Healthcare Coalitions
37. New Studies on Youth Concussions Identify Challenges in Studying the Issue
38. New CDC Foundation Concussion Tools Teach Parents about Concussion and Helmet Safety
39. NIH Provides Online Course for Alcohol Screening in Youth

TRAUMA

40. CDC Updates Trends on Firearm Related Homicides and Suicides

FEDERAL PARTNERS

41. HHS and DOT Release Draft White Paper on EMS Innovation Opportunities
42. GAO Evaluates FDA Oversight in Drug Compounding
43. Domestic and Sexual Violence Screening Toolkit Now Available

44. Free Online Violence Prevention Training for Nurses Now Available

INDUSTRY NEWS

45. NAEMT Board Revises EMS Code of Ethics

46. NFPA Improves Access to Committee Documents and Public Comments

JOBS

47. Position Available: Health Program Supervisor (working title: EMS Education and Compliance Supervisor)

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. Pew Charitable Trusts Spotlights EMS Challenges

2. NASEMSO Provides Revised Talking Points on Model Interstate Compact Project

3. AVL Committee Provides KKK-A-1822F Ambulance Specs Change Notice

FOR THE STATES

4. ASTHO Legal Barriers Project Provides Toolkits for State Health Officials

5. RWJF and UM Report Characterizations of Public Health Nurse Workforce

COMMUNICATIONS

6. FirstNet to Issue RFIs in Near Future

DATA

7. ICD-10 Deadline is October 1, 2014

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

8. NIOSH to Host Webinar on Respirator Fit Test Panels

9. WISER for Android 2.0 Now Available

10. New GAO Report Highlights the Needs of Kids in CBRN Incidents

11. CDC Releases Updated West Nile Virus Guidelines

12. IOM Focuses on Children and Families Needs Following Disaster

13. WHO Posts Revised Guidance for Pandemic Influenza

14. NOAA Predicts Active 2013 Atlantic Hurricane Season

15. Communicating with the Public in a Radiological Disaster

16. Senate Hearing Focuses on Effectiveness of Preparedness Grants

17. CDC Warns of Novel Coronavirus—MERS-CoV

18. GAO Suggests Performance Measures and Targets to Monitor Preparedness Goals

19. Provide Direct Feedbacks to FEMA on NIMS Doctrine Through IdeaScale Campaign

MEDICAL DIRECTION

20. AANS Publishes Revised Guidelines for Acute Spinal Cord Injury

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

21. Interactive Map: State Laws Concerning Sport-Related Concussions among Youth
22. 2014 EMSC Meeting Marks Program's 30th Anniversary
23. KidsAndCars.org Offers Practical Advice on Preventing Childhood Emergencies in Vehicles

TRAUMA

24. Motorcycle Deaths Climb as States Repeal Helmet Laws
25. IOM Research Agenda to Reduce the Threat of Firearm-Related Violence

FEDERAL PARTNERS

26. Foxx to Serve as Next Transportation Secretary
27. CFR Celebrates 75th Anniversary
28. New GAO Report Highlights Grantee Compliance with CDC Policies on Lobbying
29. CRS Offers Clarification of Potential Employer Penalties Under ACA
30. 2014 Federal Budget Proposal Shifts Priorities at CDC
31. New GAO Reports Focus on Federal Performance Management Activities
32. New CDC Toolkit Addresses Patient Notification Issues Following Unsafe Medical Practices
33. NTSB Targets Impaired Driving
34. Register Now for Free July 10 AHRQ TeamSTEPPS® Webinar on Use of Simulation
35. DOJ Accepting Public Safety Award Nominations
36. Healthcare Workers: Protect Yourselves!
37. *MedicalDaily* Reflects on Adult Vaccination Rates

INDUSTRY NEWS

38. Proposals Invited for Kentucky EMS Summit
39. CP Survey Deadline Extended to July 1
40. NFPA 1710 Standard Open for Public Comment

JOBS

41. Alaska Seeks Qualified Candidates for EMSC Position

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

42. Mechanical versus manual chest compressions in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest: A meta-analysis
43. Benefit of Immediate Beta-Blocker Therapy on Mortality in Patients With ST-Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction
44. Cost-Effectiveness of Helicopter Versus Ground Emergency Medical Services for Trauma Scene Transport in the United States

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NAEMSO NEWS

1. State Conference Items for Calendar ALWAYS Welcome!!

FOR THE STATES

2. Eleven Public Health Departments First to Achieve National Accreditation
3. 50-state Legislative Tracking System from ASTHO

4. County Health Roadmaps Assist State Planning Efforts
5. New NACCHO Report Highlights State and Local Partnerships with Pharmacies

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Next-Generation Communications for Public Safety: Issues for Congress

DATA

7. National Provider Call: Begin Transitioning to ICD-10 in 2013 — Register Now
8. New Public Health and Information Sharing Toolkit Now Available

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

9. New CRS Report Questions Definition of Homeland Security
10. New NACCHO Issue Brief Highlights Strategies for Building Partnerships before Disasters
11. House Committee Hears Testimony for FEMA Grant Consolidation in 2014 Budget
12. NAP Offers Collection of Resources on Emergency Preparedness
13. New GAO Report Discusses FEMA Grant Management
14. President's Bioethics Commission Releases Report on Pediatric Medical Countermeasure

HITS

15. ITSA to Hold Rally at Annual Meeting

MEDICAL DIRECTION

16. OIG Issues Fraud Alert on Physician-Owned Entities

17. Pain Pump Affected in Recall
18. New Jersey Compounding Pharmacy Recalls All of Its Products
19. States Cracking Down on Specialty Pharmacies

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

20. Catalogue of State Bullying Laws and Bullying Prevention Toolkit Now Available
21. Submissions Invited for CHIPRA Pediatric Quality Measures Program
22. Children Exposed to Trauma: Beneficial Interventions

TRAUMA

23. Neurology Group Issues Position Statement on Sports Concussions
24. IOM to Host Research Forum on Preventing Gun Violence
25. IOM Committee to Host Public Workshop on Youth Concussions

FEDERAL PARTNERS

26. GAO Highlights Progress and Solutions from 2011 High Risk List
27. New AHRQ Report Highlights Average Hospital Expenses
28. FDA Issues Proposal to Improve the Quality of AEDs

INDUSTRY NEWS

29. NAEMSE Announces Additional Course Opportunities for EMS Instructors
30. National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is April 14-20, 2013

JOBS

31. EMS Administrator-- San Mateo County (CA) Health System

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

32. Podcast: Intestinal Infections Caused by C. difficile Bacteria

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. McGinnis Named Among Top 25 in Public Sector Innovation
2. NASEMSO Supports Deficit Reduction Without Further Cuts to Discretionary Programs
3. Accreditation Webinar Powerpoint Now Available on NASEMSO Web Site

FOR THE STATES

4. States Eligible for SAMSHA Funding to Implement SBIRT Screening
5. OMB Sequestration Report to Congress
6. More on Sequester, Budgets, and Appropriations from the Congressional Research Service
7. Moody's: Medicaid and Medicare DSH Payment Reductions Could Challenge States and Hospitals
8. Reminder on State Innovation Models Initiative
9. Draft Regional Action Plans Submitted to the WFEC
10. National Public Health Week is April 1-7

AIR MEDICAL

11. NTSB to Consider Safety Alerts in General Aviation

COMMUNICATIONS

- 12. Notice of FirstNet Board Of Directors Meeting
- 13. IAED Announces New Peer Reviewed Journal
- 14. New NCSL Resource Highlights State 9-1-1 Legislation
- 15. Call for Reviewers - State and Local Implementation Grant Program

DATA

- 16. CMS Releases ICD-10 Checklists and Timelines
- 17. Free, Online Tutorials from AHRQ on How to Use HCUP Data

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

- 18. FEMA Seeks Comment on Model Plans for Schools and Churches
- 19. Upcoming Webinar on Hospital Preparedness
- 20. Updated Guidelines for Evaluation of Severe Respiratory Illness Associated with a Novel Coronavirus
- 21. FEMA Seeks Applicants for National Advisory Council
- 22. Senate Backs Disaster Preparedness Bill
- 23. New GAO Report: Efforts to Share Terrorism-Related Suspicious Activity Reports

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- 24. Presidential Plan for Returning Military Personnel Includes EMS Integration
- 25. PAHPA Reauthorization Signed by the President
- 26. Field EMS Bill Reintroduced in Congress
- 27. FDA Requests Comment on the Effect of Extreme Weather on Medical Devices
- 28. Overseas Tax Savings for U.S. Drugmakers Under Threat

MEDICAL DIRECTION

- 29. AHA Issues Ischemic Stroke Guidelines
- 30. New Report Highlights Problem of Falsified and Substandard Drugs
- 31. FDA Issues Industry Guidance for Pulse Oximeters

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

- 32. CDC Seeking Comments on the Pediatric Mild TBI Guideline Protocol
- 33. Methodology of the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System — 2013
- 34. Advancing Quality Improvement Science for Children's Healthcare Research
- 35. Pediatric Inter Facility Transfer Tool Kit Released

TRAUMA

- 36. CSN Releases State Fact Sheets on Injury and Violence
- 37. New CDC Data on Mobile Device Use While Driving Compares US to 7 European Countries

FEDERAL PARTNERS

- 38. IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: CDC and CMS Sound Alarm on "Nightmare" Bacteria
- 39. Progress on Evidence-Based Guidelines for Prehospital Emergency Care Now Available
- 40. New AHRQ Evidence Report Details Top Patient Safety Strategies

41. QuickStats: Number of Deaths from 10 Leading Causes — NVSS, United States, 2010
42. NIH Study Associates Climate in Influenza Transmission
43. Save the Date: Ambulance Interior Decontamination Webinar
44. GPO Launches New Bookstore Website
45. USFA Offers Specialized Training in EMS
46. Updated Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System Resource
47. OSHA Webpage for Clinicians
48. NIOSH Announces Meeting on Respiratory Protection for Healthcare Workers

INDUSTRY NEWS

49. IOM: Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education
50. NAEMT Announces EMS Fitness Guidelines
51. Online Career Master of Public Health Program for Working Professionals
52. NQF Invites Comment on Common Formats for Patient Safety Data
53. National Poison Prevention Week
54. It's Brain Injury Awareness Month
55. New Joint Commission Speak Up Video Tackles Pain

JOBS

56. EMSC NRC Seeking Program Coordinator
57. APHA Fellowship Program
58. Pennsylvania EMSC Seeks EMS Systems Specialist

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

59. Cervical spine injury: analysis and comparison of patients by mode of transportation
60. The Effect of an Ambulance Diversion Ban on Emergency Department Length of Stay and Ambulance Turnaround Time
61. Surviving sepsis campaign: international guidelines for management of severe sepsis and septic shock: 2012
62. Family Presence during Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. It Is Not Too Late to Register for NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting
2. EMS Today Offers Conference Discount to NASEMSO Members
3. NASEMSO, CoAEMSP, and NREMT Partner to Provide Program Accreditation Update Webinar
4. NQF Publishes Final REMC Report

FOR THE STATES

5. Free Social Media Training Offered by CDC
6. SAMHSA Accepting Applications for \$6.3 million in Statewide Family Network Grants
7. 23 States Receive Bonuses for Enrolling Children in Health Coverage
8. New TFAH Report Identifies Health Priorities and Preventive Care
9. RWJF: The Public's Health Care Agenda for the 113th Congress

COMMUNICATIONS

10. NTIA Announces Availability of \$121.5 Million in State Grants to Assist with FirstNet Planning

DATA

11. NEMSIS 3.3.1 Dataset Now Available

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

12. Comment Period Extended for SOPHE's Emergency Preparedness Core Competencies
13. PAHPRA Reauthorization Update
14. New ACEP "Disaster Hero" Game Launched for Grades 1-8
15. Using Social Media and Plain Language to Improve Public Education and Communications
16. Just Launched! 2012 Survey on Emergency Communications and People with Disabilities
17. FEMA and NOAA Promote National Severe Weather Preparedness Week, March 3 - 9, 2013
18. Planning for Psychiatric Patient Movement During Emergencies and Disasters
19. DOT Launches Free App Featuring Emergency Response Guidebook
20. New CRS Report Analyzes Homeland Security Documents
21. New Norovirus Strain Causing Outbreaks in U.S.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

22. Final Rule: SCBA Remaining Service-Life Indicator Performance Requirements
23. HHS Finalizes New HIPAA Rules

MEDICAL DIRECTION

24. Product Recall: Hamilton Medical, Inc., HAMILTON-T1 Ventilators
25. Product Recall: LR and 5 Percent Dextrose Injection, USP, 1000 ML, Flexible Containers: Due to Non-Sterility

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

26. AHRQ, CMS Unveil New Children's Electronic Health Record Format
27. IOM Finds Childhood Immunization Schedule Is Safe
28. State Youth Concussion Laws Focus of Recent Webinar

TRAUMA

29. New Database Offers Patient Safety Education and Training Resources
30. NIH Study Finds Missed Opportunities for Underage Alcohol Screening

FEDERAL PARTNERS

31. AHRQ Director Stepping Down Later this Year
32. Free TeamSTEPPS® National Conference Slated June 12-13 in Dallas
33. AHRQ Releases 2010 Nationwide Emergency Department Sample (NEDS)
34. New Guide on Best Practices for Emergency Vehicle Visibility
35. ACIP Provides Revised Immunization Schedules
36. Transportation Secretary LaHood Announces That He Will Not Serve for a Second Term

INDUSTRY NEWS

- 37. 2013 National EMS Week Rollout Begins Early March
- 38. New Database Offers Patient Safety Education and Training Resources
- 39. Think the Sequester Will Have No Impact on Field EMS? Think again...
- 40. Invitation to Participate in EMS Hand Washing Study

JOBS

- 41. EMSC NRC Seeking Program Coordinator
- 42. IHS Recruiting Nurse Coordinator to be EMSC Liaison

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

- 43. The DAWN Report: Update on ED Visits Following Energy Drinks
- 44. Drug Regimens Evaluated for Patients with A-Fib
- 45. Prehospital Thrombolysis in Acute Stroke
- 46. Teens May Need More Time to Heal from Concussions
- 47. Standard Written Checklists Can Improve Patient Safety During Surgical Crises

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NASEMSO NEWS

- 1. NASEMSO Congratulates Kevin McGinnis on Prestigious NAEMSP Award
- 2. EMS Calendar Items Sought
- 3. Comment Opportunity for National Culture of Safety Strategy for EMS
- 4. NASEMSO Webinar Focuses on EMS/Trauma Systems Issues

FOR THE STATES

- 5. PCORI Awards Announced
- 6. CDC Publishes Immunization Information System Functional Standards, 2013-2017
- 7. Budget Cuts Continue to Affect the Health of Americans

COMMUNICATIONS

- 8. NPSTC Applauds Groundwork Laid by PSST for NPSBN

DATA

- 9. New Tools Help Providers Protect Patient Data in Mobile Devices

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

- 10. New Virus Causes SARS-like Illness
- 11. DHS Guide on the Role of EMS in Fusion Centers Now Available
- 12. TFAH Annual Report on State Preparedness Efforts Now Available
- 13. PAHPA Reauthorization Passes House, Returns to Senate
- 14. White House Posts New Strategy on Information Sharing

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- 15. EMS Community Hails Passage of PSOB

MEDICAL DIRECTION

- 16. FDA Product Class I Recall: Ventlab Adult and Pediatric Manual Resuscitators

17. FDA Product Class I Recall: GE Healthcare T-Piece Circuits for the Giraffe and Panda Resuscitation Systems

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

18. AAP Publishes Recommendations on Reducing Pediatric Pain and Anxiety During Emergency Care
19. New iTunes Application from AAP Provides Expert Car Seat Advice

TRAUMA

20. ACP Urges Physicians to Weigh in Against Gun Violence
21. CDC Report Focuses on Drowsy Driving
22. U.S. Launches Study into Youth Sports Concussions

FEDERAL PARTNERS

23. EMSC Targeted Issue FOA Released; Focus on Prehospital Pediatric Research
24. TeamSTEPPS® Training Module for Primary Care Teams Now Available
25. Coordinated Care Can Address Disabled Adults' High Rates of ED Use
26. AHRQ Stats: Readmission for Heart Attacks
27. 2010 Nationwide Emergency Department Sample Database Now Available
28. HHS Announces First HIPAA Breach Settlement Involving Less Than 500 Patients

INDUSTRY NEWS

29. Fiscal Deal Gives Medicare More Time to Recover Overpayments
30. Next Generation 9-1-1 Institute Accepting Nominations for 2013 9-1-1 Honors Awards

JOBS

31. Job Posting: National Association of County and City Health Officials

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

32. Second Impact Syndrome in Football: New Imaging and Insights into a Rare and Devastating Condition
33. Standardized Rapid Sequence Intubation with Ketamine
34. A Randomized Trial of Stylets for Intubating Newborn Infants

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Signs-On to Support New Version of PAHPA Reauthorization Bill
2. NASEMSO President-Elect Paul Patrick to Represent NASEMSO on FirstNet's PSAC
3. NASEMSO Previews AAMS Document Intended to Support States

FOR THE STATES

4. Senator Daniel K. Inouye Dies at 88
5. Leadership for Rural Health: NOSORH's Leadership Institute For Established and Emerging Rural Leaders
6. HHS OIG Report: HHS Public Health and Medical Services Emergency Support Preparedness
7. Planning Workshop for Addressing Healthcare Surge in Rural Settings

COMMUNICATIONS

8. FCC Chairman Announces Commitments to Accelerate Text-to-911

DATA

9. Free Data and Reporting Resource for Community Health Needs Assessment Goes Live

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

10. Evaluating the Reliability of Emergency Response Systems for Large-Scale Incident Operations

HIGHWAY SAFETY

11. U.S. DOT Proposes Broader Use of Event Data Recorders to Help Improve Vehicle Safety

MEDICAL DIRECTION

12. Ondansetron (Zofran) 32 mg, Single Intravenous (IV) Dose: Updated Safety Communication

13. Heparin: Drug Safety Communication - Important Change to Heparin Container Labels

14. Verathon Inc. Issues Voluntary Recall of Certain GlideScope GVL Video Laryngoscope Reusable Blades

15. HeartSine Samaritan Public Access Defibrillator 300/300P: Class I Recall

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

16. Pediatric Trauma Courses Developed by TI Grantee Now Available

FEDERAL PARTNERS

17. HHS Releases 2012 PHEMCE Strategy and Implementation Plan

18. FEMA Contracts Development Of National 'Whole Community' Disaster Training Program

INDUSTRY NEWS

19. New Tools to Help Providers Protect Patient Data in Mobile Devices

20. From the New York Academy of Medicine: U.S. Healthcare is Moving Upstream

21. Public Health Quality Improvement Exchange Launched

22. Regional Wildland Fire Risk Analysis Reports Now Available

LINKS TO INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

23. ONC HealthIT Webcast - Annual Meeting

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. National EMS Program Accreditation Implementation Deadline Imminent

FOR THE STATES

2. Beyond 911: State and Community Strategies for Expanding the Primary Care Role of First Responders

AIR MEDICAL

3. Association of Air Medical Services Elects New Chair

COMMUNICATIONS

4. Public Safety Broadband License Granted to FirstNet

5. \$430 Million DHS Interoperability Program Under Fire

DATA

6. NEMSIS Version 3.3.0 Release

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

7. Helping Authorities Prepare for a Food-Related Emergency

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

8. Digital Press Kit: Impact of Unsafe Injection Practices

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

9. Sequestration Updates
10. Medical Preparedness Allowable Use Act

MEDICAL DIRECTION

11. DEA Scam Alert: Extortion Scheme
12. Emergency Department Physicians Ineligible for Medicaid Payment Increase

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

13. Pediatricians Can Be Key in Improving Rural Emergency Care

FEDERAL PARTNERS

14. FCC Sets Public Safety Do-Not-Call Registry

INDUSTRY NEWS

15. FDA Approves First Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Manufactured Using Cell Culture Technology
16. Tissue Plasminogen Activator for Acute Ischemic Stroke
17. Paramedic Academic Vacancies in Perth, Western Australia

LINKS TO INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

18. Factors Associated with the Interfacility Transfer of the Pediatric Trauma Patient
19. BTF to Host the Webcast "Pediatric TBI: Second Edition of the Guidelines and Beyond"

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Website: Change of Members Only Password Access

FOR THE STATES

2. AHRQ Announces Conference Grant Program
3. Regionalized Emergency Care Services Draft Report out for Comment
4. EMSC Targeted Issue Funding Opportunity Pre-Announcement
5. Side by Side Comparison of GSA KKK-A-1822F, ASTM 2020 and NFPA 1917 Available

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Harris Trusted Enterprise Network Positioned For FirstNet
7. Plans & Challenges Emerge For Nationwide Public Safety Broadband

DATA

- 8. Golden Hour Jury Verdict Leads emsCharts to Bankruptcy
- 9. PrioriHealth Partners, LLP Awarded NHTSA Contract to Evaluate NEMSIS Performance
- 10. EMS System Data Integration to Improve Traffic Crash Emergency Response and Treatment

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

- 11. NHSC Releases White Paper on Protecting Americans in the 21st Century
- 12. Executive Order Establishing the White House Homeland Security Partnership Council

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 13. DHS Releases Guidance for Protecting Responders' Health During Aerosol Anthrax Attack

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- 14. GAO Demonstrates Continued Need for Ambulance Relief
- 15. MedPAC Recommends Reducing Payment For Non-Emergency Ambulance Transports
- 16. GAO Ambulance Report Released

HIGHWAY SAFETY

17. New NHTSA Report Shows Seat Belt Use at Record High
18. Curbing Teen Driver Crashes: An In-Depth Look at State Novice Driver Initiatives

HURRICANE SANDY

19. Honeywell Humanitarian Relief Fund Provides Aid To First Responders Affected By Hurricane Sandy
20. OHA Guidance to EMS on Force Protection and Stress Management amid Hurricane Recovery Efforts
21. Help Volunteer Firefighters Impacted by Recent Disasters
22. FDNY EMS Command Hurricane Sandy Blacksheep Relief Project

MEDICAL DIRECTION

23. Voluntary Recall of All Ameridose Medical Products

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

24. Childhood Agricultural Injury Survey Now Online
25. AAP Recommends Steps to Control Pain, Stress in Pediatric Emergency Care
26. Drops and Sprays Put Curious Kids at Risk
27. Committee on Sports-Related Concussions in Youth

RURAL EMS

28. IOM Webcast Archived: The Role of Telehealth in an Evolving Health Care Environment

TRAUMA

29. The National Conference of State Legislatures Posts Trauma System Video and Booklet

FEDERAL PARTNERS

30. HHS Releases Hurricane Disaster Behavioral Health Resources
31. Report Released on the Impact of the National Drug Shortage on Emergency Care

INDUSTRY NEWS

32. EMS On The Hill Day 2013 To Be Held Prior To EMS Today
33. NREMT Board Selects New Executive Director
34. Public Comment: *Draft National Safe Patient Handling and Mobility Standards*
35. HeartSine Technologies Issues Global Correction Of Public Access Defibrillators
36. NEMSMA and IAFC-EMS Section Jointly Support Chief EMS Officer Designation
37. Northrop Grumman Remotec Unveils Titus Robot For First Responders

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. Gary Brown (VA) Named NASEMSO Treasurer

FOR THE STATES

2. US Congressman Dicks (WA) Issues Examples of Effects of Reductions Prescribed by the BCA
3. GAO Releases Report on Ambulance Provider Costs and Medicare Margins

4. National Consensus Conference on Community Paramedicine Recordings

DATA

5. Release of the NEMSIS 2011 Public-Release Research Dataset

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

6. DHS Releases Community Engagement Guidance and Best Practices Report

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

7. IACP TIM Video Released

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

8. Report Released on the Impact of the National Drug Shortage on Emergency Care

HIGHWAY SAFETY

9. NHTSA Releases Early Estimate of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities for First Half of 2012 Fact Sheet

10. Video: Distracted Driving: Texts and More

MEDICAL DIRECTION

11. ABEM Board Eligibility Requirements for EMS Subspecialty Now Available

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

12. Job Opportunities in the EMSC National Resource Center
13. CDC Reports a Long-Term Decrease in Teen Drinking and Driving
14. AAA: Majority of Car Seats Still Improperly Installed

FEDERAL PARTNERS

15. HHS Launches Digital Strategy Website
16. Dot.gov Website Has Changed
17. AHRQ Releases Guides for Improving Patient Safety Systems for Patients With Limited English Proficiency
18. CDC Responds to Multistate Fungal Meningitis Outbreak
19. FDA Should Better Tackle Cybersecurity Risks in Medical Devices, Says GAO

INDUSTRY NEWS

20. NAEMSE Adds Additional EMS Educator and Level III Instructor Courses to Schedule
21. Core Principles & Values of Effective Team-Based Health Care

LINKS TO INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

22. Sudden Unexpected Infant Death: Differentiating Natural From Abusive Causes in the ED
23. Preventable Childhood Injuries
24. Sports-Related Concussions

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. New Officers Sworn in at Successful NASEMSO Annual Meeting
2. 2012 NASEMSO Resolutions Passed at the Annual Meeting
3. NASEMSO Awarded Three Nationally Significant Grants/Cooperative Agreements
4. NASEMSO Staffer Appointed to NQF Project on REMCS Performance

FOR THE STATES

5. CDC Releases 2012 State-by-State Preparedness Report
6. The Memorial Ultimate Challenge: A Call to Action
7. National Library of Medicine: David R. Boyd Papers Collection & Study Section
8. AHRQ Patient Centered Outcomes Research Pathway to Independence Award
9. OJP to Provide Regular Web Report of Grants Awarded

COMMUNICATIONS

10. Notice of Inquiry on FirstNet Conceptual Network Architecture
11. Call for Nominations for the NG9-1-1 Institute Board of Directors

DATA

12. Know Your NEMSIS Webinars Available for Online Viewing

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

13. House Approves \$2.2B FEMA Reauthorization
14. Working Group on Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness

15. Nation's First FEMA Corps Members Sworn In to Begin Disaster Response Service

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

16. House Passes Veterans EMT Legislation

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

17. Recommendations for the Safe Transportation of Children in Emergency Ground Ambulances Released
18. PediatricReadiness.org Goes Live
19. Safe Kids Releases Walking Safely Report

TRAUMA

20. ATS Solicits Input on National Trauma Awareness Month Campaign Materials

FEDERAL PARTNERS

21. As Real ID Act Deadline Nears, DHS Needs to Lead, Says GAO
22. Responsive Design and the New Medicare.gov
23. ASPR Twitter Challenge Sparks Innovation in Tracking Local Health Trends

INDUSTRY NEWS

24. Primary Care + Public Health in the Community
25. GAO Releases Report: Ambulance Providers: Costs and Medicare Margins Varied Widely
26. Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Health-Care Personnel — 2011–12 Influenza Season
27. FEMA Isn't Learning as Much as it Should From National Exercises
28. Ambulance Payment Legislation in Massachusetts
29. White House Office of Management and Budget Releases Report on Effects of Sequestration
30. How Indiana's Task Forces Aid Emergency Response
31. IOM Releases New Video: Primary Care + Public Health in the Community

LINKS TO INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

32. Correlation of ACS-Verified Trauma Centers with CDC Statewide Pediatric Mortality Rates
33. Study Finds Correlation Between Patient Safety Culture and Positive Assessment of Care

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Provides New Education Agenda Resources for States
2. Kevin McGinnis Appointed to FirstNet Board

FOR THE STATES

3. FirstNet Broadband Network State and Local Implementation Grant Program
4. Toolkits Released to Help Health Departments Navigate Legal Issues During Public Health Emergencies

COMMUNICATIONS

5. Officials Mark Achievements In Interoperable Communications At Public Safety Conference
6. OEC Case Study: Hurricane Irene Response in North Carolina

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

7. New Emergency Response and Counter Terrorism Collection

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

8. New Health Monitoring and Surveillance Tool for First Responder

9. Free Training Offered for First Responder Safety at a Small Aircraft or Helicopter Accident

HIGHWAY SAFETY

10. BTS Releases State Transportation Statistics 2011

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

11. States Debate Who Should Make "Return to Play" Decisions for Youth Athletes

12. Leading Physician & Medication Safety Groups Endorse ENA Position: Weigh Pediatric Patients in Kilograms

13. Save the Children Releases Annual Disaster Report

RURAL EMS

14. 2012 National Rural Health Day
15. The Rural Assistance Center Features Rural EMS in their Most Recent Publication

TRAUMA

16. Help Prepare for 2013's National Preparedness Month

FEDERAL PARTNERS

17. CDC Releases Older Adult Preparedness Portal
18. HHS Has Taken Steps to Address Unsafe Injection Practices, but More Action Is Needed

INDUSTRY NEWS

19. White House National Strategy for Biosurveillance
20. NAEMSE Adds Additional EMS Educator and Level III Instructor Courses to Schedule
21. NIOSH and OSHA Evaluate Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Cleanup
22. AHRQ Releases Training Modules to Help Improve the Safety of Nursing Home
23. Ground-Breaking Public-Private Partnership to Prevent Health Care Fraud
24. GSA freezes per diem rates for 2013
25. CDC Expanded Hepatitis C Testing Recommendations

LINKS TO INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

26. Self- and Peer-Assessments of Ambulance Drivers' Driving Performance
27. Webcast Recording Available: Ambulance Crashes: Is Your Safety Program Doing Enough to Prevent Them
28. Presentations and Outcomes of Children With Intraventricular Hemorrhages After Blunt Head Trauma

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. The NASEMSO Rural EMS Committee Webpage Updated

FOR THE STATES

2. Performance Measurement for Public Health Policy
3. Alaska Job Opening: DPH/DHSS Chief of Emergency Programs

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

4. A New Health Monitoring and Surveillance Tool for First Responders

HIGHWAY SAFETY

5. DOT Releases New "Faces of Distracted Driving" Video

MEDICAL DIRECTION

6. New Online Educational Program for EMS Medical Directors Announced

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

7. Associations Identify Using Metric Weights as Key to Avoiding Medication Errors
8. Safe Kids Worldwide Issues National Alert: Eight Child Heatstroke Deaths in Seven Days
9. NHTSA Launches 2012 Child Passenger Safety Week Program
10. Teen Seat Belt Use Is Significantly Higher In States With Stronger Laws

RURAL EMS

11. IEMS Publishes Clinical Treatment Guidelines for Wildland Fire Medical Units

TRAUMA

12. Trauma Patients at Higher Risk of Dying of Hypothermia

FEDERAL PARTNERS

13. USFA and OHA Release Operational Templates and Guidance for EMS Mass Care Incident Deployment
14. CDC Introduces Disease of the Week Application
15. CDC Posts Final Version of Anti-Lobbying Restrictions for Grantees

INDUSTRY NEWS

16. West Nile Season Off To An Early Start
17. EMSCC Community Paramedic White Paper Released

LINKS TO INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

18. Can the National Trauma Triage Protocol Predict which Patients Will Benefit from Helicopter Transport?
19. CHSC Releases Research Brief on the Use of Emergency Departments for Routine Care

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO AM12 Airport Transportation and Golf Scramble Details

FOR THE STATES

2. States Find Laws Against Sports Head Injuries Tricky to Enact

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

3. FEMA Announces its First Youth Preparedness Council
4. Free Emergency Preparedness Brochures, Posters & Publications

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

5. Dealing with Disaster Trauma: How Behavioral Health Can Help
6. Prevention & Control of Healthcare-Associated Infections Guideline Updated

HIGHWAY SAFETY

7. GHSA Reacts to Early Estimates of Traffic Deaths for 2012

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

8. Pediatric All-Terrain Vehicle Trauma: The Epidemic Continues Unabated

TRAUMA

9. Website on Sports Concussions Updated

FEDERAL PARTNERS

10. HRSA Releases 2011-2012 Area Resource File

11. HHS Launches Web-Based Tool to Track Performance of Nation's Health Care System

12. HHS Releases 2012 Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise Strategy

13. FEMA Welcomes Two of its Newest Employees: Flat Stanley and Flat Stella

INDUSTRY NEWS

14. NIH creates Office of Emergency Care Research
15. NAEMSE is Proud to Present Two Courses: EMS Educator and Level III Instructor
16. CDC Provides Update on Pertussis Outbreaks and Washington State Epidemic

LINKS TO INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

17. ASTHO to Host Webinar on IOM Crisis of Care Standards
18. Value Generation and Health Reform in Emergency Medical Services

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Posts Western State Processes for Legal Recognition of Wildland Fire EMTs

FOR THE STATES

2. AHRQ Releases 2011 State Snapshots
3. NFPA 1917 Update

AIR MEDICAL

4. ACCT Election Results

COMMUNICATIONS

5. Special Webinar for EMS Association Leaders and Members on New Public Safety Broadband Network
6. Governors Association Issues Recommendations For Implementing First Responder Network

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

7. USFA and the OHA Release Operational Templates and Guidance for EMS Mass Care Incident Deployment
8. FEMA Releases National Preparedness Report
9. HHS Grants Bolster Health Care & Public Health Disaster Preparedness
10. Limited Evidence on Best Strategies During Mass Casualty Events
11. Prepare for Hurricane Season

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

12. WISER for iOS 3.0 Now Available in the Apple App Store
13. SAMHSA Offers Disaster Behavioral Health Preparedness and Response Resources
14. Protecting Workers Who Use Cleaning Chemicals

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

15. Executive Order: Assignment of National Security and Emergency Preparedness Communications Functions
16. 2012 ASTHO At-Home Hill Day Toolkit is Available
17. President Signs Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act

HIGHWAY SAFETY

18. Federal Highway Administration Rolls Out Its Traffic Incident Management Public Information Toolkit

FEDERAL PARTNERS

19. NIOSH Launches EMS Website
20. CDC Writing for Social Media Guide

INDUSTRY NEWS

21. Despite Benefit, Hospitals Not Always Alerted of Incoming Stroke Patients
22. Community Paramedicine Insights Forum Held on July 23rd
23. NAEMSE Asks for Fallen EMS Educators Award Nominations
24. EMS Role in the Veteran Homelessness Initiative
25. Volunteer Fire Fighter Killed While Directing Traffic at an Interstate Highway Incident
26. Scientific Writing for Peer Reviewed Publications for Public Health Professionals Course
27. AHRQ Release Report: *Enabling Patient-Centered Care Through Health Information Technology*

LINKS TO INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

28. Lower Mortality in Sepsis Patients Admitted through the ED vs Direct Admission
29. Adolescent Satisfaction in an Urban Pediatric Emergency Department

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. CMS Health Care Innovation Awards
2. 2012 NASEMSO Annual Meeting Registration Opens
3. Three NASEMSO Members Are Among New Appointees to NEMSAC

FOR THE STATES

4. Oregon Temporarily Adopts OAR 333-250-0051 Relating to Drug Shortages
5. CDC Implementation of the Anti-Lobbying Provisions
6. EMSC State Partnership Funding Opportunity Announcement
7. CDC Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention: Interactive Atlas
8. AHRQ Releases 2011 State Snapshots
9. New Law in Minnesota Funds Community Paramedics
10. Massachusetts Hiring Office of EMS Director

COMMUNICATIONS

11. Clarification on Use of DHS/FEMA Public Safety Grant Funds for Broadband-Related Expenditures
12. Special Webinar for EMS Association Leaders and Members on New Public Safety Broadband Network

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

13. DHS Announces More Than \$1.3 Billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Preparedness Grants
14. FEMA Think Tank Conference Calls Held Monthly
15. George Washington University Hosts Special Event on Public Health and Emergency Management

EMS HEALTH & SAFETY

16. DOT Releases New Emergency Response Guidebook

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

17. House and Senate Leaders Release Two-Year Surface Transportation Bill

18. Lifesaving (Drug Shortage) Legislation Now Goes to President Obama for His Signature

HIGHWAY SAFETY

19. GHSA/NHTSA Announces Crash Criteria Guidelines for States To Help Better Cultivate Crash Data

MEDICAL DIRECTION

20. NIOSH Seeks Comments on Proposed Revision to Requirements for SCBA Remaining Service Life Indicators

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

21. Focus on Water Safety: CSN Resource Guide 2012

22. New High School Toolkit Offers Hope in Preventing Suicide Among Adolescents

23. New Jersey EMSC Program Publishes Model Program in Pediatric Emergency Care

TRAUMA

24. ITLS eTrauma: Taking Trauma Training Online

FEDERAL PARTNERS

25. IOM Hosts Workshop: The Role of Telehealth in an Evolving Health Care Environment

26. HHS Launches New Web-Based Tool to Track Performance of Nation's Health Care System

27. Dr. Rick Hunt Leaves NCIPC

28. Release of the 2012 Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise (PHEMCE) Strategy

INDUSTRY NEWS

29. 100% Of WA Hospitals Enrolled In Program To Reduce Preventable Medicaid ED Visits

30. APHA Releases Brief: *The Prevention and Public Health Fund*

31. NARR Releases Fukushima After Action Report

32. New First Aid App Brings American Red Cross Safety Tips to Smart Phones

LINKS TO INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

33. Hospital Visits in the U.S. for Firearm-Related Injuries, 2009: A HCUP Statistical Brief

34. The Health Data Initiative Forum 2012

35. Survey Assesses Ideal Characteristics of a Photographic-based Family Reunification Tool

36. Access to 24-Hour Primary Care Can Reduce Emergency Department Visits

37. Psychiatric Patients Face Long Stays in the Emergency Department

38. Webinar Recording of "National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) Update" Now Available

June 15, 2012

NASEMSO NEWS

1. Listen to Randy Kuykendall During a Story About Rural EMS on NPR

2. Death of Tennessee Office of EMS Assistant Director

FOR THE STATES

3. "Summer Trauma Tour" Highlights Indiana's Effort to Establish Statewide Trauma System

4. WA Emergency Care Council Launches Public Awareness Campaign on EMS and Trauma System Importance
5. Prevention Institute Releases New Report: *The Intersection of Health Services & Community Environments*
6. SAMHSA Accepting Applications for the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative
7. Center for Sharing Public Health Services Releases Call for Proposals

DATA

8. NEMSIS v3.2.6 Build Released
9. 45-day Public Review for EDXL Situation Reporting

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

10. June Begins Atlantic Hurricane Season
11. FEMA Updates Course: Anticipating Hazardous Weather & Community Risk
12. George Washington University Releases New Report: *Public Health and Emergency Management*
13. Conducting CERT Drills and Exercises Just Got Easier; FEMA Makes Available Ready-to-Use CERT Exercises

HIGHWAY SAFETY

14. NHTSA Study Shows Improved Vehicle Design Contributing to Historic Decline in Roadway Deaths & Injuries
15. CDC Study Finds Universal Motorcycle Helmet Laws Increase Helmet Use, Save Money
16. DOT Issues 'Blueprint for Ending Distracted Driving'

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

17. U.S. High School Students Improve Motor Vehicle-related Health Behaviors
18. Pediatric All-Terrain Vehicle Trauma: The Epidemic Continues Unabated

RURAL EMS

19. IOM Announces "The Role of Telehealth in an Evolving Health Care Environment" Workshop

TRAUMA

20. CQ Researcher Releases Special Report on TBI

FEDERAL PARTNERS

21. Application Period to Open Monday, June 11, for FY 2012 Assistance to Firefighters Grants
22. June is Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month
23. FEMA Supports Legislative Change to Allow Tribal Governments to Directly Apply for Federal Disaster Aid
24. CDC Offers Emergency Preparedness Guide for Older Adults
25. AHRQ Requests Nominations for its National Advisory Council

INDUSTRY NEWS

26. Federal Partners Continue to Support Response to Western Fires
27. Report Shows Regional Care Systems to Treat Severe Heart Attacks Improve Survival Rates
28. National Planning Framework (PPD 8) Working Draft Documents Released
29. Congressional Research Service Issues Two New Reports on the US Fire Administration and SAFER Grants
30. National PSA Campaign Launches to Encourage Americans to Adapt and Prepare for Wildland Fires
31. Medicare: Progress Made to Deter Fraud, but More Could Be Done
32. New Report From The Nurse Triage Line Project: H1N1 Phone Triage Lines Informed, Aided Patients
33. Quality of Cardiac Care Is Improving
34. AHRQ's Health Care Innovations Exchange Focuses on Coordinating Community Care for Seniors

LINKS TO INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

35. Toxic Exposures, Emergency Planning and Electronic Health Records Webinar
36. MCHB to Host Free Webinar: Kids in Disaster

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. Dia Gainor Selected to Receive NHTSA Public Service Award
2. Conclusion of EMS Bike Ride Honors Fallen Heroes

FOR THE STATES

3. Free Training for the Fire and Emergency Services
4. NSC Calls On Americans To Bring Safety To The Forefront This June
5. Third Draft of *Strategy for a National EMS Culture or Safety* Released for Comments
6. Portland State University Launches an Emergency Management and Homeland Security Leadership Program
7. FEMA Offers Independent Study Program: Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS)

COMMUNICATIONS

8. FCC Initiates Proceeding to Create Public Safety Do-Not-Call Registry

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

- 9. FEMA Urges Preparedness for Hurricanes and Severe Weather
- 10. FEMA Releases Near-Final National Planning Frameworks and New Online Resources
- 11. FEMA Releases Tabletop Exercise Focused on Whole Community Preparedness
- 12. FEMA ICPD Releases New Community Preparedness Education Tools

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 13. DOT Releases New Emergency Response Guidebook

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- 14. House Approves Bill to Help Address the Nationwide Drug Shortage Issue
- 15. IAFF Proposes Changing Name of USFA to "U.S. Fire, EMS, and All-Hazards Preparedness Administration"

HIGHWAY SAFETY

- 16. NSC Releases White Paper: "Employer Liability and the Case for Comprehensive Cell Phone Policies"
- 17. New App to Help Stop Texting and Driving
- 18. New Study: No Progress in Reducing Motorcyclist Deaths
- 19. Annual Click It Or Ticket Effort Saves Lives With Simple Message: Buckle Up, For Real

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

- 20. Free Pediatric Emergency Learning for Physicians, Nurses and Other Providers
- 21. Safe Kids: In or On the Water

TRAUMA

- 22. Legislation Introduced To Broaden the Scope of Federal Support for Traumatic Brain Injury Programs

FEDERAL PARTNERS

- 23. NHTSA Launches Redesigned EMS.gov Website to Better Serve First Responders & Health Care Community
- 24. President Obama and HHS Honor EMS Professionals During National EMS Week 2012

INDUSTRY NEWS

- 25. Workshop Series Summary: Facilitating Access to Antiviral Medications & Information in an Flu Pandemic
- 26. IOM Report: Facing the Reality of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis
- 27. CPC Announces Name Change to the Chief Medical Officer Designation
- 28. Heart Disease and Stroke Deaths Drop Significantly for People with Diabetes
- 29. TFAH and RWJF Release New Report: The Facts Hurt: A State-By-State Injury Prevention Policy Report

LINKS TO INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

- 30. Most People Visit the ER Because 'Only a Hospital Could Help,' CDC Report Highlights Lack of Access to Care

31. Individuals Under the Influence Denied Coverage for Emergency Department Care
32. MCHB to Host The National Pediatric Readiness Project Webcast
33. Community Preparedness Webinar Series, National Preparedness Month, September 2012
34. The Broselow Tape as an Effective Medication Dosing Instrument: A Review of the Literature

May 15, 2012

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Convenes Successful Mid-Year Meeting
2. Issue Brief for NASEMSO Members: Drug Shortages and Controlled Substance Regulation
3. NASEMSO Submits Letter Encouraging BIA to Use EMR/EMT Training as Their National Standard
4. State EMS Job Board Now Open at NASEMSO.org
5. NASEMSO Signs-on To Congressional Letter Opposing Federal Meeting Attendance Prohibition

FOR THE STATES

6. NTIA Recruitment of Board of Directors for First Responder Network Authority
7. Innovations Deserving Exploratory Analysis (IDEA) Now Accepting Funding Proposals
8. NOSORH Grant Writing Institute to Start its Second Round of Classes in June 2012
9. National Weather Service Mobile Weather Text Alerts for EMS, Fire & Police
10. EMS Week Idea: iRescu AED Geolocation Scavenger Hunt Contests
11. Exciting Opportunity for Public Service at HHS/ASPR

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

12. FEMA and Partners Release National Preparedness Report
13. FEMA's Emergency Management Institute Releases FY 2013 Class Schedule
14. FEMA's Online Community – Where Your Ideas Come to Life
15. More than 940,000 Drop, Cover and Hold On in Utah

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

16. IAFC Introduces New HAZMAT Training Available

HIGHWAY SAFETY

17. USDOT Proposes Groundbreaking Rule to Prevent Rollover Crashes for Nation's Large Trucks, Buses
18. New Study: Little Progress in Reducing Speeding-Related Traffic Deaths
19. DOT Releases New "Faces of Distracted Driving" Video
20. National Safety Council Data Indicates Traffic Fatalities Up 12% in First Three Months of 2012
21. NHSTA Releases Proximity to Trauma Centers and Crash Scene Mortality Research Note

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

22. Teenage Driver Fatalities by State: 2011 Preliminary Data
23. Safe Kids Worldwide Urges FDA to Allow For Acetaminophen Dosing Information for Infants

TRAUMA

24. New Brain Injury Resources Posted by BIAA

FEDERAL PARTNERS

25. Notice of NEMSAC Meeting
26. HHS Finalizes New Rules to Cut Regulations for Hospitals and Health Care Providers
27. United States and Canada Release Joint Guide for Emergency Border Traffic Management
28. HHS Announces First 26 Health Care Innovation Awards
29. HHS Announces \$10.4 Million to Enhance Rural Health Care
30. Gaps Continue to Exist in Nursing Home Emergency Preparedness and Response During Disasters

INDUSTRY NEWS

31. Cardiac Care is Improving, Yet Overall Health Care Quality and Access Continue to Lag for Many Americans
32. Fourth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Event Collects Record 276 Tons
33. New National Health Policy Forum Basic on Health Professions Education

LINKS TO INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

34. Webinar This Friday! Teen CERT: Connecting School Emergency Management and Youth Preparedness
35. MCHB to Host On the Road to Injury Prevention Webcast
36. Best Practices for Rural Traffic Safety Webinar: National Strategy for Highway Safety—Toward Zero Deaths
37. Sleep Deprivation Report Highlighted
38. Stun Guns Can Result in Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Death

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Donates to National EMS Memorial Service
2. Comments on Maryland Waiver Petition Filed with FCC

FOR THE STATES

3. ORHP releases Community Paramedicine Evaluation Tool
4. 2012 National EMS Memorial Bike Ride on April 23, 2012
5. OHA Releases Funding Alternatives for Emergency Medical and Fire Services
6. Rural Health System Analysis and Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreement Grant Notice

AIR MEDICAL

7. White Paper Released on the Air Ambulance Medical Services Clarification Act
8. FAA Is Taking Steps to Improve Data, but Challenges for Managing Safety Risks Remain

COMMUNICATIONS

9. 14 People Receive 2012 APCO International Public Safety Leadership Awards
10. Scientist and Leader in Public Safety Radio Dies from Motorcycle Accident

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

11. DHS Grant Guidance for Fiscal Year 2012 Preparedness Grants

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

12. Arizona Launches Emergency Traffic Management Prototype
13. Important Updates to the Fiscal Year 2011 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Application

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

14. Field EMS Bill Picks up New Cosponsors
15. State Medical Director Completes NPS Executive Leaders Program
16. Voluntary Recall of Epinephrine Injection Due to Discoloration and Small Visible Particles
17. Office of Health Affairs Release EMS Medical Directors Handbook

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

18. NHTSA Launches New Car Safety Seat Campaign

FEDERAL PARTNERS

19. Spring Weather Preparedness
20. FEMA Administrator Fugate Announces New Superintendent of Emergency Management Institute

INDUSTRY NEWS

21. Communication with Vulnerable Populations: A Transportation and Emergency Management Toolkit
22. HELP Committee Approves Its Version of the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA)
23. Learn about the History of EMS; Sign Up for the National EMS Museum E-news
24. National Emergency Management Association Releases Biennial Report

LINKS TO INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

25. Teen-led Study Highlights Dangers of Texting and Driving
26. Washington Governor Suspends Plan to Limit Medicaid Emergency-Room Visits

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting to Be Held May 7-8, 2012 in Bethesda, Maryland
2. Issue Brief for NASEMSO Members: Drug Shortages and Controlled Substance Regulation
3. NASEMSO Releases "Rural Highway Mass Casualty Guidelines"
4. NASEMSO Convenes National EMS Leadership Forum at EMS Today
5. Survey Says: NASEMSO I-Team Reports to NEMSAC

FOR THE STATES

6. Nominate a Hero for the 2012 Citizens Medal
7. National EMS Week, May 20-26, 2012; Great Ideas for EMS Week and EMS Everyday
8. Funding Opportunity: Incorporating Radiation Professionals into Existing Volunteer Response Programs
9. GPO Announces The New Mobile Member Guide for the 112th Congress
10. Community Paramedic: Perspective From the Front Line

AIR MEDICAL

11. Advocacy for MedEvac Services a Key Focus of AAMS Spring Legislative Conference in Washington, DC

COMMUNICATIONS

- 12. D-Block Allocation to Public Safety is 'Done'
- 13. White House Posts Report on Economic Benefits of Wireless Broadband
- 14. Directory Provides Links to Needed Public Safety Broadband Information
- 15. Technical Advisory Board for First Responder Interoperability Announces Agenda for Public Workshop

DATA

- 16. Webinar Now Available: Introduction to NEMSIS and Its Potential Uses in Syndromic Surveillance
- 17. NEMSIS Version 3.2.1 Build 120321 Official Release

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

- 18. IOM Report Provides Framework and Tools to Deliver Health Care Effectively During Catastrophic Disasters

19. Testimony on the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request for the OHA
20. DHS Announces AT&T PS-Prep™ Certification
21. UNC Offers Free Online Trainings in Influenza Preparedness, Disease Surveillance, Bioterrorism, and More!

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

22. EMS Near Miss and Line of Duty Death Online Reporting Tools Launched
23. Study of Best Practices for Emergency Vehicle Visibility Initiated

HIGHWAY SAFETY

24. USFA, Federal Highway Administration Complete Study of Traffic Incident Management Systems
25. Improved DOT Collaboration & Communication Could Enhance Use of Technology to Manage Congestion
26. Young People Are Least Likely to Speak Up About Distracted Driving as Passengers
27. NCSA Crash Stats: Lives Saved in 2010 by Restraint Use and Minimum Drinking Age Laws
28. NCSA Research Note: 2010 Motor Vehicle Crashes: Overview

MEDICAL DIRECTION

29. Medications at Transitions and Clinical Handoffs (MATCH) Toolkit for Medication Reconciliation

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

30. NHTSA Unveils Campaign to Prevent Child Heatstroke Deaths in Cars

TRAUMA

31. May is National Trauma Awareness Month; Campaign is "Decide to Drive: Arrive Alive! "

FEDERAL PARTNERS

32. Death Rates from Unintentional Injury Among Children Dropped By Nearly 30 Percent in 10 Years
33. Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Training Opportunities
34. CDC announces launch of new Apps for 2011 Field Triage Guidelines
35. HHS Responds to Emergency Care Drug Shortage
36. DEA Holding Fourth Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day in April
37. HHS Seeks Comment on National Action Plan to Eliminate Healthcare-Associated Infections
38. HHS and the Department of Education have unveiled an enhanced Stop Bullying Website
39. FEMA Releases Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment Guide

INDUSTRY NEWS

40. NAEMT 2011 Annual Report Now Available
41. Health Dollars Reallocation & New Funding Sources Needed to Strengthen Nation's Public Health Capacity
42. Presidential Policy Directive 8: National Preparedness
43. ECCO releases proceedings from November 2011 EMS Stakeholders Meeting
44. MedPAC to Conduct a Study of the Medicare Ambulance Fee Schedule
45. State of the Nation Report on Cell Phone Distracted Driving
46. National Action Plan for Child Injury Prevention Seeks to Reduce Child Injuries and Deaths

LINKS TO INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

47. Autoinjectors Offer Way to Treat Prolonged Seizures; Study Finds Method Safe and Effective for Paramedics
48. Primary Cardiac Arrest Following Sport or Exertion in Children Presenting to an Emergency Department

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Mid-Year Registration Form Now Available
2. NASEMSO Cosponsors EMS on the Hill Day
3. 2011 National EMS Assessment Report Now Available

FOR THE STATES

4. States Eligible to Respond to FOA
5. IOM to Convene Meeting on LHI

COMMUNICATIONS

6. PSHSB Seeks Comment on Requests for Waiver
7. Nation's Governors Support D Block Legislation with Conditions

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

8. New Report from NIOSH: Lessons Learned from the Deepwater Horizon Response
9. Registration is Now Open for Personal Protective Technology March Meeting
10. New GAO Report Evaluates Use of DHS Risk Assessments to Inform CBRN Response Plans
11. DHS Seeks to Protect Global Supply Chain from Terrorists
12. New FEMA Resilience Document Outlines 20 Year Vision
13. USDA Provides Interagency Helicopter Extraction Source List
14. EMForum Posts Live Meeting Recording on Legal Issues and Disasters
15. SAMSHA Provides New Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Resource
16. Dirty Bombs Awareness Resources Identified by EMR-ISAC
17. Barriers to Integrating Crisis Standards of Care Principles into International Disaster Response Plan

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

18. FAA Reauthorization Bill Awaits President's Signature

FEDERAL PARTNERS

19. Draft 2 EMS Culture of Safety Draft Available for Comment
20. AHRQ Posts New Resources and 2011 Annual Meeting Presentations
21. DHS Releases New Resources to Combat Human Trafficking
22. NIOSH Announces Project on Nonfatal Occupational Injuries
23. New CDC iPad App Available
24. CDC Revises Field Triage Guidelines

INDUSTRY NEWS

25. Routine Adult Immunizations Are Vital for EMS Practitioners!!
26. EMS Organizations Invited to Comment on Ambulance Equipment Lists
27. A "Heads Up" on Managing Return to Play: Information for Health Care Professionals
28. New Patient Safety Paper Focuses on EMS
29. NHTSA Concludes Defect Investigation on Chevy Volts
30. NAEMT Advocacy Service Available to EMS Community
31. NFPA Standards Council Agrees to Immediate 1917 Revision Following Implementation
32. Respironics Ventilator Recalled by Manufacturer
33. Registration Open for Emergency Medical Services Systems, Safety Strategies and Solutions Summit
34. **HHS Encourages Activities to Support American Heart Month**
35. NREMT Launches National Certification EMR and EMT Exams
36. Totally Drug Resistant TB Emerges in India
37. CDC Clinical Reminder: Insulin Pens Must Never Be Used for More than One Person
38. GAO Issues Report on Prescription Drug Abuse
39. NEMSMS Announces 2012 Honorees
40. Bridging the Historic Divide Between Nurses and Paramedics
41. New IOM Service on Health Care Trends Now Available

LINKS TO INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

42. Corticosteroid after etomidate in critically ill patients: a randomized controlled trial.

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. 2011 National EMS Assessment Now Available
2. NASEMSO Mourns Former Arizona Section Chief
3. State EMS Director Explains Enhanced Response Strategies Following Tropical Storm

FOR THE STATES

4. \$300 Million Awarded to States for Enrolling Eligible Children in Health Coverage
5. MCH Navigator Learning Portal Released

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

6. TFAH and RWJF Post Annual Public Health Emergency Preparedness Report
7. Influenza A (H3N2)v Transmission and Guidelines Posted by CDC
8. AHRQ Seeks Comment on Draft Scarce Resources Document

MEDICAL DIRECTION

9. FDA Warns of Serious Medical Complications Related to Multaq

10. POTENTIAL FOR DOSING ERRORS-- Acetaminophen Liquid Now Available in Additional Concentration

FEDERAL PARTNERS

11. OSHA Web Site Provides Considerations That Pertains to Emergency Responders
12. GAO Report Highlights Data Collection for Pediatric Medical Devices
13. CDC Releases Best Available Research Evidence

INDUSTRY NEWS

14. NREMT Seeks Executive Director

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Congratulates Texas EMS Director on NREMT Appointment
2. NASEMSO Congratulates Dr. Cunningham on Prestigious AAEM Award
3. NASEMSO Releases Resource on EMS Program Accreditation

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

4. FEMA Adds Whole of Community Document to Online Library
5. IOM Reports on Effectiveness of Biosurveillance Strategy
6. Registration is Now Open for Personal Protective Technology March Meeting
7. Implementation Plan Addresses Community Roles in Preventing Violent Extremism
8. FEMA Provides Information for Filing an Appeal Following Earthquake

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

9. Joint Commission Issues SEA on Healthcare Worker Fatigue and Patient Safety

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

10. Congress Passes Omnibus Appropriations Bill; Averts Government Shutdown

HIGHWAY SAFETY

11. NTSB Votes to Recommend Total Ban on Cell Phone Use While Driving

MEDICAL DIRECTION

12. FDA Issues Interim Final Rule on Drug Shortages
13. FDA Approves Marketing of Hand-Held Device for Detecting ICH

FEDERAL PARTNERS

14. US Highway Deaths Lowest Since 1949
15. NHTSA Issues Statement on Risk of Defect Investigation
16. CMS Proposes Regulation on Reporting Payments or Transfers of Value

INDUSTRY NEWS

17. EMS Culture of Safety Draft 2 Available for Comment
18. Community Paramedic Handbook Available from Program Sponsors

19. Joint Commission Posts Field Review Opportunities

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

- 20. Empiric management of cyanide toxicity associated with smoke inhalation
- 21. Association of Direct Helicopter Versus Ground Transport and In-hospital Mortality in Trauma Patients
- 22. The Consequences of Noncompliance With Guidelines for Withholding or Terminating Resuscitation in Traumatic Cardiac Arrest Patients
- 23. Deliberations and recommendations of the Pediatric Emergency Mass Critical Care Task Force: Executive summary
- 24. Emergency Medical Services Response Time and Mortality in an Urban Setting

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NASEMSO NEWS

- 1. NASEMSO Congratulates Terry Mullins on Appointment to NEMSAC
- 2. NASEMSO (STILL) Accepting Calendar Items for 2012

FOR THE STATES

- 3. EMSC State Partnership Regionalization of Care (SPROC) Grant Released
- 4. SAMHSA Awards \$1.1 Million to the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors
- 5. The Power of Policy--Educating, Advocating, Lobbying: ...What Role Can Health Department Staff Play?
- 6. NEDSS Assesses State Disease Surveillance Capacity

COMMUNICATIONS

- 7. FCC Reissues Notice on Deadline for Narrowband Transition and Waivers

DATA

- 8. NEMSIS Version 3.1.0 Now Available

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

- 9. National Disaster Recovery Framework Available from FEMA
- 10. First Deliverable Arrives Under Presidential Policy Directive (PPD) 8
- 11. Study Identifies Possible Therapy for Radiation Sickness
- 12. DHS Roundtable Highlights Active Shooter Awareness
- 13. FEMA to Engage Stakeholders in New "Think Tank"
- 14. GAO Letter Report Highlights Nonfederal Capabilities for National Biosurveillance

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 15. ACIP Reissues Immunization Recommendations for HCP and EMS
- 16. New OSHA Guide Provides Wealth of PPE Compliance Information
- 17. New NIOSH Report Highlights Workplace Falls
- 18. NIST and Partners Seek Input on Safer Ambulance Designs
- 19. USFA, Justice Department Initiate Public Safety Emergency Vehicle Safety Study
- 20. NFPA Foundation Releases Ambulance Crash Data Report
- 21. UPMC Study Highlights EMS Workplace Safety

HIGHWAY SAFETY

22. New PSA Focuses on Teen Drivers

MEDICAL DIRECTION

23. IPAL Project Highlights Integration of Emergency Medicine and Palliative Care
24. New Report: A Review of FDA's Approach to Medical Product Shortages
25. CDC Reports Epidemic of Opioid Pain Relievers

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26. DOD: Use of Neurocognitive Assessment Tools in Post-Deployment Identification of Mild TBI

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27. IOM Consensus Report Reflects Health IT and Patient Safety Concerns

INDUSTRY NEWS

28. EMS Week 2012 Planning Guides Available from ACEP
29. IAB Issues Position Statement in Support of Lead Federal Agency for EMS
30. JEMS Seeks Nominations of 2011 EMS Innovators
31. NPSTC Invites Readers to Fall Issue of Newsletter
32. Physio-Control Acquired by Private Investment Firm

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

33. "The Dirty Hand in the Latex Glove": A Study of Hand Hygiene Compliance When Gloves Are Worn
34. Dynamics and Association of Different Acute Stress Markers with Performance during a Simulated Resuscitation
35. Long-term cognitive outcomes following out-of-hospital cardiac arrest: A population-based study
36. Fatal and nonfatal injuries among emergency medical technicians and paramedics
37. Does Mechanism of Injury Predict Trauma Center Need?

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. White House Director of Resiliency Addresses NASEMSO Annual Meeting
2. NASEMSO Accepting Calendar Items for 2012
3. NASEMSO Engages in Coalition Efforts
4. EMSCAP Evaluates Expense of Prehospital Emergency Care

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5. CDC Awards \$49 Million to Strengthen State and Local Health Departments
6. HHS Announces \$11.9 Million to Implement Health IT in Rural Areas
7. NACCHO Releases 2010 National Profile of Local Health Departments Report

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8. FCC Announces 5 Step Plan to Deploy NG 9-1-1

DATA

9. NEMSIS Research Dataset Now Available

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

10. Chemical Suicides Focus of Several New Resources
11. FEMA Announces New Applications for Mobile Devices
12. NIMS Training Plan Revised
13. EAS Test Being Evaluated
14. NIMS Credentialing Guideline Now Available
15. CDC Outlines PPHR National Strategy
16. National Disaster Response Framework Available from FEMA
17. New GAO Report Highlights Government Effort to Share Information

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

18. CDC Provides Ryan White Notification Protocols for ERE's
19. TRB to Host Emergency Medical Services Systems, Safety Strategies and Solutions Summit
20. CDC Reminds Health Care Workers to be Vaccinated Against Influenza
21. Reducing Noise Hazards for Call and Dispatch Center Operators
22. Is YOUR respirator NIOSH-approved?
23. NIOSH Provides Several Resources to Support a Healthy Workforce

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

24. Field EMS Bill Introduced in Congress Calls for Lead Federal Agency for EMS
25. HHS to Host EMS Stakeholders Meeting

HIGHWAY SAFETY

26. NG9-1-1 "What's Next?" Forum Report Now Available
27. New GAO Report Highlights State Highway Funding

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

28. Participants Sought for NIH Study on Prehospital EMS Care
29. NIH Releases Clinician's Guide for Screening Underage Drinkers

TRAUMA

30. NEISS-AIP Analysis Highlights Nonfatal Traumatic Brain Injuries

FEDERAL PARTNERS

31. ECCO Names New Director
32. HHS Announces Text4Health Task Force Recommendations and Global Partnership
33. NTSB to Hold Forum on Public Aircraft Operations

INDUSTRY NEWS

34. FDA Seeks Comment on Drug and Medical Product Shortages

35. FIT Reports Results of Wind Effects on Emergency Vehicles
36. AMA Advocacy Paper on Emergency Medical Professionals
37. New IOM Report Urges Increased Oversight of Health Information Technology
38. Circuit Judge Rules in Favor of Health Care Reform Law
39. New IOM Report Evaluates Questions About Vaccine Safety
40. Brain Attack Coalition Identifies New Guidelines for Primary Stroke Centers
41. EMS Community Encouraged to Support CO Education

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

42. From the AMA: New Medical Students Working as EMTs

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1. Presidential Policy Advisor to Address 2011 NASEMSO Annual Meeting
2. Prominent NIOSH Researcher to Outline Ambulance Safety Standards at 2011 NASEMSO Annual Meeting
3. NASEMSO Congratulates Dr. Carol Cunningham on NPLI Achievement
4. NASEMSO Supports Funding for US Poison Control Centers
5. EMSCAP Focuses on EMS Cost Evaluation
6. NASEMSO Joins National Preparedness Month Coalition

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7. IOM Suggests Decades-Old Health Laws Need To Be Revised

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8. New Senate Bill Addresses Air Ambulance Accreditation

COMMUNICATIONS

9. S. 911 Companion Bill Introduced in the House of Representatives
10. FCC Strengthens Enhanced 911 Location Accuracy Requirements

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11. NEMSIS: Save the Date for Software Developer's Meeting

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12. DHS Provides Progress Report on Implementation of 9/11 Commission Recommendations
13. EMI Course Highlights Utilization of EMAC
14. HHS Toolkit of Public Health Emergency Text Messages Now Available
15. GAO Issues Letter Report on CBRN Interagency Collaboration
16. CDC Identifies Deadly Fungal Infections Following Joplin Tornado
17. White House Announces National Strategy for Counterterrorism
18. Bipartisan House Bill Aims at Bioterrorism and Support for First Responders
19. New NIH Web Site Provides Information on Chemical Emergencies
20. FEMA Continuity of Operations Webinar Series Available
21. DHS Communities of Practice Network Connects Homeland Security Disciplines

- 22. CDC Public Health Emergency Response Guide Version 2.0 Now Available
- 23. FDA Develops Tools for Food-Emergency Readiness
- 24. HHS Renews EUA Declaration for Doxycycline Hyclate
- 25. Webinar to Address Cultural & Linguistic Needs of Individuals with Limited English in Disaster Preparedness

EDUCATION AGENDA

- 26. CoAEMSP Announces Revision to Policy Manual
- 27. NAEMSE Offers Implementing National EMS Education Standards Workshop for Educators

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 28. How Can The STOP STICKS Campaign Help You?

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- 29. Labor-HHS-Education Bill Postponed Until After August Recess

HIGHWAY SAFETY

- 30. AASHTO Provides Informative Safety Video on Transportation as a Public Health Issue
- 31. CDC Web Site Features Distracted Driving in the United States and Europe

MEDICAL DIRECTION

- 32. FDA Approves Tamper Resistant Oxycodone
- 33. FDA CDER to Address Drug Shortages in Public Workshop

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

- 34. GAO Report Highlights Role of Data in Preventing Child Fatalities

FEDERAL PARTNERS

- 35. NHTSA Efforts Culminate in Release of EMS Workforce Agenda
- 36. HHS and IOM Address Open Data Solutions
- 37. HHS Office of Women's Health Focuses on Women and Heart Attacks
- 38. Public Comment Now Open – NQF - Regionalized Emergency Medical Care Services
- 39. Obama Administration Releases National Prevention Strategy
- 40. CMS Seeks Comment on Ambulance Fee Schedule
- 41. Geographic Databases for 2011 Released
- 42. CDC Reports the Incidence of Unintentional Non-Fire CO Exposures in the United States
- 43. IOM Recommends Revised Regulatory Framework for Approval of Medical Devices
- 44. New EMS Research Course at the National Fire Academy

INDUSTRY NEWS

- 45. National Academies Offer Free PDF Downloads
- 46. Mission: Lifeline Gains Momentum in STEMI Care
- 47. NFPA Highlights Electric Vehicle Safety Training
- 48. Maximum Daily Dose of Tylenol Lowered by Manufacturer
- 49. FDA Approves First Treatment Specifically for Scorpion Stings

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50. Mass Casualty Triage: An Evaluation of the Data and Development of a Proposed National Guideline
51. Model Uniform Core Criteria for Mass Casualty Triage
52. Association Between Ambulance Diversion And Survival Among Patients with Acute Myocardial Infarction
53. Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Surveillance — Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES)
54. Perishock Pause: An Independent Predictor of Survival From Out-of-Hospital Shockable Cardiac Arrest
55. Prehospital Notification by Emergency Medical Services Reduces Delays in Stroke Evaluation
56. Validation of the Simplified Motor Score in the Out-of-Hospital Setting for the Prediction of Outcomes After Traumatic Brain Injury

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1. Dia Gainor Joins NASEMSO as Executive Director
2. Plans Gearing Up for 2011 NASEMSO Annual Meeting
3. NASEMSO HITS Committee Completes MIECE Proof of Concept
4. NASEMSO Delegation Returns from EMS Visit to Israel
5. NASEMSO Joins Radiological Readiness Alliance

FOR THE STATES

6. HHS Announces Additional Funding Opportunities Related to the Home Visitation Program
7. HRSA Announces HRSA in Your State
8. RWJF and University of Wisconsin Pair to Provide County Health Rankings
9. ASTHO Report Highlights Effects of State Budget Cuts
10. Accreditation of Health Departments Ready for Fall Launch

AIR MEDICAL

11. NTSB Issues Safety Alert for Unmarked Weather Observation Towers

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12. FCC Establishes Deadline for Public Safety Radio Transition
13. Lieberman-McCain Bill to Transfer D Block to Public Safety Re-introduced in Senate

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

14. Obama Issues Policy Directive on National Preparedness
15. ESF #9 - Search and Rescue Updated and Available on the NRF Resource Center
16. New National Terrorism Advisory System Released
17. FEMA Updates NIMS Compliance Assistant Support Tool
18. SAMHSA Provides Toolkit on Mental Health Awareness for Disasters
19. Psychological First Aid Training Available Online
20. Building Community Disaster Resilience through Private-Public Collaboration
21. AHRQ Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Announces Reorganization
22. NLE 2011 Used to Evaluate Earthquake Response
23. WISER 4.4 Now Available
24. ASPR Report Focuses on Progress of HPP and Healthcare Coalitions
25. CDC Announces National Standards for PHP Capabilities
26. CDC Provides Hospital Preparedness Report
27. HHS Hospital Preparedness Report Highlights State Efforts
28. 3E Reference Card/Job Aid for "Post Blast/Active Shooter" Scenarios

29. EMI Revises Notice Regarding the Retirement of Opscan and Scantron Forms

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30. NASEMSO I-Team Releases Transition Templates

31. Video on Program Accreditation Premieres on CoAEMSP Web Site

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

32. Spikes in Pertussis in Three States; Vaccine Rates Extremely Low Among Adults

33. Report Tracks Progress of Effective PPE in Emergency Response Situations

34. NIOSH Provides Draft Guidance on Emergency Responder Health Monitoring and Surveillance

35. New OSHA-NIOSH INFO SHEET: Protecting Workers from Heat Illness

HIGHWAY SAFETY

36. Nation's Highway Traffic Reaches Highest Level Since 2007

37. NCIPC Provides Road Safety Fact Sheets

38. ITS Focus in Proposed Legislation

39. FMCSA Strike Force Inspections Remove 289 Unsafe Passenger Buses and Drivers

MEDICAL DIRECTION

40. FDA Warns of Methemoglobinemia Risk Due to Sprays and Gels Containing Benzocaine

41. Increasing Drug Shortages Concern Entire Healthcare Community

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

42. New Partnership to Promote Fire Safety Awareness for Families

43. Federal Partners Seek to Bolster Child Care Disaster and Emergency Planning

44. CDC Webcast Highlights Pediatric Emergency Preparedness

45. AAP Recommends Children Sit in Rear-Facing Car Seats Until Age 2

46. New Children and Disasters Resource Webpage Launched

47. Partnering with Patients and Families in the Medical Home

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48. Rural Emergency Medical Services: The '4th E' Strategies for Safety

49. Webinars, Toolkit Provide Tips on Incorporating EMS Projects into Flex Proposals

50. HRSA Launches Emergency Medical Services Website

51. National EMS Culture of Safety Conference Announced

52. NIOSH Expresses Appreciation to IOM for Electronic Records Study

53. HHS Announces Proposed Changes to HIPAA Privacy Rule

54. CDC Reports Unhealthy Sleep Behaviors

55. CDC Provides New Guidelines to Prevent IV Catheter Infection

56. GAO Report Highlights Medicare/Medicaid Fraud, Waste and Abuse

57. NIH Report Could Lead to Improved Strategies for Pain Management

58. NQF Steering Committee to Examine Regionalized Quality Measures

59. USFA Releases Firefighter Injury Report

60. IOM Publishes Reports on Health Care Standards and Clinical Guidelines

INDUSTRY NEWS

61. IAEMSC Announces Open Enrollment in EMS Surveillance System

62. New BLS for Healthcare Providers Classroom Course Materials Now Available

63. NAEMT's EMS Safety Course Wins National Award

64. Volunteer Fire Council Publishes Grant Writing Guide

65. Urgent Matters Final Report and Toolkit Shares Results, Success and Lessons Learned
66. Schumer Introduces Ambulance Reimbursement Bill in Senate
67. Ambulance Fee Schedule Fact Sheet Revised
68. NREMT Announces Integration of 2010 AHA Guidelines
69. LODD Handbook Published
70. Passive Safety Device Features 10 Times More Effective in Preventing Needlesticks*

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

71. Advanced Life Support Outside Of Hospital May Not Benefit Injured Patients

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2. Registration Now Open for NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting
3. NASEMSO I-Team Proposes Instructor Qualifications
4. JNEMSLC Submits Comments to FCC on Framework for NG 9-1-1 Deployment

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5. State of the States: Early Achievements in Implementing the Affordable Care Act
6. CDC Describes Use of a Registry to Improve Acute Stroke Care --- Seven States, 2005–2009
7. Introduction to Public Health Surveillance Course Offered for State and Local Officials
8. New Report Details Affordable Care Act Resources and Flexibility for States

AIR MEDICAL

9. FAA Reauthorization Act Passes Senate

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

10. FEMA Seeks Comments on Emergency Responder Field Operations Guide
11. ESF 9 Revised and Now Available for Download
12. National Commission on Children and Disasters Scheduled to Meet
13. FEMA, NCCD Announce New Partnership to Promote Fire Safety Awareness for Families
14. FEMA Training Center Celebrates a Significant Milestone in Emergency Management Training

HIGHWAY SAFETY

15. IOM Report Highlights Mass Casualty Response in Rural Communities

TRAUMA

16. Release of New WISQARS Cost of Injury Reports

FEDERAL PARTNERS

17. "Faces of Distracted Driving" Videos Address Texting and Cell Phone Use While Driving
18. USFA Releases Fire-Related Firefighter Injuries Report
19. Medicare Fraud Strike Force Charges 111 Individuals for more than \$225 Million in False Billing
20. PSOB Provisions for Volunteer or Nonprofit EMS Passes in Senate

INDUSTRY NEWS

21. PA Mourns Loss of Paramedic to H1N1
22. AEMS to Host EMS Summit to Discuss Field EMS Bill
23. Urgent Matters Toolkit Addresses ED Crowding
24. Registration Opens for National EMS Memorial Bike Ride
25. FHWA Seeks Qualified Candidates for Three Positions

26. Severe Shortage of Surgical Specialists Plagues Nation's Emergency Departments

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

27. Proposed Kidney Transplant Rules Favor Younger, Healthier Recipients

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Leadership Outlines Vision and Executive Reorganization
2. NASEMSO Members Invited to Rural Traffic Safety Webinar
3. NASEMSO Highlights State EMS Office Involvement in Domestic Preparedness Efforts

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4. Federal Budget Update
5. NQF Prepares for Phase II of REMC Project
6. NCSL Posts Traffic Safety State Legislative Action
7. Communities Receive CDC Health Grants

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8. FAA Opinion Supports State EMS Office in Proposed Air Ambulance Climate Control Regulation

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9. Rockefeller Broadband Bill Gains Support of Every Major National Public Safety Organization
10. FCC Moves Ahead on Nationwide Broadband System for First Responders
11. FCC to Host Interoperability Forum
12. NIFOG Now Available from DHS Office of Emergency Communications

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13. US Senate Releases Report on Fort Hood Shooting
14. Napolitano Announces New Terrorist Advisory System
15. EMI Offers Course on EMAC
16. EmForum Hosts Discussion on Mass Shootings
17. FEMA Seeks Applicants for National Advisory Council
18. EMCAPS Model Estimates Casualties from CBRNE Attacks

EDUCATION AGENDA

19. ASPA Highlights the Benefits of Specialized and Professional Accreditation in Promotional Video
20. IOM to Host Workshop on Allied Health Professions

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

21. NIOSH Launches Online Health and Safety Practices Survey of Healthcare Workers
22. NIOSH Seeks Comment on Emergency Responder Health Monitoring and Surveillance
23. TRB EMS Safety Subcommittee Holds Annual Meeting
24. NIOSH Announces Virtual Center for Vehicle Safety Research

HIGHWAY SAFETY

25. RITA Identifies High-Priority Applications and Development Approach

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

26. Pediatric Resuscitation Guidelines Announced by ILCOR

TRAUMA

27. ACS-COT Solicits Comments for Revision of "Green Book"

FEDERAL PARTNERS

- 28. Edgerton Named Branch Chief for EMSC and Injury Prevention
- 29. HHS OIG to Provide Compliance Training Session
- 30. FDA Reviews Classification of Automated External Defibrillators
- 31. NIH Study Reinforces Need for Public AED Programs
- 32. IOM Issues Consensus Report on PPE
- 33. IOM Issues Workshop Summary on Using Clinical Data
- 34. National Fire Academy Completes New Emergency Medical Services Courses
- 35. NTSB to Host International Family Assistance Conference
- 36. HHS National Vaccine Plan Now Available
- 37. HHS Provides Evaluation and Capacity Review Tools

INDUSTRY NEWS

- 38. Settlement Reached in EMS Employee Fired for Facebook Comment
- 39. National EMS Memorial Service Releases Names of 2011 Honorees
- 40. New NAEMT EMS Safety Course to Debut March 1
- 41. OSH Internships Now Available
- 42. Hydrocodone Bitartrate and Acetaminophen Tablets Recalled
- 43. American Regent Issues Voluntary Recalls for Certain Injection Products
- 44. Class 1 Recall: Medtronic SynchroMed II and SynchroMed EL Implantable Infusion Pump and Refill Kits
- 45. IDSA Issues Practice Guidelines for MRSA
- 46. Report Available from the Initiative on the Future of Nursing
- 47. Registration Now Open for EMS on the Hill Day
- 48. DOJ Aggressively Pursuing Cases of Health Care Fraud

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

- 49. Many Consumers Unaware Of AED Use, Availability
- 50. AEDs Appear To Give Accurate Readings in Moving Helicopters
- 51. HHS Launches Campaign to Urge Women to Call 911 At Heart Attack Warning Signs
- 52. S. Side Trauma Care Ignored Long Enough

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- 1. JCREC Publishes Discussion Paper on Community Paramedicine
- 2. NASEMSO Member Loses Home in Fire

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- 3. PECARN Announces Funding Opportunity
- 4. HRSA Announces RAED Grants
- 5. HRSA Announces Health Center Planning Grants

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- 6. FAA Announces Record Number of Laser Events in 2010

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7. Nomination Deadline Extended for 9-1-1 Heroes Awards

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8. FEMA Seeks Comments on NIMS Training Plan
9. CDC Launches NPHRN to Enhance State Communications Capabilities
10. AHRQ Highlights Hospital Preparedness Resources
11. NIOSH Releases Final HHE Deepwater Horizon Response
12. CDC Posts Updated Guidance on Influenza Antiviral Agents
13. NFA Promotes Leadership Strategies for Community Risk Reduction

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

14. ACIP Updates Recommendations for Use of Tdap Vaccine

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15. DOT to Implement New Rules to Decrease Occupant Ejections

FEDERAL PARTNERS

16. CDC Updates Influenza Guidance in Healthcare Settings
17. NIOSH Requests Public Comment
18. Health Community Embraces EHR for Federal Incentive Payments
19. FDA Limits Maximum Dose of Acetaminophen in Prescription Drug Products

INDUSTRY NEWS

20. NFPA Technical Committee on EMS Meets
21. Morphine Oral Solution Could Lead to Medication Errors
22. Solution Offered to Auxiliary AC System Control in Specific 2011 Ford Models to Comply with KKK Specs
23. Controversy over Ambulance Disinfectant Isolated to Single Service
24. Geriatrics Society Updates Fall Prevention Guidelines

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

25. Aerosol inhalation from spacers and valved holding chambers requires few tidal breaths for children
26. NPR "Talk of the Nation" Highlights Challenges of Field Triage
27. MMR Scare Fraught With Misconduct
28. Assessing the Impact of Prehospital Intubation on Survival in Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest
29. Predictors of Influenza Vaccination among Emergency Medical Services Personnel
30. Effect of high flow oxygen on mortality in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients in prehospital setting: randomised controlled trial

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1. NASEMSO Seeks New Calendar Items for 2011
2. NASEMSO Warns National EMS Community of 4G Coalition's Efforts to Rebrand Itself as "Public Safety"
3. NASEMSO HITS Committee Encourages State Membership in TIM Network
4. NASEMSO Congratulates Litza on NREMT Appointment
5. NASEMSO Past President to Chair IOM Ad Hoc Committee on Medical Countermeasures

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6. CMS Implements Clarification on Air and Ground Ambulance Reimbursement

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7. NHSC Updates White Paper on Protecting Americans in 21st Century
8. SAFECOM Elects McGinnis as New Chairman
9. FCC to Hold Workshop on VHF/UHF Narrowbanding

DATA

10. New NEMSIS Web Site Now Available

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

11. 2010 Risk Lexicon Now Available from DHS
12. FEMA Posts ICS Forms Booklet
13. CDC Provides Interim Planning Guidance on MCE from Explosives
14. New NGA Report Orients Governors to Homeland Security Issues
15. Challenge.Gov: Sharing the Responsibility to Protect Communities Against the Impacts of Disasters
16. TFAH and RWJF Provide 2010 "Ready or Not?" Report on State Preparedness Efforts
17. ACEP Launches Integrative Training Program on Disaster Planning

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

18. NIOSH Publication Focuses on Workplace Injuries
19. NIOSH to Host PPT Update
20. NIOSH Seeks Comment on CBRN Combination Respirator Unit
21. IOM Outlines Strategy for Improving Worker Safety in New Report
22. NIOSH Works to Reduce Ambulance Crashes
23. NJCPRP Provides Guidebook on Respiratory Protection

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

24. NIOSH Seeks Comment on ERE Provisions for Infectious Disease Exposures
25. Field EMS Bill Introduced in Congress

HIGHWAY SAFETY

26. CDC Highlights "Drowsy Driving" as Public Health Issue

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

27. AHRQ Seeks Comment on Pediatric Quality Measures

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28. NTSB Publishes "Most Wanted" List

FEDERAL PARTNERS

29. GAO Provides Letter Report on FDA Handling of Heparin Contamination
30. MCHB to Offer Research Webinar
31. FDA Announces Sodium Bicarbonate Injection and Albuterol Sulfate Recalls
32. OIG Posts Advisory Opinion on Medical Transports from SNFs
33. Darvon/Darvocet Pulled from US Market

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34. MN Seeks State EMS Director
35. DomesticPreparedness.com Survey on Medical Countermeasures for Large-Scale Biological Attacks

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

36. Out-of-hospital Hypertonic Resuscitation Following Severe Traumatic Brain Injury
37. Mechanical Ventilators in US Acute Care Hospitals
38. Alignment of Cricoid Cartilage and Esophagus and its Potential Influence on the Effectiveness of Sellick Maneuver in Children
39. Clinical Practice Guidelines by IDSA for the Treatment of MRSA

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Joins BAC Letter to CMS

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2. DHHS Awards \$20 Million to Help Rural Hospitals Switch to EHR

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3. New FEMA Report Focuses on National Preparedness System
4. GAO Letter Report Highlights FEMA Progress in Assessing National Preparedness Capabilities
5. EMI Posts New and Revised Offerings

EMS HEALTH AND SAFETY

6. Pertussis Cases on the Rise; Practitioners Encouraged to Check Immunization Status!
7. NIOSH Announces Public Meeting to Discuss Respirator Standards Development Efforts

FEDERAL PARTNERS

8. CMS Solicits Comments on Proposed Rules Establishing Risk Levels Including EMS
9. NTSB Transportation Response Course Still Has Openings
10. USFA Adds Program Offerings to Regular Schedule
11. HRSA Offers Grant Competition through PECARN
12. NIH Funds Four Clinical Trials to Fight Antimicrobial Resistance
13. CMS Publishes Toolkit to Assist Development of Written Materials
14. NIH Introduces Database of Images in Biomedical Literature

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15. NFPA Ambulance Proposed Draft Standard Released for Public Review
16. Fentanyl Pain Patches Recalled

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17. Advanced Computer Simulations Lead to New Understanding of Blasts

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3. NASEMSO Adopts Resolutions Related to Trauma, EMS Reimbursement, and Education Agenda
4. NASEMSO Supports S.3756: Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act of 2010
5. EMS Insider Discounted for NASEMSO Members

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6. HHS Announces \$42.5M for Public Health Improvement Programs through the Affordable Care Act
7. CDC Provides Update on Public Health Preparedness by States
8. News Locator Service Now Available from NACCHO

AIR MEDICAL

9. FAA Publishes Proposed Rulemaking for Medical Helicopters
10. New GAO Report Reflects Status of Air Medical Industry

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

11. HSIN Provides Opportunities for State Officials to Exchange Information
12. CQ Homeland Security Reports Imminent Changes Possible for HPP
13. GAO Report Addresses Management Coordination Within DHS
14. BARDA Funds Development of Next-Generation Portable Ventilators
15. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Book Focuses on State and Local Government
16. EMR-ISAC Offers Access to ESS Services
17. New Threat Scenarios Added to Emergency Surge Modeling Tool
18. National Commission on Children and Disasters Delivers 2010 Report to Congress

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19. New Resources Available on Seasonal Influenza (Flu) in the Workplace
20. Prevention Strategies for Seasonal Influenza in Healthcare Settings Includes EMS
21. NIH Study Models H1N1 Flu Spread
22. IOM Releases Workshop Summary on EUA and Using Postal Workers to Deliver Countermeasures

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23. NTSB Offering Course for Emergency Responders to Transportation Accidents
24. Distracted Driving Summit Convened in Washington
25. NIOSH Focuses on Distracted Driving as Occupational Hazard

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27. NHLBI Launches Body Cooling Treatment Study for Pediatric Cardiac Arrest

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28. DOT Announces Lowest Traffic Fatality Rate in Six Decades
29. Unpublished Army Research Shows Promise for Diagnosing Mild Head Injury
30. Several TBI Resources Available from AANA

FEDERAL PARTNERS

31. NHTSA Awards EMS Safety Grant to ACEP
32. AHRQ Study Recommends Disclosure of Medical Mistakes That Affect Multiple Patients
33. New CDC Report Analyzes Adult Depression
34. FDA Announces Prefilled Saline Flush Syringes: Recall - Potential Loss of Sterility

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35. 72 Days Left to Apply for Time Extension Offered by CoAEMSP to EMS Program Directors
36. Kavanaugh Changes Positions Within HRSA

37. AHA Announces New CPR & ECC Guidelines
38. EMS Approved as an Emergency Medicine Subspecialty
39. IOM Releases Study on the Future of Nursing
40. GAO Reports on Business Practices of Group Purchasing Organizations
41. USFA Releases Annual Fire Fighter Fatality Report
42. Data from EMS Deployment Field Experiments Now Available from IAFC
43. IOM Releases Workshop Report on Public Health Effectiveness of the FDA 510(k) Clearance Process

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

44. Expanding Practitioner Scopes of Practice During Public Health Emergencies: Experiences from the 2009 H1N1 Pandemic Vaccination Efforts.

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Annual Meeting Draws Near—Register Now!!
2. NASEMSO Nominates McGinnis to FCC Public Safety Advisory Committee
3. NASEMSO Welcomes NAEMSE Representative to Education Agenda I-Team

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

4. Plain Language FAQs Now Supplement Transition Guide
5. NEMSIS TAC Provides Public-Release Research Dataset

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

6. Review Calls for New Federal Approach to Medical Countermeasures
7. HHS Unveils New ESAR-VHP Web Site
8. COCA Calls Focus on Range of Preparedness Topics
9. Swine as Intermediate Hosts for H5N1 (Avian Influenza) Provides Implications for Future
10. FDA Approves Pediatric Use of 2-PAM
11. Emergency Response Publication Addresses Identification of Homemade Explosives
12. President Proposes Changes to HHS Appropriations for FY 2011
13. Free Emergency Planning Exercises Available from FEMA

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

14. AEMS Highlights Veteran to EMS Transition Bill
15. Federal Register 2.0 Debuts as Web-Based Prototype
16. Legislation Addresses Loss of Emergency Personnel to Military Call Ups

HEALTH AND SAFETY

17. CDC Provides New Fact Sheet on Flu Vaccine for Health Care Workers
18. SHEA Position Paper Highlights Need for Vaccination among Healthcare Personnel

HIGHWAY SAFETY

19. DOT Announces Proposal to Require Seatbelts on All New Motorcoaches
20. USFA Partners with Fire Organizations to Publish Emergency Vehicle Safety Guide

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

21. NIDA and Federal Partners to Launch National Drug Facts Week

22. HHS Awards \$17 Million for Patient-Centered Outcomes Research
23. FEMA Releases Course on Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters
24. CDC and AAP Publish Recommendations for Seasonal Flu Vaccine in Children

TRAUMA

25. Secretary Sebelius Delegates Trauma and Emergency Care Authorities to ASPR
26. PTSF Releases White Paper on Optimal Trauma System Development in PA

FEDERAL PARTNERS

27. CDC Creates New Tools on Concussion
28. Emergency Care Regionalization Grants Cancelled
29. CDC Releases Quick Stat and Graphic on Opioid Analgesic Deaths
30. DEA Heads First-Ever Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
31. CDC Releases National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: 2007 ED Summary
32. CDC Reorganizes MRSA Web Site
33. NHTSA Releases Public Meeting Information on Safe Transportation of Children
34. CDC Warns of Disease Transmission Risks Associated with Glucose Monitoring
35. USDOT Secretary Announces Lowest Traffic Fatalities in Six Decades
36. Weik Accepts Position in HRSA

INDUSTRY NEWS

37. IOM Publishes New Report on the Future of Nursing Education
38. VA Recruiting for Chief Consultant, Emergency Management Strategic Health Care Group (EMSHG)
39. NVFC Offers Membership in New EMS/Rescue Section
40. NOSORH Submits Comments on CMS Proposed Rule

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

41. Prediction of Critical Illness During Out-of-Hospital Emergency Care
42. Assessing Critical Illness During Emergency Medical Services Care
43. Noninvasive Continuous Positive Airway Pressure in Acute Respiratory Failure: Helmet Versus Facial Mask

UPCOMING EVENTS

****Statewide EMS Conferences****

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Members Appointed to National EMS Advisory Council
2. NASEMSO Joins EMS Associations in Support of Allocation of 700MHzD to Public Safety
3. NASEMSO Provides Comments on Draft Recommendations for Transporting Children in Ambulances
4. NASEMSO Partners with CLIR on Voluntary Reporting System for EMS

FOR THE STATES

5. Senate Committee on Appropriations Passes FY2011 HHS Bill
6. HRSA Reports HIPDB/NPDB Compliance Status of Government Agencies
7. HHS Provides \$390.5 Million to Improve Hospital Preparedness and Emergency Response
8. President Signs Package to Give States \$16B in Medicaid Funds

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. FCC Program to Expand Investment in Broadband Health Care Technology
10. HHS Announces Final Rules to Support 'Meaningful Use' of Electronic Health Records
11. NEMSIS Version 3 Data Dictionary Now Available

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

12. WHO Declares End to 2009 H1N1 Influenza Pandemic
13. DHS Hosts National Dialogue on Preparedness
14. FEMA Seeking Comments on Proposed Stafford Revisions
15. H1N1 Policy Barriers Reported by ASTHO and NACCHO
16. DHS Launches "Blue Campaign" to Prevent Human Trafficking
17. ACIP Updates Recommendations on Anthrax Vaccine in Response to Terrorism
18. ACEP and Legacy Interactive® to Develop Web Based Emergency Preparedness Game
19. NIOSH Issues Report on 3M Model 8000 Respirator
20. ASPR Seeks Comments on NHSS Implementation Guide
21. WISER for Blackberry Now Available

HEALTH AND SAFETY

22. NIH Scientists Advance Universal Flu Vaccine
23. Prevention and Control of Influenza with Vaccines Updated by CDC
24. Staying Safe in Extreme Heat Conditions...NIOSH Resources Provide Help

HIGHWAY SAFETY

25. DSWW Provides Opportunity to Encourage Safe EMS Operations
26. Transportation Secretary Announces Second National Distracted Driving Summit

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

27. CDC Publishes Data on Children's Health
28. EMSC and NRC Transition State Partnership Technical Assistance Responsibilities

TRAUMA

29. CDC Seeks Opinions on National Trauma Triage Protocol

FEDERAL PARTNERS

30. NTSB Releases 2009 Annual Report to Congress
31. NHTSA Calls for Comments on Rear Seat Belt Mandate
32. HHS Panel Grapples with Patient Consent
33. Several Federal Agencies Engaged in Battling Prescription Drug Abuse
34. FDA Updates Information on Drug Shortages
35. Gulf Oil Spill Clinical Guidance Now Available
36. CMS Invites Comments on Ambulance Reimbursement Rates
37. CMS to Host Educational Call on Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) Implementation

INDUSTRY NEWS

38. CoAEMSP Offers Time Extension to Program Directors Needing Degree for Accreditation
39. "Vince and Larry" Become Permanent Additions to Smithsonian
40. Grant from Duke Endowment Provides Critical Ambulance Cardiac Resuscitation Equipment
41. Input on Design of New National Memorial Sought

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

42. Trends and Characteristics of US Emergency Department Visits, 1997-2007
43. Just one drop: the significance of a single hypotensive blood pressure reading during trauma resuscitations
44. Tracheal intubation in daylight and in the dark: a randomised comparison of the Airway Scope®, Airtraq®, and Macintosh laryngoscope in a manikin
45. Comparison of Flexiblade™ and Macintosh laryngoscopes: cervical extension angles during orotracheal intubation
46. Comparison of two instructional modalities for nursing student CPR skill acquisition

47. Mobile Messaging as Surveillance Tool during Pandemic (H1N1) 2009, Mexico
48. Prehospital Ultrasound by Paramedics: Results of Field Trial
49. Hazardous Use of Car Seats Outside the Car in the United States, 2003–2007

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[June 30, 2010](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Domestic Preparedness Survey Report Now Available

FOR THE STATES

2. California Seeing Possibly Worst Pertussis Epidemic in 50 Years

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

3. FCC Releases Comprehensive Analysis on Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

4. CDC Announces Opportunity to Comment on 2010-2011 Influenza Guidance
5. RAND Proposes New Tool to Promote Civilian and Military Disaster Preparedness
6. ASPR Launches New Public Health Emergency Portal
7. AHRQ Releases Decisionmaking Guides to Support Hospital Evacuation and Reoccupation
8. HHS Public Health Emergency Determination for H1N1 Influenza Expired on June 23
9. Pilot Recruitment for New EMS Course

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

10. Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security Holds Mark-Up on FY2011 Spending Bill

HEALTH AND SAFETY

11. FDA Approves Rapid Test for Antibodies to Hepatitis C Virus

TRAUMA

12. OnStar Creates Injury Severity Prediction to Improve Automatic Crash Response

FEDERAL PARTNERS

13. ASPR Reorganization Outlined in Federal Register
14. HHS Posts New OIG Advisory Opinions Related to EMS
15. NHLBI Funds Research to Improve Safety/Storage of Red Blood Cells

INDUSTRY NEWS

16. Wyoming Seeks EMS Program Manager
17. HealthGrades Evaluates Hospital Emergency Medicine for the First Time
18. NFPA Announces Sharp Drop in Firefighter Fatalities In 2009

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

19. ADA: New Inhaled Insulin Matches Injections for Type 2 Diabetes
20. Ingestion of “Button Batteries” More Serious Than Originally Thought

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[June 18, 2010](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Congratulates Elizabeth Armstrong on Appointment to FEMA Advisory Committee
2. NASEMSO Assists in Public Safety Video Quality Effort
3. NASEMSO Coordinating Comment on Proposed Exam Integration
4. NASEMSO Joins EMS Organizations in Support of Allocating 700 MHz D Block to Public Safety
5. NASEMSO Responds to Request for Endorsement on MUCC for Mass Casualty Triage
6. NASEMSO Releases Education Agenda Implementation Report to NEMSAC

FOR THE STATES

7. HHS Announces \$250 Million Investment in Prevention and Public Health

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. ONC Issues Final Rule to Establish the Temporary Certification Program for EHR Technology

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

9. AHRQ Mass Evacuation Planning Tools Available
10. FDA Warns of Counterfeit "Tamiflu"
11. Multiple Groups Working on Health Effects of Gulf Oil Spill
12. Federal Agencies Introduce Online Mapping Tool to Track Gulf Response
13. Weather Extremes Could Lead to Busy Summer for EMS Providers
14. WISER Now Available for Apple Products
15. DHS Announces New Standards for Voluntary Private Sector Preparedness

TRANSPORTATION

16. Louisiana Toughens Texting Ban

TRAUMA

17. CDC Features New Articles and Statistics on TBI

FEDERAL PARTNERS

18. CDC Highlights Data on Nonmedical Use of Prescription Drugs
19. HHS Announces Patient Safety and Medical Liability Demonstration Projects
20. HHS Announces Health Workforce Funding to Improve Access to Primary Care
21. IOM Announces New Workshop Summary on Healthcare Leadership
22. New Videos Reveal How NIH Identifies the Most Promising Research Applications

INDUSTRY NEWS

23. Current Epinephrine Shortages Has Potential to Impact EMS
24. Much Ado About Physician Signatures for CMS Documentation
25. NEMSMS Announces Live Streaming of Memorial Service
26. McNeil Expands Consumer Products on Recall
27. CAAS Panel of Commissioners Seeks New Medical Representative
28. Senate Aims to Remove 'Retardation' Terminology from Federal Health Laws

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

29. Association of Corticosteroid Dose and Route of Administration in Acute COPD
30. A Randomized Trial Comparing Two Cuffed Emergency Cricothyrotomy Devices
31. Use of Novel Biomarkers in AMI

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[June 8, 2010](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Invites President Obama to Deliver Keynote Address at 2010 Annual Meeting
2. NASEMSO Convenes Successful Mid-Year Meeting
3. NASEMSO Leadership Meets with ACS Committee on Trauma
4. NASEMSO Releases Education Agenda Implementation Report to NEMSAC
5. NASEMSO Comments on Proposed EMS Medical Director Qualifications
6. NASEMSO Training Coordinators Council Votes to Change Name to Reflect Broader Mission
7. NASEMSO Comments at IOM Forum on PPE for Healthcare Workers
8. NASEMSO Congratulates NEMSIS Colleagues on Recent HL7 Success!!

FOR THE STATES

9. DHS Announces Nearly \$790 Million in 2010 Preparedness Grants

AIR MEDICAL

10. NTSB Offers New Course in Rotorcraft Accident Investigation

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

11. Technology Needs Focus of New Telecommunications Survey
12. FCC Requests Public Comments on Public Safety Band for First Responders

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

13. MMWR Reports Public Health Surveillance Using Emergency Medical Service Logs
14. Federal Mobile Medical Unit Arrives in Louisiana
15. Louisiana Announces EMS Reciprocity Process Related to the Gulf Oil Spill Cleanup
16. GAO Issues Letter Report on Tsunami Preparedness
17. New Hospital Evacuation Guidance Available from AHRQ
18. New NLM Releases Highlighted
19. FCC and FEMA Announce Workshop on 21st Century Emergency Alerting
20. AHRQ Tools and Resources to Help Communities Prepare for Hurricane Season
21. CDC Provides Resources on 2010 Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill
22. H1N1 and Seasonal Influenza Resources and Updates
23. WHO Updates International H1N1 Situation
24. NACCHO Launches Emergency Dark Site Toolkit

EDUCATION AGENDA IMPLEMENTATION

25. CoAEMSP Releases Revised Accreditation Policies and Procedures
26. EMS Accreditation Fact Sheet Now Available

HEALTH AND SAFETY

27. New NIOSH Report: Preventing Exposures to Bloodborne Pathogens among Paramedics
28. NIOSH Provides Fast Facts to Prevent Worker Illness and Injury
29. CDC and OSHA Provides Information to Emergency Workers on Effects of Gulf Oil Spill
30. New Screening Tool to Protect Workers from Skin Allergies
31. Protecting Healthcare Staff From Risks Associated With Disinfectants and Cleaners

TRANSPORTATION

32. Three More States Pass Texting Ban for All Drivers
33. APHA Releases New Report on Hidden Health Costs of Transportation

34. TZD Provides Vision for Highway Safety

FEDERAL PARTNERS

- 35. NHTSA Announces RFP for Safety Initiative
- 36. HRSA Announces Plans to Establish FACA Committee to Address Rural Health Designations
- 37. CDC Surveillance for Violent Deaths Now Available
- 38. HRSA Conducts Customer Satisfaction Survey of EMSC Resource Centers
- 39. US Fire Administration Launches New Research Website

INDUSTRY NEWS

- 40. Chief Medical Officer Designation Supported by NEMSMA and IAFC (BEMS Section)
- 41. 2009 National EMS Practice Analysis Now Available
- 42. NRC and George Washington University Release Interfacility Transfer Issue Brief
- 43. NRC Releases New Public Policy Guide
- 44. AHA Announces Strategic Partnership with Nintendo
- 45. Nominations Sought for National EMS Awards of Excellence

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

- 46. Americans May Give Health Care Law a Chance
- 47. The Potential for Airborne Dispersal of *Clostridium difficile* from Symptomatic Patients
- 48. The LA story: What happened after a new policy allowing paramedics to forgo resuscitation attempts in prehospital cardiac arrest

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[April 30, 2010](#)

NAEMSO NEWS

- 1. NAEMSO Offers One-Day Registration for Mid-Year Council Meetings
- 2. Next NAEMSO Webinar to Discuss Potential Instructor Qualifications Related to Education Standards
- 3. Two New NAEMSO Position Statements on State EMS Medical Direction Now Available
- 4. IEMTG Adopts NAEMSO Recommendations for Wildland Fire Incidents
- 5. NAEMSO Supports Increasing EMSC funding to \$26.250 million for FY2011
- 6. NAEMSO Joins SCCA and NAEMT in New Resource That Addresses School Sports

FOR THE STATES

- 7. Federal Bankruptcy Court Upholds State Regulatory Authority in EMS Case

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 8. Bill Introduced to Reallocate D Block to Public Safety

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

- 9. Las Vegas Exercise Cancelled; Future of NLE Remains Undecided
- 10. At-Risk Populations Focus of New Preparedness Report
- 11. GAO Report Focuses on Update to NIPP
- 12. Audit of DHS Grant Program Focus of New OIG Report
- 13. CDC and ASPR Develop H1N1 Hospital Readiness Review Checklist
- 14. PHEMCE Releases Workshop Summary on Emergency Medical Countermeasures

HIGHWAY SAFETY (HITS)

- 15. Washington State Toughens Cell Phone and Texting Ban

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

16. Children with Food Allergies Should Carry Two Doses of Epinephrine
17. AAP Provides Revised Resources on Emergency Preparedness
18. CDC Releases Hospital Workbook for Pediatric Care During an Influenza Pandemic
19. FDA Requires Device Manufacturers to Include Information on Pediatric Populations

FEDERAL PARTNERS

20. Berwick Nominated to Head CMS
21. FDA Announces Public Workshop on Medical Device Use in the Home
22. AHRQ Releases 2009 National Healthcare Quality Report
23. CDC Releases New Estimates of H1N1 Infections
24. HHS Panel Endorses Patient Safety Database
25. ECCO Announces Availability of Regionalization Grants

INDUSTRY NEWS

26. Senate Resolution Congratulates Colorado Springs as New Home to NEMSMS
27. NAEMT Publishes Position Statement on EMS Medical Direction
28. EMS Week Fan Page Now on Facebook

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

30. Fatality Management Focus of New Webcast Available at EMForum
31. Hydroxocobalamin and Sodium Thiosulfate Versus Sodium Nitrite and Sodium Thiosulfate in the Treatment of Acute Cyanide Toxicity
32. Health Care Workers in ED Were Most Affected During the Spring 2009 H1N1 Pandemic
33. Practice Parameter update: Evaluation and Management of Driving Risk in Dementia

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[March 23, 2010](#)

1. WARNING to EMS First Responders: Self-Inflicted Hydrogen Sulfide Suicides on the Rise

NASEMSO NEWS

2. NASEMSO Congratulates Gainor on National Award
3. NASEMSO Mourns Loss of Missouri EMSC and Trauma Manager
4. NASEMSO Council Changes Name to Reflect Expanded Pediatric Focus
5. EMS Performance Measures Project Provides Final Report
6. NASEMSO Supports Funding for CDC Core Programs

FOR THE STATES

7. HHS Post Pre-solicitation Grant Notice on Regionalization Initiatives
8. ACF Announces \$42 Million in Competitive Grant Funding for Native American Projects

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. National Broadband Plan Highlights ITS Solutions
10. PSHSB Launches New Web Site
11. HHS Announces Additional Investment to Advance Widespread Meaningful Use of Health IT
12. New GAO Report Addresses DHS Emergency Communications

13. Proposed Rule for the Establishment of Certification Programs for Health IT
14. TEP Steering Committee Seeks Comment on Draft Standards

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

15. DOJ and FBI Announce Formal Conclusion of Investigation into 2001 Anthrax Attacks
16. GAO Reports Testimony on Security Protection at Federal Facilities
17. IOM Medical Surge Capacity Workshop Summary Now Available
18. Pennsylvania Legal Preparedness Toolkit Released
19. Oregon Isolation and Quarantine Bench Book Available

HEALTH AND SAFETY

20. OSHA Publishes Overview of Medical Screening and Surveillance Requirements

HIGHWAY SAFETY (HITS)

21. Safety Coalition Urges Congress to Help Cut Highway Deaths
22. Clarus Initiative Provides Promising Tool for Highway Safety
23. Traffic Fatalities for 2009 Reach Record Low
24. Wyoming Becomes the 20th State to Ban Texting While Driving
25. Fatigue Endangers Transportation Workers and Passengers Across All Modes
26. EMS Safety Foundation November Webinar Recording and Handout Links Now Available

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

27. EMSC Releases Targeted Issues Grant Guidance
28. State Children's Health Legislation Report Available
29. FDA Issues Final Rule on Access/Marketing of Tobacco Products to Youth
30. North Carolina EMSC Releases Emergency Care Guidelines for Schools
31. Childhood Asthma Treatment: One-Size-Does- NOT- Fit-All
32. Warning Issued on Using Sling Carriers for Babies Under 4 Months of Age

TRAUMA

33. New WISQARS Fatal Injury Mapping Module Available

FEDERAL PARTNERS

34. GAO Reports Findings on Group Purchasing
35. HHS Advisory Group Proposes Safety Data Base
36. IOM Hosts Regional Meetings on H1N1 Vaccination Strategies
37. New Issue Brief from CDC: Unintentional Drug Poisoning in the United States
38. Latest Report on Nation's Health Shows Growing Medical Technology Use
39. Nipro Huber Needle Products Recalled
40. AFG Grant Workshops Now Available
41. Several New Cybersecurity Resources Available from DHS

INDUSTRY NEWS

42. Monroe Named CDC Deputy Director
43. NAED Releases New "Accelerator Stuck" Protocol
44. 2010 is the International Year of the Nurse
45. James Page Collection Launches at UCLA Library

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

46. Comparison of Dopamine and Norepinephrine in the Treatment of Shock
47. Glucocorticoids for the Treatment of Anaphylaxis
48. Low Yield Seen for Elective Coronary Angiography

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Feb. 28, 2010

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Endorses Highway Safety Reauthorization
2. NASEMSO Seeking EMS Calendar Items for 2010
3. Education Agenda Panel Added to EMS Today

FOR THE STATES

4. New Health Report Available from RWJF

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

5. DHS Fails to Meet Requirements for HSPD 12

HIGHWAY SAFETY (HITS)

6. New Sample Bill Will Aid States in Banning Texting While Driving

PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE

7. HHS Awards \$100 Million to 10 States to Test Innovations in Children's Health Care

FEDERAL PARTNERS

8. AHRQ Releases 2007 Hospital Emergency Department Data
9. AHRQ Report and Tools to Identify and Run Alternate Care Facilities
10. NTSB Issues 2010 Most Wanted List
11. New CDC Office to Draw Attention to Preventative Interventions
12. FCC's Emergency Response Interoperability Forum Rescheduled

INDUSTRY NEWS

13. New NAEMT Position Statement Opposes EMS Participation in Executions

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. TFAH—Director of Government Relations

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

15. Emergency Medical Services Intervals and Survival in Trauma: Assessment of the “Golden Hour” in a North American Prospective Cohort

UPCOMING EVENTS

****Updated Information on the Advocates for EMS Policy Summit****

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Feb. 15, 2010

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Congratulates Dr. Kupas on National EMS Award
2. NASEMSO Webinar Series Addresses Education Agenda Implementation
3. NASEMSO Quick Reference Provides List of Helpful Links
4. NASEMSO Supports Passage of H.R. 2024

FOR THE STATES

5. ARRA Fund Benefits to States Outlined in New Report
6. HHS Promotes “The Secretary’s Challenge: Connecting Kids to Coverage”

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. Comments Sought on NEMSIS Version 3

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

8. DOJ Guide Highlights Crime Scene Considerations for First Responders
9. Counterterrorism and Emergency Response Catalog Available from GPO
10. Hospital Preparedness Program Focus of New Report
11. Draft National Disaster Recovery Framework Now Available for Comment
12. NIOSH Offers Resources for Emergency Responders
13. DOD “Lessons Learned” Document on Fort Hood Shootings Now Available
14. Free Respirator Training Videos Available

EMSC

15. EMSC Announces Changes to Pediatric Equipment List
16. CHIP Partners Now on Twitter

HEALTH AND SAFETY

17. NIOSH Science Blog: The Effectiveness of Workplace Training
18. TFAH/IDSA Report on Gaps in Adult Immunization System

HIGHWAY SAFETY (HITS)

19. Proceedings of the First International Conference on Road Safety at Work

TRAUMA

20. QuickStat Highlights Distribution of Injury for US 2004-2007

FEDERAL PARTNERS

21. New NIOSH Internet Site Highlights Regulatory Agenda
22. Recession Expected to Impact Growth in National Health Expenditures
23. NTSB to Reveal Annual “Most Wanted” List

INDUSTRY NEWS

24. FDA Announces Voluntary Recall of Cardiac Science Automated External Defibrillators
25. FDA Alerts Healthcare Community of Medication Use Errors Related to Maalox Total Relief
26. FDA Announces Recall of BD Q-Syte Luer Access Devices
27. SCPC Highlights National Heart Failure Awareness Week
28. Canadian Government Works to Improve Paramedic Job Mobility

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 29. WV State EMS Medical Director
- 30. CDC OPHPR Director

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

- 31. Out-of-Hospital Endotracheal Intubation Experience and Patient Outcomes
- 32. Doctors Develop Life-Saving, Low-Cost Ventilators for Emergency, Rural and Military Use
- 33. IMGs in Non-Physician Health Care Positions

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- **Statewide EMS Conferences**
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NASEMSO NEWS

- 1. Education Agenda: NASEMSO Provides Implementation Timeline and Textbook Publication Schedules
- 2. NASEMSO Provides New Issue Brief on N-95 Respirators and Fit Testing for EMS Personnel
- 3. NASEMSO Comments on NHTSA Strategic Plan
- 4. NASEMSO Supports Senate Bill to Eliminate CAH "Isolation Test"
- 5. Procedure for NASEMSO Roster Changes Reviewed

FOR THE STATES

- 6. Executive Order Establishes New Council of Governors
- 7. GAO Studies State Assistance Programs Receiving Medicaid and CHIP Funds

AIR MEDICAL

- 8. FAA's Aviation News Features Issue on Human Element Research

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 9. NEMSIS Version 3 Revision Process Underway

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

- 10. FEMA Announces New Membership of National Advisory Council
- 11. GAO Addresses Medical Surge in State Emergency Preparedness Efforts
- 12. House Bill Would Address the Needs of Children in Disasters
- 13. CDC Provides New Pediatric Pan Flu Guidance for Community Stakeholders
- 14. HHS Releases National Health Security Strategy and Implementation Guide
- 15. CDC Foundation Solicits Contributions to Global Disaster Response Fund
- 16. DHS Unveils "Virtual USA" Information-Sharing Initiative
- 17. OIG Identifies State Concerns with CHEMPACK Storage
- 18. Medical Surge Capacity Focus of IOM Forum Workshop Summary
- 19. CRS Issues H1N1 Influenza Legal Issues Report

20. First Case of XXDR TB Identified in US
21. Executive Order Identifies USPS for Delivery of Medical Countermeasures for Bio Attacks

EMSC

22. Joint Policy Statement—Guidelines for Care of Children in the Emergency Department Now Available

HEALTH AND SAFETY

23. Protecting and Promoting Worker Health and Well-Being
24. What Are the Costs When a Worker Dies in the Line of Duty?

HIGHWAY SAFETY (HITS)

25. President Signs Executive Order on Distracted Driving
26. AASTHO Seeks Input on National Strategy on Highway Safety

FEDERAL PARTNERS

27. Feds Issue Regulations on 'Meaningful Use' and Setting Standards for Electronic Health Records
28. National Library of Medicine Launches Mobile MedlinePlus
29. Resources for Clinicians Treating Individuals Returning From Haiti
30. CMS Issues Annual Report on National Health Spending
31. NIH to Host Regional Seminars on Grant Policy and Procedure
32. MMWR Focuses on Revised Immunization Schedules

INDUSTRY NEWS

33. Video Addresses Bullying in the Workplace
34. McNeil Expands OTC Recall to Include More Products
35. ACEP Announces 2010 EMS Week Plans
36. New Club Drug Identified
37. PTSF Announces Position Opening
38. APHA Seeks Transportation Manager

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

39. Regional Systems of Care for Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest. A Policy Statement From the AHA

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Comments to FCC on Healthcare Broadband Deployment

FOR THE STATES

2. Senate Health Reform Package Impacts EMS
3. New GAO Report Focuses on State Government Retiree Benefits

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

4. HHS announces \$60M Program to Fund Strategic Health IT Advanced Research Projects

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

5. President Obama Releases National Strategy for Countering Biological Threats
6. NIOSH Extends Comment Deadline for TIL Requirements
7. New Call Center Workbook for Pan Flu Available from CDC
8. "Ready or Not" Ready for Review
9. New GAO Report Focuses on Biosurveillance

EMSC

10. EMSC Reauthorization Included in Health Reform Legislation Passed by Senate

FEDERAL PARTNERS

11. New DOT Consumer Rule Limits Airline Tarmac Delays, Provides Other Passenger Protections
12. FDA Issues Product Recall for Popular OTC Medication

STATE JOB POSTINGS

13. Arkansas Health Department Recruiting for New Trauma Positions

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

14. IV Drug Administration During Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Outcomes Challenge ACLS Protocols

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Announces 2010 Mid-Year Meeting Dates
2. NASEMSO Launches New Education Agenda Implementation List Serve
3. NASEMSO Seeking EMS Calendar Items for New Year
4. NASEMSO Launches Education Agenda Needs Assessment Surveys
5. NASEMSO Joins ITS America in Transportation Letter to President Obama
6. NASEMSO's McGinnis Testifies Before FCC on Public Safety Communications

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. FEMA/FCC Announce Standards for Wireless Carriers to Receive and Deliver Emergency Alerts

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

8. GAO Reports on Sustainability of Health Resources Following Hurricane Katrina
9. Resolve to be Ready Campaign Kicks Off for 2010
10. Fugate Announces FEMA Reorganization
11. DHS Unveils "Virtual USA" Information-Sharing Initiative
12. Disaster Case Managers to Assist Children and Families
13. REAL ID Falls Short of Its Goals
14. \$2.7B Available in 2010 Preparedness Grants from DHS

EMSC

15. AHRQ Study Finds Telemedicine Reduces Children's Emergency Department Visits
16. NRC and NEDARC Publish Manual on Non-competing Continuation Grant Guidance

H1N1 AND SEASONAL INFLUENZA

17. FICEMS Releases Report on State EMS System Pandemic Influenza Preparedness
18. CDC Warns of H1N1 "Swine Flu" Phishing Scam
19. New from the CDC: H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) Preparedness Tools for Professionals
20. GAO Report Focuses on Implementation of National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza
21. New York Autopsies Show 2009 H1N1 Influenza Virus Damages Entire Airway
22. WHO Addresses Mutation; Antiviral Resistance Issues
23. New NIOSH Respirator 'One-Stop-Shop' Web Resource

HEALTH AND SAFETY

24. OSHA's Emphasizes Fall 2009 Regulatory Priorities

HIGHWAY SAFETY

25. New Highway Technology Report Available from GAO
26. Over 107 Million Personal Vehicles Entered the U.S. in 2008
27. GAO Reviews State Use of Highway Funds

FEDERAL PARTNERS

28. And The Winner Is...Drew Dawson!
29. NIH to Host Regional Seminars on Grant Policy and Procedure
30. NFA Course Applications Due December 15

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS OR WEBCASTS

31. CDC Statcast Highlights Fatal Poisonings Involving Opioid Analgesics
32. Implications of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) During Public Health Emergencies and on Alternate Sites of Care

UPCOMING EVENTS

****Statewide EMS Conferences****

****National Conferences and Special Meetings****

[Nov. 30, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Mourns the Loss of Arkansas State Director
2. NASEMSO Seeking EMS Calendar Items for 2010
3. NASEMSO Launches Education Agenda Needs Assessment Surveys
4. NASEMSO Publishes Monograph Representing Comprehensive Examination of State EMS Funding
5. NASEMSO Program Staff Participates as FCC Panelist on Broadband Field Hearing
6. NASEMSO Program Staff Participates as IOM Panelist on Workforce Needs in Health Incidents
7. NASEMSO Provides Comments on Wildland Fire Standards Document

AIR MEDICAL

8. NTSB Issues Several HEMS Safety Recommendations

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

9. First Ambulance-Based Wireless Medical Records System Comes to Indianapolis
10. HIT Advisory Committees Launch New Blog to Describe FACA Activities

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

11. NEMA TTX Available for Public Health/Medical Personnel
12. Disaster Relief Codejam Engages Software Giants in Random Hacks of Kindness
13. NIOSH Pocket Guide Now Available for the iPhone
14. IOM Forum Releases Crisis Standards of Care Workshop Series
15. WISER Update Now Available

H1N1 AND SEASONAL INFLUENZA

16. WHO Provides Mass Gathering Guidance for H1N1
17. **NIOSH Comments on (MacIntyre) Study on Healthcare Worker Respirator Use/Fit Testing**
18. **OSHA Issues Compliance Directive for Occupational Exposure to H1N1**
19. **CMS Provides Clarification to NASEMSO Inquiry on 1135 Waiver Conditions for Ambulances**
20. NIOSH Seeks Information Associated With H1N1 and Healthcare Workers
21. CDC Issues Health Advisory on Pneumococcal Vaccination to Prevent Secondary Infections
22. WHO Issues Revised Guidance on Clinical Management for H1N1
23. CDC Issues Guidance on Emergency Shelters for 2009-10 Flu Season
24. NPPTL Launches Respirator Trusted-Source Information Page
25. NIOSH Seeks Comments on TIL Requirements for Respirators
26. Public Health Officials Monitoring H1N1 Virus Mutation Detected in Norway
27. FDA Warns of Unapproved and Illegal H1N1 Drug Products Purchased Over the Internet

HEALTH AND SAFETY

28. **Ryan White Emergency Response Provisions Reinstated**

HIGHWAY SAFETY

29. NHTSA Seeks Public Comment on Traffic Safety Problems
30. DOT Releases New Action Plan to Address Motorcoach Safety Issues
31. Newly Formed Safety Council to Take Safety Commitment to Next Level

FEDERAL PARTNERS

32. Deadline Extended for NEMSAC Applications
33. Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) from CDC's Injury Center
34. NIH Awards \$8.5 Million for Research on Pharmaceuticals for Children
35. Secretary Sebelius Announces New HHS Regional Directors
36. Senate Confirms US Surgeon General
37. NHLBI Stops Enrollment in Study on Resuscitation Methods for Cardiac Arrest
38. Journal Supplement on Developing the Public Health Workforce
39. FDA Investigates External Biphasic Defibrillators Energy Levels
40. FDA Warns of Defective Powerheart and CardioVive (AED) Display Screens
41. FDA Recalls Meconium Kits
42. Opportunity for Public Comment on Draft Healthy People 2020 Objectives

INDUSTRY NEWS

43. ACEP Issues Public Guidance on Using the ED for Influenza-Like Illness
44. AHA Launches Hands-Only CPR Web Resources
45. NAEMT Announces First EMS on the Hill Day
46. EMSsystems, LLC Acquires Med Media, Inc.

UPCOMING EVENTS

****Statewide EMS Conferences****

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Oct. 15, 2009

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Input Included in New Communications Guides

AIR MEDICAL

2. NTSB Faults Pilot Mismanagement in Air Medical Crash
3. NTSB Sends HEMS Safety Recommendations to FAA

COMMUNICATIONS

4. NG9-1-1 Procurement Tool Kit Now Available from DOT

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

5. Former EMS Chief Confirmed as FEMA Assistant Administrator
6. Secretary Napolitano Announces New Proposed Standards for Private Sector Preparedness

H1N1 AND SEASONAL INFLUENZA

7. CDC Releases H1N1 Infection Control Guidance
8. OSHA to Conduct H1N1 Inspection Visits
9. NIOSH Revisits Science Related to Respiratory Protection; Public Invited to Comment
10. NEMSAC Advocates for Personal Safety of EMS Responders
11. U.S. Fire Administrator Urges H1N1 Vaccinations for Fire and EMS Personnel

HIGHWAY SAFETY

12. Safety Advocates File Petition to Curb Use of Electronic Devices by Truck and Bus Drivers

FEDERAL PARTNERS

13. Comment Period for HIPAA Interim Rule Set to Expire
14. NIOSH Seeks to Improve Protective Clothing for Fire Fighters and Emergency Responders
15. NIOSH Offers Report on Sickness Absenteeism among Full-Time Workers
16. New Information Available at www.StopMedicareFraud.gov
17. New NIOSH Report Highlights Efforts in Workplace Safety

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Oct. 5, 2009

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Convenes Successful Annual Meeting in Little Rock
2. NASEMSO Resolution 2009-001 Addresses Project 25 Compliance
3. NASEMSO Signs Coalition Letter to Support Funding for Health Programs
4. NASEMSO Program Advisor Named to FCC Advisory Council

FOR THE STATES

5. HHS Awards \$40 Million to States to Find, Enroll Children in CHIP, Medicaid
6. \$120 Million for States Made Available for Community Prevention and Wellness Initiatives

AIR MEDICAL

7. Aviation Blogs Point to Fatigue Expert as Possible NTSB Nominee

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

8. AHRQ Releases New Tools to Identify and Run Alternate Care Facilities
9. AHRQ Condenses “Scarce Resources” Guide to Aid H1N1 Planning Efforts
10. ODNI Publishes National Intelligence Strategy
11. Report of HSAS Task Force Now Available
12. GAO Releases New Report on Citizen Corps and Ready Campaign
13. IOM Provides Guidance on Standards of Health Care During Disaster Situations

H1N1 AND SEASONAL INFLUENZA

14. H1N1 Highlights

- Info on Vaccines
- Conflicting Reports on Respiratory Protection for HCW
- Clinical Use of Diagnostic Testing for H1N1
- Bacterial Coinfections in Fatal Cases
- Tamiflu Suspension for Kids

15. Hospital Bed Availability During Pandemic—Focus of New TFAH Report

HIGHWAY SAFETY

16. National Summit Focuses on Distracted Driving

RURAL EMS

17. Health Information Technology Strengthens Care in Rural Communities

FEDERAL PARTNERS

18. FDA Recalls Children's and Infants' Tylenol Oral Suspension
19. New GAO Report Focuses on Fraud and Abuse Related to Controlled Substances
20. Change in Reference Standard Affects Heparin Doses

INDUSTRY NEWS

21. NAEMT Responds to Members' Concerns About New NBC Show

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

22. Emergency Legal Preparedness Among Select US Local Governments

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Sept. 15, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. 2009 NASEMSO Annual Meeting Program Revised
2. NASEMSO Welcomes Mary Hedges as Program Staff
3. State EMS Spotlight Profiles Needed
4. New Web Site Resource: Quality Improvement Links
5. NASEMSO Provides Comments to State Traffic Record Systems Performance Measures
6. PSST Re-Elects NASEMSO's Kevin McGinnis for Two Year Term
7. NASEMSO Member Appointed to NFPA Ambulance Standards Committee

AIR MEDICAL

8. NTSB Safety Board Issues HEMS Recommendations

DATA

9. HHS HIT Committees Scheduled to Meet
10. White House Announces Availability of Nearly \$1.2 Billion in HITECH Grants

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

11. Occupational Health Guidelines for Chemical Hazards Now Indexed Online
12. New NIMS Alert Encourages Use of Plain Language
13. WISER 4.3 Now Available from the National Library of Medicine
14. GAO Releases Letter Report on Disaster Recovery
15. NIOSH Science Blog Focuses on Respiratory Protection for Responders Since 9/11
16. HHS and USDA Unveil New Food Safety Consumer Web Site

EMSC

17. Utah EMSC Provides Pediatric Off-line Protocol Guidelines
18. AHRQ Addresses Children's Needs in Public Health Emergencies

H1N1 AND SEASONAL INFLUENZA

19. HHS Conference Call - Information Sharing from HHS on H1N1
20. GSA to Allow State and Local Government Access to Federal Supply Schedules During a Pandemic
21. CMS Announces EMTALA Requirements and Options for Hospitals During a Pandemic
22. New and Updated Interim Guidance and Links to Resources for Clinicians
23. WHO Guidelines for Pharmacological Management H1N1 Influenza and other Influenza Viruses

HIGHWAY SAFETY

24. USFA Announces the Release of a Report on Emergency Vehicle Visibility and Conspicuity
25. EMS Transportation Summit Scheduled for October
26. TSAG to Convene Fall Meeting

TRAUMA

27. NIOSH Provides Public Comment Opportunity on TIIP

FEDERAL PARTNERS

28. EMS Workforce Data Definitions Available for Public Comment
29. NTSB Training Available: Managing Communications During an Aircraft Disaster
30. Product Recalls Announced by the FDA
31. HHS Delegates Authority for the HIPAA Security Rule to Office for Civil Rights

INDUSTRY NEWS

32. OIG Posts Two EMS-Related Advisory Opinions
33. Grants.Gov Web Site Offers New Feature for Information on Applying for All ARRA Federal Grants

34. NECE Workshop Summary Now Available from National Academies
35. Fiscal Year 2009 Fire Prevention and Safety Grants Soon Available
36. Job Posting: ASTHO Director of Public Health Preparedness

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

37. Occupational Injuries Among Emergency Medical Service Providers in the United States

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Aug. 15, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. REGISTER NOW for 2009 NASEMSO Annual Meeting
2. ECCC Chief to Provide Keynote Address at 2009 NASEMSO Annual Meeting
3. FCC Bureau Chief to Address NASEMSO at 2009 Annual Meeting
4. 2009 National EMS Education Standards Gap Analysis Template Now Available
5. NASEMSO Endorses Bill Amendment on Assisting Veterans
6. State EMS Spotlight Profiles Needed
7. New Web Site Resource: Quality Improvement Links
8. NASEMSO Joins Safety Consortium to Promote Broadband-Enabled Emergency Response

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

9. GAO Issues Report on Project BioShield
10. Final Report from the "No Fit Test" Respirator Research Workshop Now Available
11. DHS Announces Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources Learning Series
12. FEMA Announces Creation of Children's Working Group
13. Revised CONTOMS Course Available in Fall 2009
14. National Fire Academy Training Opportunities Available for EMS
15. New Opscan Answer Sheets for EMI Independent Study Program Courses Now Available

EMSC

16. EMSC Federal Legislative Update
17. Minnesota EMSC Program Posts State Prehospital Pediatric Guidelines

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

18. AEMS to Host Town Hall Meeting at EMS Expo

HEALTH AND SAFETY

19. H1N1 Highlights
20. FDA Approves Vaccine for 2009-2010 Seasonal Influenza
21. CDC Recommends Seasonal Flu Vaccination for Children Over 6 Months and Healthcare Workers
22. CDC Features Muscle Strengthening Guidance for Adults

HIGHWAY SAFETY

23. AASHTO to Convene Stakeholder Meeting to Discuss Highway Safety

RURAL EMS

24. MN Community Paramedic Program Acknowledged in NACRHHS Report

FEDERAL PARTNERS

25. Institute of Medicine to Host 2nd in Series of Workshops

26. Recovery Act Funds Could Benefit EMS Professions

27. CMS Revises Mileage Processing on Ambulance Claims

INDUSTRY NEWS

28. IAFP Releases Position Statement on Critical Care Paramedics

29. NAEMSE to Induct New Officers

30. NREMT Associate Director Participates in DC Fellowship

31. ENA Seeking Pilot Sites for New LTC Handoff Form

32. ENA Releases New Study on Workplace Violence

33. EMS Patient Communications Monograph Available

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

34. Data based integration of critical illness and injury patient care from EMS to emergency department to intensive care unit

35. Improving performance of emergency medical services personnel during resuscitation of cardiac arrest patients: the McMAID approach

36. Ventilation during resuscitation efforts for out-of-hospital primary cardiac arrest

37. Stroke: acute stroke receiving facilities and management

38. Measuring acute pain in the prehospital setting

39. Airtraq Causes Less C-Spine Movement Than Macintosh Laryngoscope

40. Crossover Comparison of the Laryngeal Mask Supreme(TM) and the i-gel(TM) in Simulated Difficult Airway Scenario in Anesthetized Patients

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[July 23, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. 2009 National EMS Education Standards Gap Analysis Template Now Available

AIR MEDICAL

2. PFAA Secures Concessions to Improve State Regulation of Air Ambulances

DATA

3. Recording of Emergency Responder Electronic Health Record (ER-EHR) Webcast Now Available

COMMUNICATIONS

4. Communications Guides Aid Statewide Communications Interoperability
5. The Plain Language Guide – Making the Transition from Ten Codes

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

6. Review of Homeland Security Advisory System Underway
7. PACER Consortium Revises Model MOU for Hospitals
8. FEMA Plans to Establish Emergency 'Base Camps'
9. RFID Chips in Official ID's Raise Privacy Fears
10. USDA and HHS Praise Guidelines for Foodborne Disease Outbreak Response
11. SCRATCHbot Developed to Find Disaster Survivors
12. DHS, FEMA, and Citizen Corps Participate in "United We Serve"
13. FEMA Releases Results of Citizen Corps Survey
14. Battery Storage Systems: Inherent Hazards for Emergency Responders

EMSC

15. Learn to Prevent & Recognize Concussions Toolkit Available from CDC
16. E-cigarettes Deliver Nicotine Without Tobacco

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

17. White House Announces Picks for Key Public Health and Safety Positions
18. AEMS Encourages Stakeholders to Support PSOB Language for Non-Profit Employees
19. FICEMS Adopts Position on National Health Security Strategy

HEALTH AND SAFETY

20. H1N1 HIGHLIGHTS
 - I. New or Revised Guidance Available and Applicable to EMS Planning
 - II. Flu News

HIGHWAY SAFETY

21. NHTSA Releases Online Child Passenger Safety Week Planner
22. QuickStats: Motor-Vehicle Traffic and Poisoning Death Rates, by Age --- United States, 2005—2006
23. NHTSA Data Indicates Record Low Traffic Fatalities in 2008

RURAL EMS

24. Rural Tour Highlights Federal Efforts to Rebuild and Revitalize America

FEDERAL PARTNERS

25. HHS Releases New Nationwide Emergency Department Sample Data
26. Voluntary Recall of Concentrated Acetaminophen Drops in Effect
27. FDA Approves Fentanyl Buccal Soluble Film

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

28. Errata-WU July 2, 2009
29. Information loss in emergency medical services handover of trauma patients.
30. Vaccine Refusal Increases Risk for Pertussis in Unvaccinated Children

UPCOMING EVENTS

****Statewide EMS Conferences****

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[July 2, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Previews National EMS Education Standards Gap Analysis Template

FOR THE STATES

2. New State by State Reports Highlight Urgent Need for Health Reform

DATA

3. NEMSIS Task Force Announces New Representatives

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

4. State-Level Stakeholder Dialogue on FEMA Preparedness Integration Study Now Open
5. ADA Emergency Preparedness Guide for Local Governments Useful to EMS
6. DHS Exercises Federal COOP Plans
7. FEMA Encourages Participation in National Preparedness Month Coalition
8. Novel H1N1 Now Spreading in Southern Hemisphere
9. FEMA Research Provides Insights on Personal Preparedness
10. New GAO Report Addresses Impact of FTCA on Volunteers in Health Centers
11. New Emergency Use Authorization Online Course

EMSC

12. CDC Revises Hepatitis B Vaccine Schedule for Kids
13. FDA Seeks Public Input on Tobacco Regulation
14. Broselow Info Now Posted on NASEMSO Web Site

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

15. Senator Leahy Introduces Bill Extending Death Benefits to Non-Profit EMS
16. House Passes Homeland Security Appropriations Bill Including EMS Language

HEALTH AND SAFETY

17. New NIOSH Publication Highlights Worker Safety

HIGHWAY SAFETY

18. New GAO Report Outlines Status of Highway Trust Fund

TRAUMA

19. CDC Publishes Updated Quick Stat Data on Top 3 Injury Deaths

FEDERAL PARTNERS

20. CDC Publishes New General Workplace Guidelines for H1N1

21. FDA Panel Votes to Ban Vicodin, Percocet, and Other Combination Analgesics

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

22. NRC Seeking Qualified Applicants for Director Position

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

23. Level I versus Level II trauma centers: an outcomes-based assessment.

24. Long-term Outcomes in Individuals with Prolonged PR Interval or First-Degree AV Block

UPCOMING EVENTS

Statewide EMS Conferences

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[June 18, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Convenes Successful Mid-Year Meeting

2. NASEMSO to Preview New Comparison Document for Education Agenda

3. State EMS Directors Participate in IOM Sponsored National Emergency Care Enterprise Summit

4. NASEMSO "Just in Time" Primer for Pan Flu Revised

FOR THE STATES

5. FY 2009 H1N1 Supplemental Includes \$350 Million for States

6. HHS Announces Release of \$6 Billion in New CHIP Funds to Insure Children

DATA

7. NEMSIS Version 3 Draft Available for Comment

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

8. EMR-ISAC Recommends CSB Web Site and Videos

9. New EMI Courses Launched

10. FEMA Notice Regarding Exam Submissions for IS-100a and IS 200.a

11. DHS Announces Nearly \$1.8 Billion in Fiscal Year 2009 Preparedness Grants

EMSC

12. New Mexico Releases Online Pediatric Emergency Training Modules

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

13. AEMS Provides Update on Emergency Care Regionalization Pilot Projects

14. USDA Community Facilities Loans and Grants May Benefit Rural Emergency Medical Services

HEALTH AND SAFETY

15. CDC Updates Information on H1N1 Infections Among Health-Care Personnel
16. NIOSH Announces Meeting to Discuss Respirator Standards
17. TFAH Provides "Lessons Learned" Report on H1N1 Outbreak

FEDERAL PARTNERS

18. ECCC and ECE Web Sites Now Available
19. FDA Issues Public Health Advisory Regarding Levemir Insulin

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

20. New GAO Reports Highlight Several Topics of Interest
21. NEMSAC Statement Lists Principles for Health Care Reform Discussion
22. Zoll AED Plus Defibrillator Recalled

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

23. Poor Sleep in Adulthood Linked to Higher Blood Pressure
24. Use of Antiemetic Agents in Acute Gastroenteritis--A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis
25. Approach combining the airway scope and the bougie for minimizing movement of the cervical spine during endotracheal intubation

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[May 31, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

1. Registration Still Open for NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting
2. JEMS Honors NASEMSO Member for EMS Innovations
3. CDC Assisted by NASEMSO in EMS Guidance for Pandemic Influenza

COMMUNICATIONS

4. FCC Moving Towards Increased Broadband Service in Rural Areas; DTV Nears Full Implementation

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

5. W. Craig Fugate is Sworn-In as FEMA's New Administrator
6. President Announces White House Organization for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism
7. New Online Course Highlights Forensic Epidemiology
8. Freeway Complex Fire AAR Shows Self-Dispatching Still a Problem
9. Mask and Respirator Shortfalls Predicted if True Influenza Pandemic Occurs
10. New GAO Report Highlights National Preparedness
11. Emergency Responder ID Program Progresses
12. IOM to Host Medical Surge Forum

EMSC

- 13. CMS Seeks Nominations for CHIP Working Group
- 14. Well Water Should Be Tested Annually to Reduce Health Risks to Children

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- 15. CMS Provides Advice on ABN for Uncovered Ambulance Services
- 16. NIOSH Re-opens Public Comment Period for Closed-Circuit Respirators

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 17. UPDATED: Interim Guidance for Facemask and Respirator Use to Reduce H1N1 Virus Transmission
- 18. NIOSH Occupational Safety "Prevention Through Design" Plan Posted for Public Comment

HIGHWAY SAFETY

- 19. Vehicle Telematics Initiative Will Provide Needed Research for EMS Trauma Triage Protocols

FEDERAL PARTNERS

- 20. CDC to Offer Immunization Update
- 21. To Boldly Go Where No Medical Response Has Gone Before
- 22. USFA Highlights Medical Facility Fires in TFRS
- 23. CMS Posts Q & A Regarding H1N1 and EMTALA Requirements

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

- 24. ISMP Safety Brief: Dosing mistake on 2007 Broselow Tape

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

- 25. Research Links Vaccine Refusal to Increased Risk for Pertussis

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[May 15, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

- 1. Registration Still Open for NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting
- 2. NASEMSO Provides Testimony at House HEMS Subcommittee Hearing

FOR THE STATES

- 3. Influenza Update
 - I. NASEMSO Responds to H1N1 Influenza Crisis; Reminds Members of EMS and 9-1-1 Guidelines
 - II. NASEMSO Members Help Develop CDC Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems and 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for Management of Patients with Confirmed or Suspected Swine Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infection
 - III. Link to Interim Guidance for Cleaning Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Transport Vehicles during an Influenza Pandemic
 - IV. Link to EMS Checklist for Pandemic Planning
 - V. Link to Additional NASEMSO Resources for H1N1
 - VI. EMS Best Practices

- VII. Clarification Related to Facemasks and N-95 Respirators Related to H1N1 Influenza Virus
- VIII. WHO Publishes Revised World Pandemic Guidance

COMMUNICATIONS

- 4. FCC Adopts Rules to Expand First Responders' Use of 4.9 GHz Broadband Communications

DATA

- 5. HHS Publishes Guidance for Breach Notification
- 6. FTC Publishes Proposed Breach Notification Rule for Electronic Health Information

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

- 7. FEMA Announces Release of Final Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 101
- 8. Independent FEMA Hearings Held by CTI
- 9. NIOSH Issues New Guidance on PPE and Respirators for Biological Agents
- 10. New CDC Director Appointed
- 11. Federal Court Rules in Favor of US Government in Tort Claims Involving Hurricane Katrina

EMSC

- 12. State Children's Health Legislation Report Now Available from AAP
- 13. AAP Feature's EMSC Day on its Website

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- 14. Emergency Supplemental Bill Addresses Pan Flu Funding

HIGHWAY SAFETY

- 15. IntelliDriveSM Proof of Concept (POC) Results -- Coming Soon to an Ambulance Near You?

FEDERAL PARTNERS

- 16. CMS Provides IG Supporting EMS Participation in Protocol Development
- 17. FDA Approval of Expanded Age Indication for Tdap Vaccine
- 18. AFG and JAG Application Periods Open --Deadline May 20

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

- 19. Job Announcement: Deputy Director for Field Operations Maryland Institute for EMS Systems
- 20. Geriatrics Society Changes Its Pain Management Guidelines

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

- 21. Reversal of Profound Neuromuscular Block by Sugammadex
- 22. Courts Rule in Favor of the State in DUI Cases

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Statewide EMS Conferences**
- **National Conferences and Special Meetings**

[Apr. 15, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

- 1. State Spotlight Profiles Virginia

2. 2009 NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting Agenda and Registration Form Now Posted
3. NASEMSO Joins Coalition Support of CDC Core Programs
4. New Banner Ads to Appear on NASEMSO Web Site

DATA

5. Free Software Helps Federal Health Architecture Deliver Scalable IT Solution to NHIN

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

6. New CDC Video Shows How to Use Hand-held Radiation Survey Equipment
7. FEMA Publishes Final Rule To Reflect Current Organizational Structure
8. DHS Announces Nearly \$970 Million in Preparedness Grant Final Allocations
9. New NIOSH Documents Available on Protection from Biological Agents
10. EMR-ISAC Highlights ESS Resources for Radiological Dispersal Devices

EMSC

11. NRC Releases EMSC Day Toolkit
12. Child Care and Vaccination Programs to Benefit from Recovery Act
13. Head Start Programs to Receive Over \$2 Billion in Recovery Act Funding
14. Help GASP Stop the Choking Game
15. Senate Passes Budget Amendment to Fully Fund MCH Block Grants in FFY2010

HEALTH

16. FDA Clears Rapid Test for Avian Influenza A Virus in Humans
17. CNET News Recommends New Twitter Application for Predicting Pan Flu
18. NPHIC Provides Pan Flu Materials for Communications Partners

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

19. Zoll Defibrillators Require 'Urgent Medical Device Correction'
20. ACC/AHA Release Consensus Document on Pulmonary Hypertension

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[March 31, 2009](#)

BREAKING NEWS... Please note that H.R. 479, the Wakefield Act, is #12 on the House suspension calendar for today, Monday, March 30. Legislative business begins at 2:30pm, with votes after 6:30pm. If you have letters ready urging House members to vote for the bill, please send them ASAP!

NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Releases New Tools to Aid Education Agenda Implementation
2. NASEMSO Features State Spotlight Profiles
3. NASEMSO Supports PSOB Benefits for EMS
4. NASEMSO Joins Partner Organizations to Support Function 550 Health Spending
5. Call for Speakers at Alaska State EMS Conference

FOR THE STATES

6. New NGA State Workforce Best Practices Document Now Available
7. US District Court Dismisses Eagle Air Lawsuit Against Colorado CDPHE
8. HHS Launches New Office of Recovery Act Coordination
9. New Funds for 1,128 Health Centers- Additional 2 Million Patients Will Receive Care
10. New TFAH Report Focuses on Public Health Funding
11. 6th Annual TFAH Report on State Preparedness Now Available Online

CLINICAL (Information Related to Patient Care)

12. IOM Releases HIPAA Privacy Rule Report
13. Updated AHA Clinical Practice Guideline Describes Heart Failure Treatment for Adults
14. NHLBI Halts Study of Concentrated Saline for Patients with Shock Due to Lack of Survival Benefit
15. New GAO Report Finds Unethical Practices in IRB System

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

16. Fugate Nominated as FEMA Administrator
17. NASEMSO Adds Decontamination Resource to Web Site
18. AHRQ Releases Recommendations for a National Emergency Evacuation System
19. FEMA Announces NLE 2009
20. New GAO Report Focuses on Disaster Recovery
21. CHEMTREC DVD Now Available
22. New GAO Report Reflects DHS Progress Since 2006

EMSC

23. New AHRQ Tools Focus on Care of Children
24. National Heroes Award Nominations Due April 3

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

25. Guidebook Available on Stimulus Funds
26. National Trauma Center Stabilization Act Introduced in Senate

HEALTH

27. New GAO Report Focuses on Pan Flu Preparedness Efforts

HIGHWAY SAFETY

28. Comments Sought on Road Safety White Paper
29. UM Proposes Improvements in Analysis of Crash Data

TRAUMA

- 30. Rethinking Drinking Offers Tools to Assess and Change Risky Drinking Habits
- 31. Preventable Injuries Burden State Budgets

FEDERAL PARTNERS

- 32. SAMHSA Accepting Applications for \$1.5 Million in Grants for Supportive Housing Services
- 33. President Nominates HHS Secretary
- 34. CDC Releases Data from NVDRS
- 35. HHS Issues Special Report on Health Reform and Launches New Web Site
- 36. HHS Names National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

- 37. Landmark FEMA Firefighter Health Study Results Released
- 38. Kidde Recalls to Replace Fire Extinguishers Due to Failure to Operate
- 39. Power Through It All™ Materials Now Available
- 40. IHI Announces New Patient Safety Tool
- 41. Last Call for EMS Week Toolkit Orders

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Feb. 28, 2009](#)

NASEMSO NEWS

- 1. NASEMSO Signs Letter to Support EMSC Reauthorization
- 2. NASEMSO Advocates for HMS Safety Bill

COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY

- 3. Diverse National Organizations Form Interoperability Council
- 4. NENA Releases Updated E9-1-1 Model Legislation

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

- 5. AHRQ Releases Recommendations for a National Emergency Evacuation System
- 6. Downloadable Materials Available for IS-700a Group Training
- 7. ASPR-ASTHO Webcast: Mental Health in Emergency Planning, Response and Recovery
- 8. Preparedness Resources for Healthcare Facilities Launched by CDC
- 9. Electronic Version of NIPP Now Available
- 10. PPE Web Site Offers Safety Resources

EMSC

11. NRC Hiring for New Director Position

HIGHWAY SAFETY

12. NASEMSO Members Invited to TSAG Webinar

TRAUMA

13. Arkansas Legislature Approves Tax to Fund Trauma

14. MMWR Publishes Motor Vehicle Related Deaths

FEDERAL PARTNERS

15. President Obama Picks Prominent Nurse to Lead HRSA

16. HHS Seeks Feedback on Pandemicflu.gov

17. FDA Issues New Warning for Healthcare Professionals on Zonisamide

18. CMS Report: Growth in National Health Expenditures Expected to Slow in 2009

19. Public Health Law 101 Now Available from CDC

20. CDC Releases Annual Health Impact Report

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

21. Advocates for EMS Elects New Officers

22. Overton Named President/CEO of Road Safety International, Inc.

23. IAFC and Physio-Control Call for Award Nominations

24. New Suicide Trend Could Pose Risk to EMS Responders

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

25. Cognitive impairments in survivors of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest

26. Sorry to Say, Folks! None of Us Are Getting Any Younger!

UPCOMING EVENTS

****Statewide EMS Conferences****

****National Conferences and Special Meetings****

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Endorses Altmire HEMS Bill

2. NASEMSO Welcomes New State EMS Director

3. NASEMSO Signs Letter to Support Increased Health and Wellness Funding

4. NASEMSO Provides Witness Testimony at NTSB Hearings

5. NASEMSO Briefs DHS on Disaster Concerns

6. State Spotlight Profiles Still Needed

FOR THE STATES

7. GAO Report Outlines State Medicaid Funding in Stimulus Package

8. Bad Economy Could Incentivize States to Adopt Primary Seat Belt Laws

9. Draft Accreditation Standards for Health Boards Available for Comment

COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY

10. Public Safety Groups Disappointed by Delay for Digital TV Transition

11. FEMA Posts Telecommunicator Emergency Response Strategies

12. 95 Percent of Americans Now Reside in Areas Covered by Phase II Wireless Enhanced 9-1-1

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

- 13. New Planning Guidance for Response to a Nuclear Detonation Available from EPA
- 14. New Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Product Posted to NRC Website
- 15. New FEMA Independent Study Program Courses Available
- 16. New Anthrax Vaccination Q&A Available from CDC
- 17. National Disaster Housing Strategy Released

EMSC

- 18. Congress Passes SCHIP Bill

EMS EDUCATION AGENDA IMPLEMENTATION

- 19. National EMS Education Standards and Instructor Guidelines Now Available

EMS SAFETY

- 20. USFA Releases Health and Wellness Guide

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- 21. AEMS Recruiting Members for Congressional Emergency Medical Services Caucus
- 22. AEMS Announces Legislative Priorities for 111th Congress

HEALTH

- 23. Minnesota Engages Citizens in Pan Flu Ethics Discussion
- 24. Flu News

HIGHWAY SAFETY

- 25. National Auto Safety Database Rolls Out
- 26. Seat Belt Manual Launched by UN Road Safety Group

RURAL EMS

- 27. AHA Rural Healthcare Forum Presentations Now Available

FEDERAL PARTNERS

- 28. CDC Releases Annual Health Report
- 29. FDA Advisory Panel Votes to Ban Painkillers Darvon and Darvocet
- 30. Important Notice Regarding Grants.gov
- 31. Emergency Preparedness Chief Named Acting CDC Director
- 32. FDA to Tighten Opioid Restrictions

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

- 33. America's 911 Systems in Crisis
- 34. AHA Advisory Recommends Prudent Use of Heart-Imaging Exams
- 35. Guidelines on Opioids in Noncancer Pain Issued

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

- 36. Prevention of IV Catheter Related Infections
- 37. Chances of Surviving Cardiac Arrest Depend On Where Patients Are Treated
- 38. Laryngoscopy Requires More Force When Manual In-Line Stabilization Is Used

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NASEMSO NEWS

- 1. NASEMSO Releases Issue Brief on the Need for Shared Regulation of Air Medical Services

2. NASEMSO Comments on Activation and Reimbursement Concerns for EMS Disaster Response

DATA

3. HHS Issues Final ICD-10 Code Sets and Updated Electronic Transaction Standards Rules

4. HHS Releases New Report on Medical Identity Theft

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

5. New Administration Announces Plans to Support Emergency Responders

6. New DHS Secretary Outlines Priorities for FEMA

7. IOM Hosts Regional Forums on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Catastrophic Events

8. CDC Publishes Report on Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response Activities

9. AHRQ Public Health Emergency Preparedness Webcast Scheduled

10. Keep It With You: Personal Medical Information Form Available from CDC

11. CDC Provides New Guidance on Handling of Suspicious Packages or Envelopes

EMS-C

12. House Supports Children's Health in Two New Bills

13. NRC Seeks Nominations for 2009 National Heroes Awards

EMS SAFETY

14. NIOSH Blog Reviews Improved Criteria for Emergency Medical Protective Clothing

15. OSHA QuickCards Available

16. NIOSH to Hold NPPTL Stakeholders Meeting

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

17. FTC Will Grant Six-Month Delay of Enforcement of 'Red Flags' Rule

18. House Releases Economic Stimulus Package

HEALTH

19. Getting Beyond Getting Ready for Pandemic Influenza

HIGHWAY SAFETY

20. Call for 2009 National Roadway Safety Awards Nominations

21. Drinking Age Laws and Driving Report Now Available

TRAUMA

22. Field Triage Materials Now Available from the CDC

FEDERAL PARTNERS

23. NHTSA Fall/Winter EMS Update Newsletter Now Available

24. New GAO Report Highlights Process for Class III Medical Devices

25. CDC Publishes Interim Guidance for Smallpox Vaccines

ORGANIZATION AND INDUSTRY NEWS

26. IOM Plans Workshop on Emergency Care

27. NREMT Seeks Item Writers

28. 2009 AHA Environmental Scan Webcast is Now Available

29. The National Academies Need Your Help!

30. IAFC Reflects on Economic Challenges for Fire and EMS

31. US District Court Denies Motion for Class Certification in FEMA Emergency Housing Case

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

32. Gasping During Cardiac Arrest Is Associated with Improved Survival

33. Half-a-Million Strong: The Emergency Medical Services Response to a Single-Day, Mass-Gathering Event

UPCOMING EVENTS

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NASEMSO NEWS

1. NASEMSO Seeks State Spotlight Profiles

AIR MEDICAL

2. Safety of Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS) Operations Hearing Nears

DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

3. NCTC Releases 2009 Counterterrorism Calendar

4. Evacuation Distances for Bomb Threats

5. Update to IS-700 Now Available

EMS SAFETY

6. Healthcare Employment Linked With Increased Bloodborne Pathogen Mortality

7. It Is Not Too Late to Get Your Flu Shot!

8. Safety Notice Issued on Air Mask Couplings

HEALTH

9. Antiviral Resistance Among Influenza A(H1N1) and Interim Guidance for Antivirals

10. Recommended Adult Vaccination Schedules Published in MMWR

11. New Computer Simulation Shows Movement of Population Using Navteq

HIGHWAY SAFETY

12. Study Focuses on Washington Trucking Industry

FEDERAL PARTNERS

13. FDA Approves BioThrax Supplemental Biologics License Application

14. HHS Announces New Resource for Medical Countermeasures

15. Snap Shots of State Population Data Version 1.5 Now Available

16. HHS Issues Action Plan to Prevent Health Care-Associated Infections

17. HHS Releases Sixth Pandemic Planning Update

18. USFA Releases Provisional 2008 Firefighter Fatality Statistics

ORGANIZATION AND INDUSTRY NEWS

19. NEMSMA Makes Recommendations to Obama Transition Team

20. OIG Issues Advisory Opinions on Tax Payments as Revenue to Fund EMS Transportation

21. Fire Service Organizations Want FEMA to Stay at DHS

22. AHA Publishes Appropriateness Criteria for Coronary Revascularization

INTERESTING ABSTRACTS

23. Excessive Use of Antiviral Drugs Could Aid Deadly Flu

24. PTSD Symptomology Associated with Witnessing Unsuccessful Out-of-Hospital CPR

25. Survival with Emergency Tourniquet Use to Stop Bleeding in Major Limb Trauma

26. Let the Surgeon Sleep: Trauma Team Activation for Severe Hypotension

UPCOMING EVENTS

****Statewide EMS Conferences****

****National Conferences and Special Meetings****

Dec. 31, 2008

1. NASEMSO Releases New Communications Monograph

2. Presentations from EMS Program Accreditation Webinar Now Available

3. Researchers Seek Participants in First Responder Survey on Peds Resuscitation

4. DHS Announces Revised National Incident Management System

5. FEMA Releases Draft Credentialing Guideline; Seeks Comment

6. FEMA Releases Draft NIMS I&I; Seeks Comment

7. Domestic Bombing Medical Form Now Available from CDC

8. NIPP Update Now Available from DHS

9. NIOSH Issues Safety Notice Concerning HUD Quick Disconnect

10. New Model Estimates Emergency Evacuation Needs for Health Care Facilities

11. NEMSIS Procedure Code Update for Version 2.2.1

12. New EMR-ISAC Bulletins Now Available Online

13. HHS Releases Guidance for Use and Stockpiling of Antiviral Drugs for Pandemic Influenza

14. Early Reports Indicate This Season's Flu Virus Largely Resistant to Oseltamivir

15. NFID Finds Mid-Season Flu Immunization Rates Too Low

16. 2009 Pediatric Immunization Schedules Approved

17. WISER 4.2 Now Available from NIH

18. State Budget Cuts Jeopardize America's Health

19. California Good Samaritan Can Be Sued for Non-Medical Care

20. DHS Develops Privacy Guidelines for S & T Directorate
21. FEMA Launches New Website for Disaster Assistance
22. Upcoming Events

[Dec. 15, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO to Host December 19 Webinar on EMS Education Agenda
2. NASEMSO Domestic Preparedness Data Now Available
3. NASEMSO Members and Partners Asked to Provide Conference Dates for 2009
4. CDC Rollout of Trauma Field Triage Decision Scheme Announced
5. NTSB Calls on States to Continue Adopting "Most Wanted" Highway Safety Items
6. SAMHSA Releases New Data on Drug-related Hospital Emergency Department Visits
7. 2009 Emergency Medicine Report Card Now Available
8. TFAH Announces 6th Annual Survey Now Available
9. Patterns of Abuse Among Unintentional Pharmaceutical Overdose Fatalities Available
10. CMS Approves New ICD-9 V-Code for Certain Stroke Patients
11. Presentations from NIOSH Respiratory Standards Meeting Now Available
12. Rural AED Grant Application Now Available
13. New Reports on Child Injury Now Available
14. IOM Reflects on Health Care Workforce and Aging America in New Publication
15. IOM Committee Provides Final Report on HHS Ability to Lead
16. DC Policy Summit Discusses Ordinary Security Dangers for New Administration
17. Mobile Version of REMM Website Now Available
18. New Study Examines Impact Of 7.7 Magnitude Earthquake on Central U.S.
19. FDA Panel Votes to Ban Two Drugs for Asthma
20. CDP Offers Leadership Course Geared for EMS Interests
21. New WHO Manual for the Healthcare of Children in Humanitarian Emergencies Released
22. HHS Announces PlanFirst Webcast on Antiviral Use and Stockpiling
23. DHS Provides Revised Infrastructure Taxonomy
24. New Literature Review Reveals Myths in Emergency Care for the Uninsured
25. IRMRC Ambulance Transport Safety Webinar and Handout Provided
26. GAO Reports Commercial Terrorism Insurance Still Hard to Find
27. NFPA Approves Technical Committee to Develop Ambulance Standards
28. NEMSIS Software Developers Conference Rescheduled
29. Resolve to be Ready in 2009
30. Upcoming Events

[Nov. 30, 2008](#)

1. Deadline Extended for WU Survey
2. NASEMSO HITS Committee Promotes New Transportation Campaign
3. NASEMSO Joins Organizations in Support for Trauma Systems Funding
4. CDC Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities Now Available
5. NHTSA Announces Upcoming FICEMS Meeting
6. New High Visibility Rule Now in Effect
7. Medical Fitness to Drive Report Available from AAA Foundation
8. ENA Releases National Scorecard on State Roadway Laws
9. NIOSH Respirator Approvals to be Revoked
10. Medical Oversight in FY2009 MMRS Grants Requires Conformity with State Requirements
11. TRB Ambulance Transport Safety Summit Info and Recording Available

12. FDA Approves New Synthetic Analgesic
13. Updated NSTEMI/STEMI Performance Measures Released
14. Annual Honesty and Ethics Poll Rates Nurses Best of 21 Professions
15. Upcoming Events

[Nov. 15, 2008](#)

1. WU Survey Now Available-- Please Tell Us What You Think!
2. PDF Version and WU Table of Contents Available on NASEMSO Website
3. NASEMSO Welcomes New State EMS Director from Minnesota
4. NASEMSO State Spotlight Profiles Colorado
5. TRB Releases Presentations from Ambulance Safety Summit
6. NTSB to Hold Three-Day Hearing on EMS Operations
7. NHTSA Project to Focus on Children in Emergency Vehicles
8. AEMS Circulates First Health Reform White Paper
9. New PREP Act Emergency Declarations Available from HHS
10. TFAH Issues Newest Report on Global ID
11. New CDC Fact Sheets Available on Blast Injuries
12. FDA Hears Testimony on Home Stockpiling of Flu "MedKits"
13. SAMHSA Provides Resources for Responders and Health Professionals
14. AHRQ Lists and Solicits Applications from PSOs
15. EMS Implications Exist for New Medicaid Rules
16. HHS Quality Measures Released to Improve Performance Measurement Efforts
17. New Data Show Drinking Age Laws Saved 4,441 Lives Over 5 Years
18. DHS Announces National Preparedness Grants for 2009
19. CRS Briefs Congress and New Administration on the Stafford Act and Pan Flu
20. GAO Urges Congress to Prioritize Emergency Preparedness
21. UMich Releases Results of Non-Pharmaceutical Flu Prevention Research
22. CDC Offers New Travelers Advisories on H5N1 Virus
23. FDA Provides Information on Product Recalls That Could Impact EMS
24. Google Unveils New Web-Based Surveillance Tool
25. National EMS Week Dates and Logo Announced for 2009
26. New NAS Resource Evaluates Relationship Between Cyanide and Carbon Monoxide
27. Upcoming Events

[Oct. 31, 2008](#)

1. NFPA Releases New and Revised Standards Related to EMS
2. NFPA Standards Related to EMS Currently Available for Comment
3. NFPA Seeking Members for Technical Committees Related to EMS
4. NGA Assesses Pan Flu Preparedness in States
5. UN Releases World Report on Pan Flu
6. Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act Q&A Available
7. New GAO Reports Pertain to Public Health
8. CDC Reviews Effectiveness of DNB List
9. Manufacturer Provides Updated Maintenance Info on PAPR Battery Packs
10. Disaster Aid Doesn't Impact Taxes
11. NIAC Brochure Updated
12. Adverse Drug Reactions Involving Heparin and Chantix Surge
13. AHRQ Emergency Planning Webcast Announced
14. WHO Guidance on PI Preparedness and Response-Request for Comments
15. Donations for Disaster Victims Made Easy
16. Flu Models Help Determine Food Distribution and School Closing Strategies
17. Civil Engineers Design Disaster Evacuation System
18. CDC's FluView Reports Weekly Influenza Surveillance

19. TFAH Releases Blueprint Document on Public Health Needs
20. NAEMT Elects New Officers at 2008 Annual Meeting
21. House Study Group Announces Public Health Meetings
22. NRC Welcomes Jeffrey Barbers
23. Early Pandemic Flu Wave May Protect Against Worse One Later
24. FEMA to Dispose of Damaged, Uninhabitable Temporary Housing Units
25. Guide for All-Hazard Emergency Operations Planning Released by FEMA
26. Ambulance Safety Subcommittee to Hold Summit and Live Webinar
27. Dr. Krohmer Featured in Current DHS Article on Common Sense Flu Prevention
28. New Articles of Interest Provided by Objective Safety Foundation
29. Upcoming Events

[Oct. 13, 2008](#)

1. 2008 NASEMSO Resolutions Now Posted
2. NASEMSO Comments on ESS Chapter to NIPP
3. NASEMSO Comments on AAP Joint Position Statement
4. Corrected Info on EMSC Grant Guidance Provided
5. AEMS Announces Advocacy Opportunities at EMS Expo
6. CPSC Provides Mechanism for EMS to Report Unsafe Products
7. 110TH Congress Adjourns Without Funding Transportation Programs
8. NHTSA and NTIA Unveil Grant Program to Help States Upgrade 9-1-1 Services
9. NHTSA Proposes New Safety Rules for Motorcycle Helmets
10. CHPA Voluntarily Relabeling OTC Cough and Cold Medicines for Children
11. Flu Shot: What Are You Waiting For?
12. DoD Incorporates Altered Standards of Care into Mass Casualty Planning
13. FCC to Host Speaker Series for Nation's First Responders
14. CMS Announces National Provider Call on ICD-10
15. Pre-Event Flu Pandemic Community Mitigation Fact Sheets Now Available
16. Mental Health Parity Legislation Attached to Economic Bailout
17. LAFD Reveals Formula for Deploying Resources to Wildfires
18. EMS Study Tour Concludes This Week at EMS Expo
19. New GAO Report on IT Now Available
20. Upcoming Events

[Oct. 3, 2008](#)

1. New NASEMSO Officers Elected; 2008 Annual Meeting Hailed As "One of the Best"
2. NASEMSO Passes Resolutions at 2008 Annual Meeting
3. NASEMSO Supports Approved House Resolution on Disease Prevention
4. NASEMSO Participates in FCC Summit as a Panelist
5. NASEMSO Members Asked for Guidelines on Safer Handoff of Older Adult Patients
6. CDC PHLP Program Offers Range of Resources for EMS Officials
7. Important Info from EMI on Recent Exam Submissions and OpScan Answer Sheets
8. CBO Releases New Report on U.S. Policy Regarding Pandemic Influenza Vaccines
9. WHO Posts Revised Timeline for H5N1 Progression
10. HHS Announces New Steps in Anthrax Preparedness
11. FDA Clears New CDC Test to Detect Human Influenza
12. CDC Awards \$24 Million for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Projects
13. NIOSH-Administered WTC Grant Announced
14. CIP Process and NIST Web-Based Tools Now Available to Aid Emergency Services Sector
15. DHS Strategic Plan Now Available
16. New GAO Reports on Mass Care Capabilities of Voluntary Organizations
17. AHRQ Webcast to Address "Lessons Learned in Emergency Preparedness"
18. STOP Stroke Act Stalls in 110th Congress

19. Senate Bill Clears the Way for USFA Reauthorization
20. Funding Bills for Other Federal Agencies Postponed Until After Election
21. Healthfinder.gov Makes Health Information Quicker and Easier to Use
22. FEMA Awards \$17.6 M to Smaller Emergency Response Agencies
23. New GAO Report Highlights Efforts on Disaster Recovery
24. Industry Develops Profile for Use in Broadcast EAS
25. Schedule Your Flu Shot Now!
26. AEMS Announces Advocacy Opportunities at EMS Expo
27. 2009 EMSC State Partnership Grant Guidance Now Available

28. Upcoming Events

[Sept. 15, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO Encourages Funding for Trauma and EMS
2. CDC Issue Brief Available on Youth Violence and Electronic Aggression
3. Pennsylvania Reconsiders CON Process
4. New AHRQ Tool Estimates Resources Needed for Emergency Response
5. Baylor Partners with AMA to Develop New Disaster Triage Tool for the Elderly
6. Video and Presentation Now Available Online For Recent Webinar on High Vis Garments
7. Results Published on GWTG Quality Improvement Program
8. Baltimore 911 Program Reduces ER visits, Connects People to Care
9. Non-profit EMS Agencies Eligible to Apply for HeartRescue Grants
10. Improved Criteria for Emergency Medical Protective Clothing Now Available
11. National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System Resource Now Available
12. DHS Awards \$63 Million in Emergency Preparedness Grants
13. Donations for Hurricane Victims Are Needed
14. NIOSH Storm and Flood Cleanup Topic Page Provides Resources for Hurricane Response Workers
15. AEMS Recruiting Members for Congressional Emergency Medical Services Caucus
16. Upcoming Events

[Aug. 31, 2008](#)

1. HHS Proposes New ICD Codes in 2011
2. New AHRQ Tool Helps Hospitals Evaluate Disaster Drills
3. CDC Provides New Blast Injury Fact Sheets
4. NIOSH Issues Warning on Misleading Representation of the Mainstays Respirator
5. CDC Issues Report of Public Perceptions to Community Mitigation Strategies
6. Bacterial Pneumonia Caused Most Deaths in 1918 Influenza Pandemic
7. Researchers Find Long Immunity to 1918 Pandemic Virus
8. Pennsylvania Provides New EMS Recruitment Website
9. SOPHE/CDC Fellowships Now Available
10. New Statistician Joins NEDARC
11. New Project Assistant Joins the NRC
12. NASN Launches Back-to-School Anaphylaxis Awareness Campaign
13. FEMA Updates National Response Framework
14. CDC Releases 1918 Pandemic Flu Storybook
15. Most U. S. Measles Cases Reported since 1996
16. DHS Sponsors 5th Annual National Preparedness Month
17. CMS Releases Guide to Improve Innovative Technologies
18. FCC Reminds Communications Providers to Register for DIRS
19. FCC Seeks Comment on Implementation of NET 911 Improvement Act
20. Free Webinar Offered on New Regulation Regarding High Visibility Clothing
21. City of Boise Seeks New Division Chief/Emergency Medical Services
22. AEMS Recruiting Members for Congressional Emergency Medical Services Caucus
23. Upcoming Events

[Aug. 15, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO Mourns the Tragic Loss of Former Member
2. NASEMSO Implements State Spotlight Feature
3. State Issues Warning on Ambulance Stretchers
4. NASEMSO 2008 Annual Meeting Update
5. NASEMSO Survey Results Available on Web Site
6. NASEMSO Congratulates Dr. Runge on Successful Tenure at DHS
7. US District Court Reaches Decision in Eagle Air Case
8. DHS Releases National Emergency Communications Plan
9. DHS Awards \$1.8 Billion in Preparedness Grants
10. NRC Hosts Series of State Best Practices Conference Calls
11. Public Meeting to Provide Input to NIOSH Respiratory Standards
12. National Situation Updates Available from FEMA
13. Advocates for EMS Work Towards Reinstatement of Ryan White Provisions
14. NEMSIS Software Developers Meeting Scheduled
15. Final Draft 1.0 of the EMS Education Standards Now Available
16. NCHS Publishes 2006 Ambulatory Data
17. CDC Announces Conference Call on Bioterrorism Agents
18. EMS Providers Warned of Dangers Involving Meth Labs
19. NFPA Proposes Technical Committee for Ambulance Standards
20. AEMS Recruiting Members for Congressional Emergency Medical Services Caucus
21. HHS Convenes Panel for Advice on Mental Health Implications of Public Health Disasters
22. AHLA Provides New Resource for Community Pan-Flu Preparedness
23. National Medical Association Issues White Paper on Sudden Cardiac Arrest
24. CDC Publishes Recommendations to Protect Wounded Persons from Bloodborne Pathogens
25. New Volunteerism Website: Volunteering in America
26. NHTSA Announces RFA for 9-1-1 Technical Assistance Center
27. NIOSH Provides Emergency Responder Information for Exposure Control Plans
28. NIAC Report Addresses Critical Infrastructures
29. September Is National Preparedness Month
30. Upcoming Events

[July 31, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO Calendar Page Enhanced
2. SAMHSA Launches New Homelessness Resource Center Web Site
3. HHS and DHS Announce Guidance on Pandemic Vaccination Allocation
4. Influenza Vaccination Toolkit Created by HHS
5. FEMA Urban Hazards Conference on Emergency Preparedness for Special Needs Populations
6. US DOT Next Generation 9-1-1 Initiative Proof of Concept Goes Live
7. Health Effects of Wildfires Using the BioSense System
8. HHS Announces PHEMCE Stakeholders Workshop
9. President Signs H.R. 3403 Into Law
10. FCC Announces Public Safety Clearinghouse
11. NASEMSO Withdraws from COMCARE
12. CDC Provides New Shelter Assessment Tool
13. TFAH Releases Report on Community Based Prevention Programs
14. University of Kentucky Looks for Participants to Study EMS Crew Staffing
15. EMS Workforce Draft Now Available for Comment

16. States Welcome Additional Federal Support to Assist Pan Flu Planning
17. EMS Study Tour to Visit Ambulance Services Across the Western U.S.
18. FEMA Advisory Council to Reconvene
19. USFA Releases Special Report on After Action Critiques
20. Upcoming Events

[July 16, 2008](#)

1. Congress Overrides President's Veto to Pass Medicare Relief for Ambulance Services
2. NASEMSO Comments on Proposed Antiviral Guidance
3. New NIOSH Publication "Attention Emergency Responders" Focuses on PPE Standards
4. NIOSH to Host Public Meeting on Respiratory Standards
5. NIOSH to Host "No Fit Test" Respirator Workshop
6. NIOSH Launches Online Global Road Safety at Work Resource Library
7. GAO Summarizes Emergency Management Issues in New Documents
8. AHRQ Report Offers Resources for Home Health Care Response During Pandemic
9. HHS Releases Project BioShield Annual Report to Congress
10. New NRC Website Goes Live
11. NRC Releases New Fact Sheet on Interfacility Transfer
12. Joint Commission Releases Critical Access Hospital Standards Online
13. NIH Solicits Input on Current Needs in Emergency Medicine Research
14. MN Seeks Qualified Candidate for Position of Executive Director for EMSRB
15. ASTHO Releases Planning Document for At-Risk Populations
16. Readers Advised of Changes to Ready Campaign Server
17. Upcoming Events

[June 30, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO Hosts Successful 2008 Mid-Year Meeting in Bethesda
2. NASEMSO Submits Comments on National Broadband Network to FCC
3. NHTSA Publishes Assessment of National EMS Workforce
4. CDC Issues 2008 Call for Model Communities
5. New Resource on Evidence in Health Care Now Available from NAS
6. FEMA Releases 2008 Disaster Housing Plan
7. ACCP Publishes Definitive Care Guide for the Critically Ill During a Disaster
8. CDC Announces SNS Conference Call for July 1
9. Senate passes NET 911 Improvement Act
10. DHS Warns of Increased Use of Backyard Fireworks
11. Medicare Improves Access to Health Care in Rural Areas
12. New HHS Subcommittee to Look at Mental Health Consequences of Disasters
13. New SAMSHA Report Estimates that Underage Drinkers Received Alcohol from Adults Over 21
14. DHS Announces TCL Implementation Project
15. AHA Opposes State Matching for Hospital Preparedness Program
16. Applicants Should Be Encouraged to Ask for FEMA Identification Badge
17. CMS Releases Final Rule on Appeal Rights of Providers and Suppliers
18. HHS Declares Health Emergency in Flood Ravaged Areas, Grants Waivers to CMS Providers
19. Upcoming Events

[June 15, 2008](#)

1. PSAG Changes Name

2. CDC Provides Annual Report on US Health Trends
3. AHRQ Report: Low-income children more likely to visit ED
4. New Study Discusses Safety of Rescuers During Biphasic External Defibrillation
5. FDA Advises Patients to Switch to HFA-Propelled Albuterol Inhalers Now
6. CDC Offers New Chemical Terrorism Resource on the COCA Webpage
7. HHS Provides Request for Comment on New Influenza Pandemic Guidances
8. USDA Offers New Weather-Related Food Safety Resources
9. Disaster Preparedness and Response Course on Meeting the Needs of Persons with Disabilities
10. North Carolina Center for Public Health Preparedness Training Web Site
11. New CVVFA Resources Available on High Visibility Safety Standard
12. New HHS Fact Sheet on Control of Influenza Virus on Environmental Surfaces
13. EMI Offers Train-the-Trainer for State EMAC Officers
14. GAO Report Reinforces Need to Register Emergency Responders During Disasters
15. US DOT Next Generation 9-1-1 Initiative Proof of Concept Begins
16. CDC Finds Some North American Bird Flu Strains That Might Infect Humans
17. Web Site Provides Career Opportunities for Returning Veterans and Public Safety Professionals
18. AHRQ Guide for Establishing a Patient Safety Advisory Council Now Available
19. New AHRQ Web Page Highlights Tools for Hurricane Readiness
20. DHS Information Sharing Strategy Now Posted
21. USFA Critical Infrastructure Protection Warns of Active Hurricane Season Predicted in 2008
22. EMR-ISAC Provides First Responder Hot Weather Awareness Resources
23. ESS-SSA Announces E-Plan Implementation for First Responders on Chemical Hazards
24. AAP to Offer Neonatal/Pediatric Critical Care Transport Medicine Course
25. HHS Posts ECCC Position for Supervisory Medical Officer
26. IDSA Seeking Program Officer for Science and Research
27. HHS Announces Webcast on Home Care During an Influenza Pandemic
28. Upcoming Events

[May 27, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO Mourns Loss of MO State EMS Medical Director
2. Pennsylvania Proposes Legislation Supporting Levels in EMS Education Agenda
3. USFA Releases TIMS Report for Fire and Emergency Responders
4. USFA Releases Emergency Incident Rehabilitation Manual
5. Needle-Free Powder Lidocaine System Provides Rapid Effective Analgesia in Children
6. Medication Errors Among Most Common Causes of Adverse Events in Hospitalized Children
7. DHS' Ready Campaign Releases Preparedness Ads for Business
8. Honoring Fallen Colleagues—Annual National EMS Memorial Service Convenes in Roanoke
9. Coalition Sends Letter to Congress Urging \$20M for National Trauma Research Agenda
10. FDA's Proposed Sentinel System Will Strengthen Monitoring of Drugs and Medical Products
11. Preparedness Stressed for 2008 Hurricane Season
12. The National Children's Study Research Plan: A Review Now Available
13. Upcoming Events

[May 13, 2008](#)

1. Reminder! Last Chance to Comment on EMS Education Standards
2. NASEMSO Welcomes New State EMS Director for California
3. NASEMSO Welcomes Colorado's New State EMS Medical Director
4. NASEMSO Wishes Mary Hedges Well on Her Retirement

5. Inaugural Meeting for EMSC Council Planned for June 24
6. NASEMSO Provides Table of Contents Reference for Past WU Issues
7. NASEMSO Contributes to New IOM Antivirals Report
8. House Passes U.S. Fire Administration Reauthorization Bill
9. 2008 Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) Now Available
10. 2008 ERG Included in Expanded WISER Now Available from NLM
11. Secretary Leavitt Outlines Suggested Strategies to Protect Medicare
12. Disaster Site Worker Course Workshop Offered by NIEHS
13. WHO to Update Guidelines for Possible Flu Pandemic
14. NRC Releases EMSC Day Toolkit
15. 15. CDR Webcast „Is it Injury or Neglect?“ Now Archived
16. NRC Issues Call for Poster Presentations
17. Proposed Rules Would Update EMTALA Requirements; TAG Provides Final Recommendations
18. New Disaster Preparedness/Critical Care Strategy Announced
19. New ABN Form in Effect
20. NIOSH Seeks Comment on Surveys of Healthcare Safety, Health
21. Bipartisan Legislation to Help Veterans Become Civilian Paramedics
22. FDA Update on Heparin
23. NHTSA Office of EMS Vacancy Announcement
24. EIP Announces Interactive Q&A Session Scheduled for May 14th
25. Consortium Release Clinical Guideline on SCI
26. ACEP Releases New Report on Boarding
27. Specific Safety Vests Required for all Roadside Workers by November 24, 2008
28. FCC to Hold Open Commission Meeting Wednesday, May 14

April 30, 2008

1. NASEMSO Adds State EMS Contact Info to Web Site
2. NASEMSO Endorses AAP Policy Statement on Management of Pediatric Trauma
3. PSST Optimistic About National Broadband Network for Public Safety
4. EMS/Trauma Bills Make Progress in Congress
5. HHS Releases New Emergency Response Guide
6. EMSC Annual Grantee Meeting Update
7. NRC Issues Call for Poster Presentations
8. NRC Releases EMSC Day Toolkit
9. EMS “Best Practices” and “Lessons Learned” Included in New USFA Report
10. Prehospital Emergency Care Implements Online Submission Website
11. AHRQ'S 2007 State Snapshots Provide Broad Portraits of State-by-State Health Care Performance
12. ASTHO Announces Public Comment Period for New Planning Document
13. CDC Releases Data from 16 States Participating in the National Violent Death Reporting System
14. National Consortium Outlines Vision for Homeland Security
15. New IOM Report Outlines Concerns of Aging Health Care Workforce
16. CDC Publishes Conference Report on Public Health and Clinical Guidelines for Anthrax
17. Firefighter Fatality Reduction Act Looks to Improve Compliance with Safety Standards
18. EMSNetwork Announces New Public Affairs Clearinghouse
19. FCC Announces Agenda for Emergency Alerting System Summit
20. FDA Clears Glove Made from New Type of Latex
21. New SAMHSA Report Provides Alarming Statistics on DUI
22. NIAID Describes Research Priorities to Fight Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis
23. EMS Chiefs Establish New National Organization
24. News Agency Reports 200% Increase in Hospital Infections Caused by C. Difficile
25. May is Trauma Awareness Month

[April 15, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO Congratulates Dia Gainor as 1st NEMSAC Chair
2. NASEMSO Endorses "Plain Language" White Paper
3. House of Representatives Vote Overwhelmingly to Support EMSC
4. WHO Confirms Cases of H5N1 Human-to-Human Transmission in Pakistan
5. New 9-1-1 Study Identifies Top Priorities for First Responders
6. NIOSH Document Includes EMS Research Goals for Public Review and Comment
7. TFAH Releases New Report on Public Health Spending
8. CDC Releases Data Set on Child Maltreatment Surveillance
9. ePCRs Saving Time for Emergency Responders
10. FEMA for Kids: Preparing Kids and their Families
11. NIAC Releases Critical Infrastructure Workforce Report
12. Job Openings in CDC Injury Center's Division of Violence Prevention
13. TIIDE Web Pages Now Live
14. Toolbox on Coalition Building Added to EMSC Website
15. HHS Releases ESF #8 Hurricane Playbook
16. CDC Works with States to Implement Health Alerting Service
17. FCC Approves Text Message Alerting System
18. American Red Cross Announces the Appointment of New CEO
19. HHS Releases New Emergency Response Guide
20. New Version of WISER Now Available from NLM
21. New FEMA Course Describes ESF #8--Public Health and Medical Functions
22. Paramedic Salaries Described in Online MSN Article as "Surprising"
23. April is "National 9-1-1 Education Month"

[March 31, 2008](#)

1. NASEMSO Provides Issue Brief on Repeal of Emergency Responder Provisions in Ryan White Act
2. Florida Promoting State Bill Protecting Emergency Health Care Workers from Large Legal Claims
3. New Journal Article Outlines Factors in Paramedic Pass Rates
4. Registration Open for NEDARC EMSC State Partnership Proposal Writing Workshop
5. Submit Comments for the NEMSIS Dataset Revision
6. NHTSA's "EMS Update" Available for Download
7. Draft 3.0 EMS Education Standards Now Available for Comment
8. National Response Framework Now in Effect
9. New Guidelines for State Pandemic Planning Available from HHS
10. HHS Releases Pandemic Planning Update V
11. Myths on Real ID Discussed in DHS Leadership Journal
12. United Nations Approves First Ministerial Summit on Global Road Safety
13. New Stroke Awareness Campaign Launches
14. Second HHS Webcast to Promote Statewide Pandemic Influenza Planning
15. New Journal Article Details Out-of-Hospital DNR Orders
16. Maternal Child Health Bureau Announces Child Death Review Web Cast
17. AHA to Host Special Stakeholder's Discussion on Health Care Surveillance Issues
18. New Ruling Affirms Standards for Public Safety Vests
19. AAA Unveils New Online Resource
20. Inaugural EMS Policy Summit a "Huge Success"
21. CDC Releases New Training Materials on Public Health Emergency Law and Forensic Epidemiology
22. New Bystander CPR Guidelines Focus on Chest Compressions

[March 15, 2008](#)

1. Registration Form Now Posted for NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting
2. NASEMSO Provides Access to Report to Congress on DHS Funding for Emergency Medical Services

3. Advocates for EMS to Host EMS Policy Summit at EMS Today
4. EMSC Programs One Step Closer to Reauthorization
5. NIMS Incident Resource Inventory System (NIMS-IRIS) Update Released
6. 2008 NIMS Compliance Objectives Available for States and Territories
7. New NIMS Five-Year Training Plan Available from FEMA
8. FEMA Announces Resident Course on Disaster Recovery
9. Senate VoIP 9-1-1 Bill Passes
10. New GAO Disaster Response Documents Available
11. New NIPP Resources Available
12. CDC OPHR Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Now Available
13. New Webcast Series on Pandemic Influenza
14. Baxter Expands Recall of Its Heparin Products
15. DHS Announces Application Period for FY 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grants
16. NREMT Seeks Item Writers
17. CDC Releases New Fall Prevention Materials
18. Nominate Your Colleague Today for an EMSC National Hero Award
19. DHHS Announces Regional Meeting Schedule for Healthy People 2020
20. REAL ID Extensions Granted to States by DHS
21. NGA Surveys States for Pandemic Preparedness
22. California Releases Healthcare Surge Guidelines
23. New Out-of-Hospital CPR Protocol Increases Survival
24. NASEMSO Associates Included in JEMS "Words from the Wise"

February 29, 2008

1. New NFPA 1999 Standard on Protective Clothing for Emergency Medical Operations Released
2. New FEMA Courses Launched
3. CDC Releases New Report on the Public Health Emergency Preparedness
4. IAFC Seeks Best Practices in Critical-Infrastructure Protection
5. NASEMSO Among 450 Health Organizations to Sign Appropriations Letter
6. EMS.Gov Goes Live!!
7. Nominate Your Colleague Today for an EMSC National Heroes Award
8. California to Honor EMS Professionals
9. Now Archived: EMSC Interfacility Transfer Webcast
10. FEMA Accepting Applications for National Advisory Committee

February 15, 2008

1. 2008 NASEMSO Meeting Information Available
2. Rural FLEX Grant Guidance Released
3. NASEMSO Signs EMSC Appropriations Letter
4. NASEMSO Expresses Sympathy to Gary Brown
5. Follow-up Conference Call Scheduled for Interfacility Transfer Webcast
6. New EMSC Targeted Issues and NDDP Information Available
7. New Report Calls for Better Communication between First Responders, Health Facilities
8. Vaccine Mismatch May Compromise Flu Protection
9. WHO Launches Virus Tracking System
10. NHTSA Receives Prestigious International Road Safety Award
11. 2008 Preparedness Grant Program Announced by DHS
12. NASEMSO Welcomes New State EMS Directors in Kentucky and Louisiana
13. FEMA Provides Review of 2007 Activities and Accomplishments
14. New Patient Safety Proposed Regulation Aims to Improve Health Care Quality and Patient Safety
15. Trafficland Provides Free Camera "Widget" to Home Pages
16. CDC-TIIDE Partnership Results in Assistance During Sugar Refinery Explosion

17. CDC Draft Guidance on Postexposure Interventions to Prevent Infection Available for Public Comment
18. IOM Recommends New National Program to Evaluate Effectiveness of Health Care Products and Services
19. Happy Birthday 9-1-1!!

January 31, 2008

1. Wall Street Journal Publishes NASEMSO President's Letter
2. ACLU Report Critical of Current Approach to Pandemic Influenza
3. FDA Announces Nationwide Recall of Heparin and Saline Pre-filled Flushes
4. DHS Releases National Response Framework
5. AAA Seeking Qualified Candidates for Director of Special Projects
6. DHEC Receives Grant to Strengthen Emergency Medical Services in South Carolina
7. Protective Action Guides and Radiation Exposure Resources Available from EPA
8. STOP Stroke Coalition Sponsors Hill Briefing
9. New Biomedical Reports Available from DHHS
10. New GAO Report Available on Antivirals and Vaccines in an Influenza Pandemic
11. NASEMSO Program Advisor Listed as Panelist in New Institute of Medicine Report
12. AHA's "Mission: Lifeline" to Conduct Survey of EMS Resources for STEMI Patients
13. EMS-C National Resource Center Updates Email System; Staff Issued New Addresses
14. States Turning to U.S. Senate for Financial Support

January 15, 2008

1. National EMS Advisory Committee Named
2. EMS-C Program to Release Grant Guidance; 2008 Grantee Meeting Dates Announced
3. "Stay at Home Toolkit for Influenza" Available from Montgomery County Health Dept
4. Deadline Announced for ASTHO-NACCHO Joint Conference Session Proposals
5. NCOEMS Receives \$1.6 Million to Fund Statewide PI Activities
6. NASEMSO Representatives Appointed to Advocates for EMS and CoAEMSP Boards
7. Medtronic Foundation Announces 2008 HeartRescue Funding Available
8. FDA Approves Rapid Test for 12 Different Respiratory Viral Infections
9. FDA Clears First Quick Test for Drug-Resistant Staph Infections
10. "Blueprint" Document Focuses on Key Public Health Areas
11. CDC Releases Study on Effectiveness on BTF Guidelines
12. NCSL Publishes Report on EMS in Rural America
13. New Domestic Preparedness Documents or Guides Available
14. E9-1-1 Institute Announces 9-1-1 Honor Awards Categories and Calls for Nominations
15. Advocates for EMS Elects New Officers
16. NASEMSO Provides Comment on Sector Specific Plan
17. NASEMSO Provides Testimony on Research Priorities at IOM Meeting
18. AHRQ Releases New Toolkits for Reducing Medical Errors

December 31, 2007

1. Minnesota Hires State EMS Medical Director
2. TFAH Releases Annual Public Health Preparedness Report
3. CAAS Names New Executive Director
4. IOM Announces 2nd Meeting for the Committee on Implementation of Antiviral Medication Strategies for an Influenza Pandemic
5. CDC Disaster Surveillance Presentations Now Posted
6. New CDC Study Finds 5.5 Percent Increase in Injury Mortality from 1999 to 2004
7. Senate Committee Confirms Dr. Jeff Runge as Assistant Secretary for OHA
8. Prefilled Heparin Lock Flush Solution Recalled Due to Contamination
9. New Pandemic Flu Toolkit for Community Leaders Available from HHS
10. Annex to HSPD-8 Establishes U.S. National Planning System

11. DHS Releases REAL ID Grant Guidance
12. CDC Winter Weather Website Redesigned
13. Merck Announces Voluntary Recall of Certain Lots of PEDVAXHIB® and COMVAX®
14. Chertoff's Leadership Journal Entry Provides DHS "Year in Review"
15. North Central EMS Institute to Establish EMS Performance Academy
16. Heritage Foundation Outlines Burdens and Solutions to Sagging Emergency Medical System
17. Omnibus Appropriations Bill Signed by President Bush

December 15, 2007

1. NRC Conducts Survey on Interest in NASEMSO's EMSC Council
2. NIMS Compliance Materials Expected in January 2008
3. HHS and DHS Seek Comment on Medical and Public Health Credentialing
4. Gainor Named Chair of ITS America's Public Safety Advisory Group
5. IRCP List Changes Name and Moves to Google Groups
6. Satellite Broadcast: Surveillance of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases 2007
7. New Report Suggests H5N1 Virus Will More Likely Be Imported to the US on Birds by Brought By Humans
8. Physical Interventions May be Most Effective in Controlling Respiratory Viruses
9. NASEMSO Provides Testimony on Outbreak Prophylaxis and Antivirals and at IOM Meeting
10. HHS Releases New Guide on Public Health Emergency Response
11. Trohanis Announces Retirement from MIEMSS Following 32 Years of Service
12. The Immunization Action Coalition Announces List Subscription Opportunities
13. Aristeiguieta Resigns as Director of California Emergency Medical Services Authority
14. EMS Week May 18-24, 2008 -- Planning Guides Now Available
15. Don't wait. Set a date. Resolve to be Ready in 2008
16. Year End Negotiations Attempt to Increase Federal Support to EMS

November 30, 2007

1. New CMS Signature Requirements for Emergency Ambulance Transports
2. FCC Announces \$417 Million in Grants to Help Rural Health Care Groups Build High-Speed Internet Networks
3. FCC Clarifies E911 Location Accuracy Requirements for Wireless Carriers
4. Report Suggests Laboratory Preparedness for Pandemic Influenza Is Not Optimal
5. OIG Provides Advisory Opinion on County Contract for Emergency Ambulance Services
6. FEMA Announces Web Site for National Advisory Council; Holds Inaugural Meeting
7. New AHRQ Report Recommends Use of Existing Call Centers to Expand Communications in Public Health Emergencies
8. "Slow Down, Move Over" Campaign Moves into Full Swing
9. U.S. Chemical Safety Board Videos Available Free on Website

November 15, 2007

1. House Unable to Override Presidential Veto on Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill
2. EMS Leaders Adopt New Resolutions at 2007 NASEMSO Annual Meeting
3. NEMSIS Update
4. NASEMSO's EMS Leadership Skills Workshop a Success
5. DHS Awards \$1.8 Million for Emergency Response Security and Video Quality Research
6. OASIS Announces Second Public Review Period for HAVE Standard
7. Congress Establishes Joint Advisory Committee for Emergency Medical and Public Health Care
8. Facilities Communications
8. NASEMSO's McGinnis Elected to Post on PSST Executive Committee
9. Class I Recall --Welch Allyn AED 10 Automatic External Defibrillators
10. NCCUSL Finalizes Model Legislation--Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act
11. SCA-Aware Invites Informational Exchange with NASEMSO Members

October 31, 2007

1. NASEMSO Explores Forming EMSC Council
2. NRC Completes Updates to Pediatric Toolboxes
3. 2008 EMSC State Partnership Grant Guidance Released
4. NRC Publishes Four New Fact Sheets Targeting CSHCN
5. Emergency Response and Preparedness RFI Issued
6. AHRQ Releases Report on Using Existing Call Centers to Expand Communications in Public Health Emergencies
7. DHS Contracts for Presidential Transition Plan
8. NHTSA Releases Pandemic Influenza Guidelines and Recommendations
9. HHS Releases Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act Progress Report
10. National Strategy for Public Health and Medical Preparedness Released
11. NPHPSP Version 2.0 Released
12. DHS Urges School Preparedness
13. NVAC Receives Key Report on Pandemic Flu Vaccine Distribution
14. Influenza Pandemic Drive-Through Triage Explored
15. Projected Supply of Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Sharply Increases
16. Vaccine Allocations for Pandemic Influenza Explored
17. NIOSH Issues Interim Guidance on Health and Safety Issues
18. Report Issued on Effects of Sleep Deprivation on Fire Fighters and EMS Responders
19. Adult Automated External Defibrillators Can Save Children's Lives Too

October 15, 2007

1. NHTSA Releases National Education Standards for Review
2. National Response Framework Review Deadline Extended to Oct. 22
3. Robert Bass Receives ACEP Award
4. TOPOFF 4 Runs from Oct. 15-19
5. NASEMSO Issues 2007 Annual Report
6. NASEMSO Supports "Vision for a Healthier America"
7. CATC Sends Letter to Appropriators on Trauma-EMS Programs
8. New Study Indicates that U.S. Emergency Services Are Not Prepared to Care for Children in Disaster
9. ANA Altered Standard of Care Policy Document Available for Review
10. AHA Announces New Education Platform
11. AHA Releases New Airway Management Course Materials
12. National Preparedness Month a Success
13. New NEMSIS TAC Project Manager Named
14. DHS Adopts 11 NFPA Standards for Emergency Responders
15. National Strategy for Homeland Security Updated
16. EMSC National Resources Center Announces Two Open Positions
17. NHTSA Releases Summer Issue of EMS Update
18. MN State EMS Director Mary Hedges' Mother Passes Away

September 15, 2007

1. DHS Releases National Response Framework – NASEMSO to Comment
2. NASEMSO Adopts Strategic Plan
3. National Preparedness Month Web Site Launches New Section
4. Florida's K.I.D. Kit Available through EMSC National Resource Center
5. EMSC NRC Telephone Numbers Change Sept. 14
6. HRSA Issues Health Center Emergency Management Guidance
7. New Information on SCIP Development Posted to SAFECOM Web Site
8. CDC Issues Draft Guidelines for Population Monitoring During Radiation Emergencies
9. GAO Releases Report on Influenza Pandemic Preparedness

10. Toolbox on Facility Categorization Added to EMSC Web Site
11. CDC Announces System to Send Important Health Information
12. AHRQ Report Identifies State-Level Privacy and Security Solutions for Health Information Exchange

August 31, 2007

1. NC Medical Journal Publishes Entire Issue on EMS
2. North American Plan for Avian and Pandemic Flu Announced
3. NCCUSL Approves Two New Sections for the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act
4. Work on the EMS Workforce for the 21st Century Project Continues – Blog Available to EMS Community
5. Kyle Thornton Named NM EMS Bureau Chief
6. NASEMSO Seeks Member to Be Liaison to CAMTS
7. August 31 Today Show Features Story on 911 Centers' Inability to Track Cell Phone Calls
8. HHS to Give States \$75 Million in Supplemental Funding for Pandemic Flu Preparedness
9. Reminder: Deadline for EMS Public Health Fellowship is Sept. 14
10. PSIC Grant Program Investment Justification Workshops Announced
11. Respiratory Illness Outbreaks Mistaken for Pertussis
12. NENA Commends FCC on Public Safety Broadband Rules
13. DHS Releases After-Action Report from Federal Pandemic Influenza Border Management Community of Interest Workshop
14. Reminder: NEMSIS TAC Seeks a Project Manager
15. SAFELY OUT™ Project Reports on Success after First Year Offering Solution to Evacuate the Vulnerable During Disasters
16. CAAS Executive Director Retires
17. YNH-CEPDR Releases Fall 2007 Course Guide

August 15, 2007

1. NASEMSO Responds to Draft of National EMS Education Standards
2. FEMA's ICS Division Releases Updated EMS Job Titles
3. Chairman Obey Stresses Advocacy Work During August Recess
4. Senator Obama Introduces Bill on Regionalizing Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services
5. Opinion Letter Issued Regarding Release of Information by State EMS Agencies to NEMSIS
6. NASEMSO Supports "Vision for Healthier America"
7. FCC Revises 700 MHz Rules to Advance Interoperable Public Safety Communications and Promote Wireless Broadband Deployment
8. NASEMSO Supports National First Responder Day – Others Encouraged to Sign On
9. Coalition of 18 Health Organizations Releases Recommendations for Improved Disaster Response
10. DHS Issues Fact Sheet on Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program
11. HHS Announces \$25 Million Available for Health Care Partnership Emergency Care Competitive Grants Program
12. HHS Announces \$896.7 Million in Funding to States for Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response
13. Community Measures Prevent Deaths During Pandemic, New Study Finds
14. HHS Releases Pandemic Planning Update IV Report
15. DHS Releases New Preparedness Resources for Seniors, People with Disabilities, and Pet Owners
16. DHS Sponsoring 4th Annual National Preparedness Month
17. 9/11 Commission Recommendations Legislation Passes in Congress
18. EMS Course Vacancies Available at the National Fire Academy
19. AHRQ Releases Resources to Help Local Communities with Disaster Preparedness Involving Nursing Homes and Hospitals
20. GAO Publishes Report on Improving National Response by Enhancing EMAC
21. Survey of Hurricane Preparedness Finds One-Third on High Risk Coast Will Refuse Evacuation Order
22. Bridge Collapse Resources Made Available by CDC
23. NIOSH 800 Number to Consolidate with CDC-INFO

24. August 2007 Draft of NIMS Posted
25. Sourcebook Published on Gender Concerns in Disaster Risk Reduction
26. NEMSIS TAC Seeks Project Manager
27. EMS Public Health Fellowship Application Period Open
28. National 9-1-1 Association Director Departs – Bob Cobb, Ph.D. Named Interim Executive Director
29. EMSC National Resource Center Announces Job Opening

July 13, 2007

1. NASEMSO Adds Pandemic Flu Page to Web Site
2. NASEMSO Provides Comments on Draft Children's Bill
3. NEMSIS Funding Language Included Appropriations Bill
4. EMSC Funding Moving in Both Houses
5. NEMSIS Software Developers Meeting Scheduled
6. Nevada Project Heartbeat Documents Lives Saved
7. FCC Issues Katrina Panel Final Rule
8. EMSC Web Site Adds New Grants Management Section
9. HHS to Give States \$430 Million for Hospital Preparedness
10. Pediatric Preparedness Implementation Kit for Hospitals Now Available
11. AAP Disaster Preparedness Presentations Available Via Web
12. NENA Announces Support of FCC's Proposed Location Accuracy Testing Rules and Its Intention to Host Summit on the Future of 9-1-1 Location Technology
13. Students' Pandemic Hotline Plan Interests Health Agency
14. National Summit on Primary Care Emergency Preparedness Scheduled for September
15. NASEMSO Learns of NJ Trauma Coordinator Barbara Hall's Death
16. Leopold Resigns from Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
17. DHS Sponsors Fourth Annual National Preparedness Month
18. Novation Survey on Pandemic Flu Preparedness Examines Hospital Supplies
19. Revised Pediatric Emergency Medicine Teaching Tools are Available
20. National Junior Firefighter Program Launched
21. 2007 National EMSC Heroes Award Winners Announced
22. CAAS Accredits Twelve Agencies in June
23. CAAS Accepting Applications for New Executive Director
24. AMA Launches Preparedness Journal
25. National First Responder Appreciation Day to be September 25
26. NEMA-CDC "Incident Command System for Executives" Training Materials Available
27. Immunization Practices Recommendations Issued by ACIP
28. DVBC's Documentary on TBI Available on Internet
29. Oregon Seeks EMS Planner
30. Health First Seeks Trauma Unit Manager

June 30, 2007

1. The Government's Response to the Nation's Emergency Room Crisis Examined in a Hearing Conducted by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2. WHA Adopts Resolution on Emergency Trauma Care Systems
3. NTSB Issues Safety Recommendation I-07-3
4. "Working with People with Disabilities" Training DVD Now Available
5. HHS Awards Two Contracts to Expand Domestic Vaccine Manufacturing Capacity for a Potential Influenza Pandemic
6. Special EMS Sessions To Be Held at 5th International Bird Flu Summit
7. Public Health Advisory Board Established to Advise HHS Secretary on Chemical, Biological or Radiological Agents
8. National Emergency Number Association Swears in New Executive Board

[June 15, 2007](#)

1. Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Appropriations Bill Marked by Subcommittee
2. DHS Appropriations Bill Passed Out of Committee on June 5
3. Importance of Trauma Systems Highlighted in Congressional Record
4. CDC Issues Call for Model Communities
5. AHRQ's Annual State Snapshots Highlight States' Strengths and Weaknesses in Health Care Quality
6. NASEMSO Provides Web Page with E-Mail Survey Results
7. NASEMSO Endorses AHA Conference Proceedings
8. OSHA Issues Pandemic Influenza Guidance
9. FDA Finalizes Guidance Documents for Pandemic and Seasonal Influenza Vaccines
10. Idaho Seeks Manager of EMS Systems Development
11. NENA Expresses Concern over Consequences of ITC Decision
12. E-Newsletter Focuses on Pediatrics
13. FEMA's Incident Management Systems Division Releases Updated Public Works Credentialing Job Titles