



Medical Director's Council

The **Medical Director's Council** is committed to the provision of the medical aspects of leadership, oversight, coordination, access to best practices, system quality management and research in order to ensure the best possible EMS system for patients. The Council's commitment to these principles is evident in its vision, mission and scope:

Vision: The highest quality patient care through EMS medical oversight.

Mission: The Medical Directors Council brings together state EMS medical directors to provide medical expertise and leadership to NASEMSO.

Scope: The Medical Directors Council provides a forum for communications, interaction and networking among peers, other national organizations and federal agencies with similar missions. This forum allows for the sharing of best practices; developing and encouraging mentoring programs; the joint resolution of obstacles and challenges; and the nationwide promotion of evidence-based decision making.







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Leadership

The Medical Director's Council supports leadership under these principle goals:



-  **Goal #1:** Support the state EMS directors in the shared mission to increase the number of states with a designated state EMS medical director. By serving as a resource on the role and parameters of the state medical director, the Medical Directors Council will assist in the creation and retention of state medical director positions throughout the states and U.S. territories.
-  **Goal #2:** Increase the participation of state EMS medical directors in Council meetings, teleconferences, projects, and surveys. For states that do not have a state EMS medical director, the Council will welcome the state's physician designee, regardless of NASEMSO membership status, in discussions





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-  **Goal #3:** Foster quality state, regional and local medical direction and serve as a resource to new and experienced EMS medical directors. This includes serving as a resource of support and mentorship for EMS fellowship programs nationwide.
-  **Goal #4:** Expand outreach and relationships with national EMS and medical organizations, sharing the Medical Directors Council's expertise and experience in order to improve care of EMS patients nationwide.








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Systems Development

The Medical Director's Council supports systems development under these principle goals:

-  **Goal #5:** Promote a culture of safety in EMS by educating Council members on innovations in EMS safety practices, sharing examples of safety initiatives, and participating in committees and projects focused on advancing the safety of EMS providers and patients.
-  **Goal #6:** Develop a Core Set of Model EMS Clinical Guidelines to further the advancement of up-to-date, standardized prehospital care.
-  **Goal #7:** Support the National Evidence-Based Guideline (EBG) Model Process through a three-year pilot project involving the dissemination implementation and evaluation of an EBG in specified geographic areas.






Trauma Manager's Council

Quality Improvement – “QI”

The Medical Director's Council supports performance improvement under these principle goals:

-  **Goal #8:** Promote the acquisition and analysis of quality EMS data that will lead to the development and utilization of EMS performance measures for local and state EMS systems which focus on the quality of patient care.





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The Medical Director's Council 2013 work plan will undertake strategies focused on the following issues :

- ❏ **Strategy #1:** Support the initiatives of NASEMSO to ensure that each state and territory has a state EMS medical director. Serve as a resource to NASEMSO and state EMS offices as they create or enhance their respective state EMS medical director positions.
- ❏ **Strategy #2:** Strive for increased participation of the state EMS medical directors in the Medical Directors Council activities.
- ❏ **Strategy #3:** Provide input, suggestions, and feedback to NASEMSO regarding issues affecting prehospital care and emergency care systems, such as proposed protocols, legislation, medical care initiatives, position statements, and research.





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- 🏠 **Strategy #4:** Explore and offer recommendations to NASEMSO on practices and initiatives that will enhance the culture of safety within EMS, in particular those measures that are related to medical issues for both the patient and the EMS provider.
- 🏠 **Strategy #5:** Lead a two-year national project to develop a core set of EMS clinical guidelines to help state EMS systems ensure a more standardized approach to the practice of patient care and to incorporate evidence-based guidelines as they become available.
- 🏠 **Strategy #6:** Support the use and further refinement of the National Evidence-Based Guideline (EBG) Model Process developed under the auspices of the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS) and the National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC). This will be achieved through a three-year pilot project involving five states where the EBG developed for pain management will be disseminated, implemented and evaluated.





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