The purpose of the NASEMSO abstract competition is to foster EMS and trauma system research and performance improvement in state EMS offices.

**Accepted Topics/Components:** Abstracts must include: 1) INTRODUCTION, 2) OBJECTIVE, 3) METHODS, 4) RESULTS, and 5) CONCLUSION for a system performance improvement topic or epidemiological study related to EMS or trauma, such as: time sensitive illness or injury, investigations, inspections, education, special populations and data linkage.

**Eligible Participants:** A member of a state EMS office must be a listed author. EMSC staff and contracted medical directors are also eligible.

**Judging Criteria:** Abstracts will be judged by a team of state EMS officials on the authors’ ability to describe, analyze, intervene, measure, and implement their idea into the state system. Judges will also consider the complexity and potential impact of the research or initiative.

**Format:**
Abstract: Entries must be submitted in abstract format and be no more than two pages in length, 12-point font, Times New Roman, 0.5” margins.

**Display Format:** If the abstract is to be displayed, it should be printed as a single 24” by 36” poster. Entrants are encouraged to display their posters at the meeting.

**Due Date:** April 17, 2019

**Awards:** The top 3 winners will be asked to briefly present their abstracts during the general session. They will also be awarded complimentary meeting registration at a future NASEMSO meeting for themselves or office member.

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