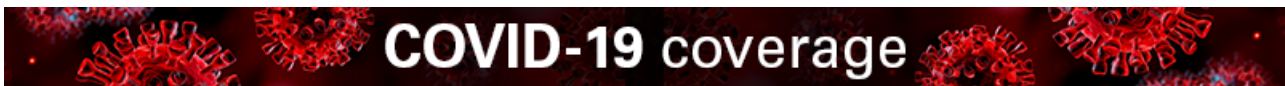


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NASEMSO's Information Hub on the global pandemic is available at <https://nasemsso.org/resources/covid-19/>. We encourage our readers to visit the web site often to obtain the most up-to-date guidance and policy recommendations available. Due to the frequency of updates, COVID-19 information is not being included in Washington Update.

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NASEMSO Congratulates New NAEMSP Officers

At its 2021 Annual Meeting, the National Association of EMS Physicians elected Dr. Michael Levy, Chief Medical Officer for the Anchorage Areawide EMS and Medical Director for Emergency Programs for the State of Alaska, as its new President and Dr. Sabina Braithwaite, EMS Medical Director for the MO Department of Health and Human Services as Secretary/Treasurer. Both physicians are active NASEMSO members and we are proud of their accomplishments! Read more at [here](#).

NASEMSO Launches New YouTube Channel

NASEMSO has established a repository for NASEMSO webinars on its new [YouTube Channel!](#) We've included every session from our virtual meeting in October 2020, such as an overview of NASEMSO's various projects, virtual inspections, FirstNet and NEMSIS Updates, and a special session on "Reinventing EMS." In addition, viewers will find our latest fatigue project update by Dr. Daniel Patterson, very informative!

NASEMSO Partners with Ninth Brain to Improve Member Communications

The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) announces a strategic partnership with Ninth Brain that aligns with our mission to support our members in developing EMS policy and oversight, and providing vision, leadership and resources in the

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OCR Proposes Changes to HIPAA Rules; Comment Period Open

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces proposed changes to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule to support individuals' engagement in their care, remove barriers to coordinated care, and reduce regulatory burdens on the health care industry. The proposed changes to the HIPAA Privacy Rule include strengthening individuals' rights to access their own health information, including electronic information; improving information sharing for care coordination and case management for individuals; facilitating greater family and caregiver involvement in the care of individuals experiencing emergencies or health crises; enhancing flexibilities for disclosures in emergency or threatening circumstances, such as the Opioid and COVID-19 public health emergencies; and reducing administrative burdens on HIPAA covered health care providers and health plans, while continuing to protect individuals' health information privacy interests. Public comments on the NPRM are due 3/22/21. The NPRM may be viewed or downloaded [here](#).

New GAO Report on Impact of Rural Hospital Closures

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has just released a new report on the impact of rural hospital closures. As noted, "Rural hospitals provide essential health care to rural communities. Yet, over 100 rural hospitals closed from January 2013-February 2020. When rural hospitals closed, people living in areas that received health care from them had to travel farther to get the same health care services—about 20 miles farther for common services like inpatient care. People had to travel even farther—about 40 miles—for less common services like alcohol or drug abuse treatment. Before rural hospitals closed, counties where these hospitals were located had fewer doctors than counties without any closures. The number of doctors further decreased when hospitals closed." Read the report "RURAL HOSPITAL CLOSURES: Affected Residents Had Reduced Access to Health Care Services" [here](#).

AHA Urges CMS to Withdraw Interim Rule

The American Hospital Association (AHA) has written to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to immediately withdraw its Most Favored Nation model interim final rule and "replace it with a serious effort at drug pricing reform." Effective Jan. 1 for most hospitals, the interim final rule cuts payments for certain Medicare Part B drugs and biologicals to no more than the lowest price that drug manufacturers receive in other similar countries. Read more [here](#).

Legislators Seek to Strip Governors of Emergency Powers

Lawmakers in more than half the states have filed bills this year to limit gubernatorial powers during the pandemic and other emergencies, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Most legislatures began their sessions this month. Click [here](#) to read more.

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GAO Highlights Pilot of UAS Management System

The Federal Aviation Administration is working with industry and stakeholders, including NASA, to develop a drone traffic management system. The FAA establishes rules for operating drones, while industry service providers coordinate flights. The FAA recently concluded a pilot of the system. It will use the results to evaluate technologies and create an implementation plan. The FAA has yet to provide timelines and upcoming steps to stakeholders. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) offers several recommendations that the FAA further inform stakeholders of its efforts so they can align their activities with the system rollout and that the FAA develop performance goals for the implementation plan. Read “FAA Could Strengthen Its Implementation of a Drone Traffic Management System by Improving Communication and Measuring Performance” at <https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-21-165>.

In related news, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, At least eight states—Florida, Idaho, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota, Vermont and Virginia—enacted 11 pieces of legislation in 2020 addressing unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), commonly known as drones. Read more [here](#).

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HHS Provides Funding to Expand Rural Telehealth Through Broadband Pilot

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded \$8 million to fund the Telehealth Broadband Pilot (TBP) program. The TBP program assesses the broadband capacity available to rural health care providers and patient communities to improve their access to telehealth services. The TBP program is a three-year pilot and the result of the Memorandum of Understanding that was signed on September 1, 2020 by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The memorandum also created the Rural Telehealth Initiative, a cross cutting, multi-department initiative that coordinates programs to expand broadband capacity and increase telehealth access to improve health care in rural America. [Read more](#).

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Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3)

The NEMSIS TAC is continuing to facilitate discussions between ET3, State Data Managers, EMS Software Vendors, and NEMSIS. Additional field-level vendors participated in the December testing cycle. This process has been very beneficial in fine-tuning the process for agency ET3 participation. ET3 conducted load testing with multiple Vendors this month to ensure submissions will process when the system went live in January 2020. Many ET3 resources are available on the NEMSIS website here: <https://nemsis.org/using-ems-data/cms-et3-project/>

Support Material:

[ET3 Custom Dispositions for NEMSIS 3.4.0](#) – These guidelines cover how to appropriately record the various ET3 scenarios of treatment and transport alternative dispositions within the NEMSIS version 3.4.0 standard, including the ET3 custom elements and values.

[ET3 Model Participant Billing and Payment Factsheet](#) (NEW) – This factsheet provides billing and payment instructions for ambulance suppliers and providers with whom CMS has executed an ET3 Model Participation Agreement (Participants).

NEMSIS Training, StateDataSet Training for Collect

Data Software Developers

In this training, the NEMSIS TAC demonstrated how to use StateDataSet data in an automated way to ease the system configuration work for developers of “Collect Data” systems so that their customers can improve consistency with state resources and requirements. The presentation is designed for developers of Collect Data software, but any interested Stakeholders are welcome to join. Watch [here](#).

State and Territory v3 Data Submission

Of the 56 states and territories, Ohio and Missouri have become the 49th and 50th to submit EMS data to the National EMS Repository. The nation is more aware than ever of the critical role that EMS services provide in our communities' health. NEMSIS is grateful for these added contributions of valuable pre-hospital patient care data during this unprecedented time.

Immunization and Vaccination National Custom Data Elements Released

The NEMSIS TAC has released the Immunization and Vaccination National Custom Data Elements datasheet. The document details Custom Elements and Values, that are not sent to the National EMS Data Repository, but are valuable to states/territories and vendors interested in collecting provider/patient COVID immunization history and general elements to support EMS participation in community vaccination programs. Interested stakeholders can download the PDF from the NEMSIS website with this [direct link](#).

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CDC HAN Warns of Increase Fatal OD's

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) regarding an increase of fatal overdoses caused by synthetic opioids. The purpose of this Advisory is to alert public health departments, healthcare professionals, first responders, harm reduction organizations, laboratories, and medical examiners and coroners to—

- (1) substantial increases in drug overdose deaths across the United States, primarily driven by rapid increases in overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids excluding methadone (hereafter referred to as synthetic opioids), likely illicitly manufactured fentanyl;
- (2) a concerning acceleration of the increase in drug overdose deaths, with the largest increase recorded from March 2020 to May 2020, coinciding with the implementation of widespread mitigation measures for the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (3) the changing geographic distribution of overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids, with the largest percentage increases occurring in states in the western United States;
- (4) significant increases in overdose deaths involving psychostimulants with abuse potential (hereafter referred to as psychostimulants) such as methamphetamine; and
- (5) recommendations for communities when responding to the evolving overdose crisis.

Read more at <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2020/han00438.asp>.

ASPR TRACIE Response to Assistance Request

The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has reviewed existing resources and conducted a search online for relevant materials related to protecting community hospitals and providing care during civil unrest. Although not directly related to this technical assistance (TA) request, we would like to highlight with three ASPR TRACIE Topic Collections for reference: Mass Gatherings/Special Events, Responder Safety and Health, and Workplace Violence. The Hospital Lockdown Resources TA response document also provides useful resources related to hospital lockdown procedures for various types of events. Section I includes links to planning resources and lessons learned. Section II includes links to articles that examine the medical effects and treatment strategies for exposure to riot control tools (e.g., pepper spray, tear gas, and rubber bullets). Section III includes a list of symptoms and treatment strategies for individuals exposed to tear gas or pepper spray. Links to a range of documents is now available [here](#).

New NTAS Bulletin Warns of Heightened Threat Environment

The Acting Secretary of Homeland Security has issued a National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin due to a heightened threat environment across the United States, which DHS believes will persist in the weeks following the successful Presidential Inauguration. Information suggests that some ideologically-motivated violent extremists with objections to the exercise of governmental authority and the presidential transition, as well as other perceived grievances fueled by false narratives, could continue to mobilize to incite or commit violence. Read more [here](#).

ASPR TRACIE Reminds First Responder Community of Available Resources

The Office of the U.S. Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response reminds the EMS community of an entire section on its website dedicated EMS resources and information. Read more at <https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/EMS>. Additional COVID 19 related info is available [here](#).

FDA Places Import Alert on ALL Mexican Based Hand Sanitizers

FDA has placed all alcohol-based hand sanitizers from Mexico on an [import alert](#) to help stop products that be in violation from entering the U.S. until the agency is able to review the products' safety. The agency has seen a significant number of [hand sanitizer products](#) from Mexico that were labeled to contain ethanol (also known as ethyl alcohol) but tested positive for methanol contamination or 1-propanol.

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MUTCD Revision: Comment Period Now Open

The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, or MUTCD defines the standards used by road managers nationwide to install and maintain traffic control devices on all public streets, highways, bikeways, and private roads open to public travel. The MUTCD is published by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under [23 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\), Part 655, Subpart F](#). The MUTCD, which has been administered by the FHWA since 1971, is a compilation of national standards for all traffic control devices, including road markings, highway signs, and traffic signals. It is updated periodically to accommodate the nation's changing transportation needs and address new safety technologies, traffic control tools, and traffic management techniques. The [Notice of Proposed Amendments \(NPA\) for the 11th edition of the MUTCD](#) is now available for public comment in the Federal Register. The NPA represents a comprehensive update to the MUTCD, incorporating the results of over 150 Official Experiments of novel traffic control devices and applications, Official Interpretations, Interim Approvals, and other research conducted both independently and by the Traffic Control Device Consortium Pooled Fund. Comments must be submitted before March 15, 2021.

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AOA Sues ABIM Over Certification Requirement

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) is suing the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) over its policy requiring internal

medicine residency directors to be board-certified by ABIM in order for their residents to be able to sit for the ABIM board certification exam. According to the policy, which was announced in 2017 and is scheduled to take effect in 2022, "Program directors who are certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine (AOBIM) must either become certified by the ABIM or lose the ability to qualify their residents for ABIM certification," Josh Prober, JD, AOA's general counsel and senior vice president, said in a statement. "As a result of this policy, internal medicine program directors are being pressured by their hospitals to become ABIM certified or lose their jobs." Read more [here](#).

FBI Warns of Targeted Scam of Medical Providers in Wire Fraud Scheme

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Office of Private Sector has issued a Liaison Information Report warning of scammers contacting medical professionals and claiming to be agents of the professional's medical board, agents of the DEA, and agents of the FBI. The scammers claim that the professional's medical and drug licenses have been compromised and are being used by other entities in a scheme to traffic drugs. Read more including how to report suspicious activity [here](#).

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ILCOR Updating NLS

The International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) has published in draft form a new Neonatal Life Support Consensus on Science with Treatment Recommendations (CoSTR) document utilizing an expert systematic reviewer (ESR) in the new continuous evidence evaluation process. Content experts and the NLS Task Force participated in the process as well. It can be found on this link: <https://costr.ilcor.org/document/systematic-review-nls-family-presence-during-resus-neonatal-costr> Please be advised that this CoSTR is in draft form and will be finalized when all comments have been received and considered. After comments have been received, it will continue be labeled as "draft." When a publication occurs later in the year, the label will change to "final."

EIIC Launches PEAK Kit for Status Epilepticus

Pediatric Education and Advocacy Kits (PEAK) were created by EIIC to house best practice educational resources to empower all providers of pediatric emergency care, patients, families, advocates and EMSC stakeholders to deliver the highest quality of care and support to all children. The goal of PEAK is to support the mission of the EIIC and its knowledge management domain to maximize the application of current evidence into clinical practice by front line healthcare providers, including pre-hospital personnel. Educational content includes multiple delivery methods to provide learners with experiences to match their varied needs including interactive web-based learning modules, case-based question banks, audio and video podcasts, webinars, and screen and case-based simulation resources. PEAK content will include point of care and support resources for ill and injured children. The first topic addressed by the group is. Status epilepticus and is now available [here](#).

CDC Report Shows Flu Vaccine Prevented ED Visits and Hospitalizations in Children

A recent CDC study found that the 2019-2020 flu vaccine provided significant protection against flu-associated hospitalizations and emergency department visits among children. Specifically, the vaccine was 62% effective at preventing flu-associated hospitalizations and 56% effective at preventing flu-associated emergency department visits among children included in the study. Read more [here](#).

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ACS Announces Major Changes to Standards

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) has announced that in 2021, all verification visits will be conducted remotely in a virtual format. ACS leaders also reported that they will soon finalize major revisions to the college's trauma center standards. As part of the reorganization, the total number of standards has been reduced by nearly two-thirds. While the Orange Book contained 387 standards, the new standards book will include only 141. (The final number is subject to revision.) The contents of the standards book and related compliance measures will be completed in February 2021. The new 2020 Standards book will be released in March 2021. ACS reviewers and trauma center staff will receive training on the new standards in spring 2021. The new platform for administering site visits and PRQs will be launched in summer 2021.

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HRWG Offers New Videos to Promote First Responder Vaccines

The Prehospital/EMS team of the COVID-19 Healthcare Resilience Working Group has pulled together two videos to encourage EMS providers to get both the seasonal flu shot and the COVID 19 vaccine. Please share through your networks and on social media. It is our hope that we can start an EMS vaccine challenge where local EMS agencies will make their own videos of their members and why they are getting vaccinated. Thank you all for your help in getting the word out. #flufighter #fluready #taketheshotEMS #Covid19vaccine

[Video 1](#)

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HHS Announces False Claims Act Working Group to Enhance Efforts to Combat Fraud

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced the creation of a False Claims Act Working Group that enhances its partnership with the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the HHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) to combat fraud and abuse by identifying and focusing resources on those who seek to defraud the American taxpayers. HHS regulates over a third of the United States economy. The Working Group will provide enhanced and targeted training to the HHS programs that are most vulnerable to fraud and abuse. This training will allow OGC attorneys and HHS program operators to better detect and refer potential false claims to DOJ and OIG. Read more [here](#).

HHS Finalizes Good Guidance Practices Rule; Issues AO Regarding Compliance

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) finalized a Good Guidance Practices rule and Advisory Opinion to help ensure that the public receives appropriate notice of new guidance documents and that HHS guidance documents do not impose obligations on regulated parties that are not already reflected in statutes or regulations. This final rule implements [Executive Order 13891](#) and is part of a broader regulatory reform initiative within HHS. The regulations will help to ensure that the public receives appropriate notice of new guidance and that the Department's guidance does not impose obligations on regulated parties that are not already reflected in duly enacted statutes or regulations lawfully promulgated under them. Read more [here](#).

SAMHSA Publishes Guidelines, Toolkit to Strengthen Crisis Care

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has published "[Crisis Services: Meeting Needs, Saving Lives](#)," a compendium detailing crisis intervention services, best practices and related components of crisis services, for use by a wide array of community leaders and health care providers to work toward better outcomes for Americans in crisis. The book is composed of SAMHSA's "National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care: Best Practice Toolkit" and related papers on crisis services. The toolkit reflects relevant clinical and health services research, review of top national program practices and replicable approaches that support best practice implementation. The related papers address key issues relevant to crisis services, homelessness, technology advances, substance use, legal issues impacting crisis services, financing crisis care, diverse populations, children and adolescents, rural and frontier areas, and

the role of law enforcement.

HHS’ “Geo” Hopes to Inform Best Practices

The Geographic Direct Contracting Model (also known as the “Model” or “Geo”) is a new payment and care delivery model being tested by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Innovation Center. The Model will test whether a geographic-based approach to care delivery and value-based care can improve health and reduce costs for Medicare beneficiaries across an entire geographic region. Leveraging best practices and lessons learned from prior Innovation Center models, Geo will enable Direct Contracting Entities (DCEs) to build integrated relationships with healthcare providers and community organizations in a region to better coordinate care and address the clinical and social needs of Medicare beneficiaries. The Geographic Direct Contracting Model builds on the design of the Direct Contracting Professional and Global Options. For more information on the Direct Contracting Professional and Global Options, please visit their [site](#).

Congress Eliminates “Surprise Billing” in Year End COVID Relief Package

Rolled up in the year end COVID Relief Package, Congress addressed the ongoing debate related to surprise medical bills.

Key elements of the legislation would:

- Hold patients harmless from surprise bills stemming from emergency medical care. That would apply if the patient is seen at an out-of-network facility, or if they are treated by an out-of-network clinician at an in-network hospital. In either case, the patient could only be billed based on their plan’s in-network rate.
- Protect patients admitted to an in-network hospital for a planned procedure when an out-of-network clinician gets involved. This can happen when a surgeon is called in to assist in the operating room, or if the anesthesiologist on duty is not part of the patient’s plan.
- Generally require out-of-network service providers to give patients 72-hour notice of their estimated charges. Patients would have to agree to receive out-of-network care for the hospital or doctor to then bill them.
- Bar air ambulance services from sending patients surprise bills for more than the in-network cost sharing amount. Air ambulance charges have become a bigger problem in states where patients have to travel long distances to get to the best hospitals. However, ground ambulance services will not face the same restrictions, and the legislation only calls for more study of their billing practices.
- Read more [here](#).

In related news, this COVID Relief Package included a permanent extension of the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (VRIPA). As a result, tax benefits and up to \$600 per year of other incentives that volunteer emergency responders receive as a reward for their service are exempt from federal income tax and reporting requirements. Read more [here](#).

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NSC Offers New Resources to Estimate Cost of Drug Use at Work

The National Safety Council and NORC at the University of Chicago [released research](#) showing that employers spend an average of \$8,817 annually on each employee with an untreated SUD, but each employee who recovers from a SUD saves a company over \$8,500. This research was used to update their [Substance Use Cost Calculator](#), a tool that allows businesses to estimate prevalence of substance use disorders among employees and their dependents, associated costs and potential savings if employees and their family members obtain treatment for their substance use disorders.

Health Affairs Offers New Policy Brief on Suicide Risk and Prevention

According to Health Affairs, “Historically, policy makers have approached suicide by looking at solutions in the health care sector. However, suicide must be considered in a larger context that includes both individual physical and mental health and a multitude of social and community factors. [On average, each suicide reaches up to 135 people](#), reverberating through families and social circles—highlighting the need to examine the problem and its solutions through a broad lens.” A new brief provides a general overview of the research on suicide

risk and protective factors, highlights current suicide prevention strategies across the three sectors mentioned, and notes policy opportunities for improving multisectoral prevention efforts.” Read more at “[Understanding Suicide Risk And Prevention](#), ” Health Affairs Health Policy Brief, January 29, 2021.DOI: 10.1377/hpb20201228.198475.

NAEMT Offers “What Is EMS?” Primer

The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) has published a new guide to help explain the EMS industry to elected officials, key staff, and stakeholders. The new guide explains:

- the range of services EMS provides to the community – from 911 response to community paramedicine, disaster response and other services such as contact tracing and immunizations to address urgent public health issues.
- the basics of EMS operations, staffing, delivery, and regulations.
- EMS funding and reimbursement, and how this affects the EMS workforce, patients and communities.

NAEMT urges elected officials, their staff and key stakeholders to use this guide to better understand EMS and how it functions throughout the United States, and to inform legislative and policy decision-making. Read more [here](#).

NAEMT Names New Medical Directors

The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) has announced the appointment of Douglas F. Kupas, MD, EMT-P, FAEMS, FACEP, as the organization’s medical director and Jeffrey L. Jarvis, MD, MS, EMT-P, FACEP, FAEMS, as its associate medical director. Kupas and Jarvis will provide guidance to the NAEMT board of directors on medical issues related to the association’s activities, and Kupas will serve as a nonvoting board member. Read more at <https://www.naemt.org>.

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Several postings are currently listed in the Job Board area on our web site. The job board is available to help members seek qualified candidates for positions within emergency medical services systems. For more information, go to <https://nasemso.org/resources/job-board/>.

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Aerosol generation during chest compression and defibrillation in a swine cardiac arrest model

[https://www.resuscitationjournal.com/article/S0300-9572\(20\)30598-0/fulltext](https://www.resuscitationjournal.com/article/S0300-9572(20)30598-0/fulltext)

Effect of Implementing the Out-of-Hospital Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment Guidelines: The Excellence in Prehospital Injury Care for Children Study (EPIC4Kids).

Implementation of the pediatric out-of-hospital traumatic brain injury guidelines was not associated with improved survival when the entire spectrum of severity was analyzed as a whole (moderate, severe, and critical). However, both adjusted survival to hospital admission and discharge improved in children with severe traumatic brain injury, indicating a potential severity-based interventional opportunity for guideline effectiveness. These findings support the widespread implementation of the out-of-hospital pediatric traumatic brain injury guidelines. Access at [https://www.annemergmed.com/article/S0196-0644\(20\)31208-7/fulltext](https://www.annemergmed.com/article/S0196-0644(20)31208-7/fulltext).

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UPCOMING Events

March

Society of Trauma Nurses Annual Meeting. March 26-27, 2021. VIRTUAL <https://www.traumanurses.org/education/traumacon-2021>

National EMS Safety Summit. March 31- April 2, 2021. Embassy Suites Downtown Denver. <http://nationalemssafetysummit.org/>

April

American Trauma Society Annual Conference. April 9, 2021. VIRTUAL
<https://www.amtrauma.org/news/544392/Save-the-Date---April-9-2021-ATS-Virtual-Conference-.htm>

[EMS On The Hill Day](#). April 13-15, 2021. VIRTUAL

Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference. May 17-19, 2021, Orange Beach, AL <https://cctmc.net>

May

National Trauma Awareness Month Theme– “Safe & Secure - Safety is a Choice, Prevention is Key.” For information as it becomes available at www.amtrauma.org

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting. May 11-14, 2021. VIRTUAL <https://www.saem.org/annual-meeting/saem21/registration-information>

EMS Week. May 16-22, 2021. EMSC Day is May 19
<https://www.acep.org/administration/ems-resources/emsweek/>

June

Accreditcon. June 2-4, 2021. VIRTUAL <https://www.accreditcon.org>

American Academy of Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting. June 20-24, 2021 St. Louis, MO. www.aaem.org

NFPA Annual Conference. Cancelled for 2021. <https://www.nfpa.org/conference/index.html>

July

Fire Rescue Med/IAFC EMS Section Annual Meeting. July 27, 2021 Charlotte, NC. <https://www.iafc.org/events/frm>

IAFC Annual Conference. Fire-Rescue International. July 28-31, 2021. Charlotte, NC. www.iafc.org/fri

August

National Association of EMS Educators Annual Meeting. August 2-8, 2021. Orlando, FL www.naemse.org

Pinnacle 2021. August 9-13, 2021. Phoenix, AZ <http://pinnacle-ems.com/>

FDIC International. August 19-24, 2021. Indianapolis, IN. <http://www.fdic.com/index.html>

EMS Today 2021. August 24-27, 2021. San Antonio, TX <http://www.emstoday.com/index.html>

September

Emergency Nurses Association Annual Meeting. September 22-25, 2021. Orlando, FL. www.ena.org

October

EMS World Expo. October 4-8 2021. Atlanta, GA. <http://www.emsworldexpo.com/>

IAEM EMEX 2021. October 15-22, 2021. Grand Rapids, MI. <https://www.iaem.org/usconf>

American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress. October 24-28, 2021. Washington, DC.
<https://www.facs.org/clincon2021>

American College of Emergency Physicians Annual Meeting. October 25 - 28, 2021. Boston, MA. www.acep.org

November

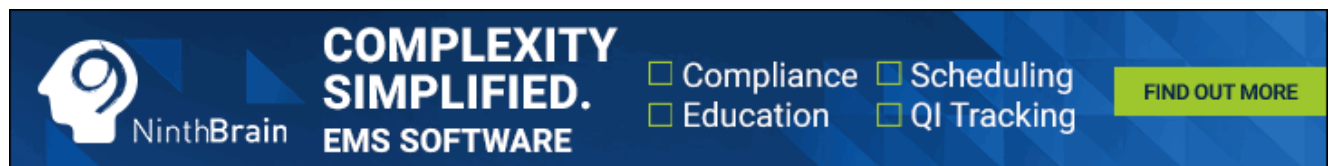
Air Medical Transport Conference. October 31-November 2, 2021. Fort Worth, TX. <http://aams.org/education-meetings/>

Revised Dates! National Association of State EMS Officials Annual Meeting. November 14-18, 2021. Reno, NV
www.nasemso.org

American Ambulance Association Annual Meeting. TBD. <https://annual.ambulance.org/>

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