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#### NASEMSO Congratulates McGinnis on NPSTC Award

Every year the National Public Safety Telecommunications Commission (NPSTC) recognizes the hard work and commitment its hardworking volunteers demonstrate through important work on behalf of public safety telecommunications while working full-time jobs. The 2021 NPSTC Chairman's Award was conferred on Chief Kevin McGinnis. The NPSTC Chairman's Award, created to recognize one individual who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership, was presented to Kevin for his consistent unwavering support and dedication to NPSTC and the public safety communications community. Chief McGinnis has served as past Chairman of the SAFECOM program,

member of the FirstNet Board of Directors and currently serves as Vice-Chair of the NPSTC Governing Board. Congratulations, Kevin!!!

#### NASEMSO Collaboration on OOHCA Guidance Published in *Circulation*

NASEMSO members Andy Gienapp, Dr. George Lindbeck, and Dr. Michael Levy provided input to "Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services Management of Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest During the COVID-19 Pandemic," recently published ahead of print by the American Heart Association in its peer-reviewed, professional journal, Circulation. Authors urge responders to avoid implementing major modifications to evidence-based resuscitation practices that could lead to a decrease in cardiac arrest survival. Open access to the publication is now available at here.

# **NASEMSO EMS 360 Webinars Provide Insight to a** Variety of Topics

EMS 360 Powered by NASEMSO is designed to deliver cutting edge education to state regulators, medical directors, legislative staff, systems managers, and the EMS community on the benefits of various technologies and resource strategies that are available to EMS administrators and clinical personnel. Focus areas include but are not limited to EMS data, documentation, and epidemiology; emergent and chronic patient care needs; assessment, stabilization, and treatment in a range of environments; documentation and compliance issues; mobile integrated healthcare and community paramedicine; medical oversight; medical transportation; and credentialing and licensing strategies. The recording of our recent session on Universally Unique Identifiers is now available on NASEMSO's You Tube channel at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYse82-EBdY. Upcoming sessions and registration links are posted at https://nasemso.org/news-events/events/.

# **Registration Now Open for NASEMSO Annual Meeting** - Nov. 14-18, 2021

Just a reminder that conference registration is now open and a schedule at a glance is available on the NASEMSO web site at https://nasemso.org/news-events/events/event/nasemso-annual-meeting-2021/. Councils and committees are currently in agenda planning mode and more information will be posted as they become available. The call for poster presentations is also available on the web site. Related questions can be directed to NASEMSO Program Manager, Mary Hedges.

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# **For The States**

at https://data.world/associatedpress/public-health-official-departures.

#### Health Departments Grapple With Historic Turnover

Across the U.S., state and local public health officials have found themselves at the center of a political storm as they combat the worst pandemic in a century. Amid a fractured federal response, the usually invisible army of workers charged with preventing the spread of infectious disease has become a public punching bag. In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, at least 248 state or local public health leaders in 41 states have resigned, retired or been fired since April 1, according to an ongoing investigation by The Associated Press and Kaiser Health Network. According to experts, that is the largest exodus of public health leaders in American history. Read more

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#### **Air Medical**

# HHS Announces Interim Final Rule to Prevent Surprise Medical Bills

The U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Labor, and Treasury, and the Office of Personnel Management, recently issued "Requirements Related to Surprise Billing; Part I," an interim final rule that will restrict excessive out of pocket costs to consumers from surprise billing and balance billing. The proposed rule covers emergency services, nonemergency services furnished by nonparticipating providers at participating facilities, and air ambulance services furnished by nonparticipating providers of air ambulance services. To accompany the IFR, HHS released a fact sheet on what patients need to know about their rights regarding surprise bills, as well as a fact sheet on requirements for meeting the rule. A second regulation is expected by Oct. 1, 2021, and will establish an audit process. The third regulation is expected by Dec. 27, 2021, and will detail the independent dispute resolution (IDR) process. The 411-page IFC will be open for public comment until September 7th, 2021 at 5 p.m. E.T. Read more here.

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#### **Best Practices for State Resources Updates**

The NEMSIS TAC is dedicated to assisting State/Territory data managers and EMS software developers with keeping their information current on the NEMSIS website. To that end, we are providing guidance on when and how to update the state resources (Schematron,

# CPSC Warns Consumers About Risks During

State Data Set, etc.). Download the Best Practices for State Resources Updates here: https://nemsis.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Best-Practices-for-State-Resources-Updates 05.18.2021.pdf

# EMS Body-worn Camera Quickstart Guide: Legal **Considerations for EMS Agencies**

This document identifies and generally outlines threshold legal considerations for EMS agencies contemplating the use of body-worn

# Considerations\_06.2021.pdf New Resources Help EMS Clinicians and Agencies

cameras. Download the document here: https://nemsis.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/EMS-Body-worn-Camera-Quickstart-Guide\_Legal-

**Navigate HIPAA** 

The NEMSIS Technical Assistance Center recently collaborated with the law firm Page, Wolfberg & Wirth to provide helpful resources explaining the sharing of patient information between EMS and other healthcare professionals:

- <u>HIPAA Basics for EMS Practitioners</u> This poster provides HIPAA guidance relevant to EMS clinicians, including tips for accessing and sharing protected health information across a variety of situations.
- <u>HIPAA: An Imaginary Barrier to Data Exchange</u> This white paper discusses why HIPAA does not restrict the bidirectional patient information sharing but actually promotes the sharing of patient information between hospitals or other healthcare entities and EMS agencies.
- Short Legal Opinion: Sharing Patient Data Bidirectionally Under HIPAA Developed specifically for healthcare administrators, legal counsel, and risk management, this brief legal opinion describes how sharing of patient information is not only allowed but
- encouraged under HIPAA. Detailed Legal Opinion: HIPAA Concerns About Releasing Information for NEMSIS – This legal opinion provides detailed analysis of HIPAA issues related to the sharing of patient information with entities involved in the administration of the National EMS
- Information System.

While obstacles may remain for the appropriate sharing of patient information, HIPAA is not one of them. Sharing patient information benefits EMS agencies and improves prehospital patient care by revealing evidence-based practices that make a difference for patients in the field

#### Health and Medical Preparedness

# FDA Revokes EUA on Non-NIOSH Approved **Disposable Respirators**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is revoking the Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) for non-NIOSH-approved disposable respirators (revocation effective July 6, 2021) and the EUAs for decontamination and bioburden reduction systems (revocation effective June 30, 2021). As of the effective date of the revocations, these devices will no longer be authorized for use by health care personnel in health care settings. These actions are in follow-up to the May 27, 2021, letter in which the FDA recommended a transition away from non-NIOSH-approved disposable respirators as well as from reusing decontaminated or bioburden-reduced disposable respirators. Read more

# Vaccine Acceptability Among EMS Workers and **Firefighters**

Two recent evidence-based studies in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (JOEM) report trends of emergency workers and vaccine acceptability. Information gleaned from the evidence might provide insight for state health officials into targeted messaging strategies. Read more at COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptability Among US Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Worke Cross-Sectional Study and COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake and Intent Among Emergency Healthcare Workers: A Cross-Sectional Survey.

# Stateline Highlights Vaccination Fraud

The Pew Charitable Trusts describes state legislative efforts to combat the rising incidence of fraudulent vaccine credentials in a recent article, "Yes, Some People Really Are Faking Their COVID Vaccine Cards."

# O'Connell Sworn in as Assistant Secretary for

#### **Preparedness and Response**

Dawn O'Connell, senior counselor to the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services responsible for coordinating the Agency's response to the pandemic since February 2021, has been sworn in as the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR.) O'Connell formerly worked as the Director of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness and Innovation's (CEPI) US Office. As director she was responsible for managing the broad spectrum of CEPI's US and North American interests including its relationships with US and North American-based stakeholders, government entities, and industry partners. She also served as the executive director for CEPI's Joint Coordination Group—a roundtable of institutional partners who all have a vested interest in the successful development and deployment of epidemic vaccines. She received her undergraduate degree in literature from Vanderbilt University and her law degree from Tulane University School of Law.

# FEMA Releases NIMS Incident Complexity and **Continuity Guides**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently released the NIMS Incident Complexity Guide: Planning, Preparedness and Training. This Guide supports state, local tribal and territorial (SLTT) jurisdictions in implementing the objectives of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The intended audience for this Guide is any Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). This audience includes agencies and organizations at all levels of government, as well as private sector entities and Nongovernmental Organizations (NGO) with emergency management or incident support responsibilities. In related news, FEMA has also released the "Guide to Continuity of Government for State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Governments." The new guide is a companion document to the "Continuity Guidance Circular."

#### FEMA Announces FY 2021 Grants Available for **HSNTP**

here.

FEMA has released the funding notice for \$6 million in competitive funding as part of the fiscal year 2021 Homeland Security National Training Program Continuing Training Grants. For FY 2021, program priority areas consist of select emerging threats and gaps that align with strategic priorities that recipients are expected to incorporate into products and activities funded through the Continuing Training Grants program to build capability across the nation. The FY 2021 focus areas are:

- Public Health Emergencies;
- · Pandemic Preparedness and Response;
- Mass Care-Community Sheltering and Relocation Assistance; and • Tribal and Rural Preparedness.

The funding notice is posted at Grants.gov. Upon receiving approved submitted applications (by 11:59 p.m. ET, Aug, 16, 2021), FEMA will provide funding as cooperative agreements awarded directly to the selected applicants.

# Surgeon General Urges "Whole of Society" Effort to **Address Health Misinformation**

U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy has issued a new primer to assist health leaders and communities address health misinformation: information that is false, inaccurate, or misleading about the COVID 19 pandemic. Misinformation has caused confusion and led people to decline COVID-19 vaccines, reject public health measures such as masking and physical distancing, use unproven treatments, and harass public health workers, health professionals, airline staff, and other frontline workers tasked with communicating evolving public health measures. Misinformation can sometimes be spread intentionally to serve a malicious purpose, such as to trick people into believing something for financial gain or political advantage. But many people who share misinformation aren't trying to misinform. Instead, they may be raising a concern, making sense of conflicting information, or seeking answers to honest questions. Dr. Murthy offers several strategies to combat misinformation, calling on all persons to do their part in improving response efforts and community outcomes in "Confronting Health Misinformation: The U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on Building a Healthy Information Environment" is available at https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-general-misinformation-advisory.pdf.

# CDC Offers NSSP Data on Recent Heat Wave **Emergencies**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has utilized the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) to evaluate heat related illness in the Pacific Northwest during the month of June. In the current issue of the Agency's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) at https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7029e1.htm, CDC provides observations about using public health data to address such regional responses.

#### GAO Offers Insight to DHS Office Mergers

In December 2018, statute established the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) office at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, reorganizing several legacy offices, including the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office and Office of Health Affairs into one. The office manages programs intended to enhance the United States' ability to detect, deter, and defend against chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats. However, programs operated and managed by the CWMD office have faced longstanding challenges, some which predate the reorganization. In a new report, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) summarizes progress to date. As of July 2021, of 16 previous recommendations by the GAO, DHS has taken steps to address some, but not all of them. Of the 16 recommendations GAO made, 10 remain open, and GAO continues to monitor DHS's progress to implement them. Read more in GAO-21-105332, "Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction: Opportunities for DHS to Better Address Longstanding Program Challenges" at https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-21-105332.

#### **CPSC Warns Consumers About Risks During Storms**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is warning consumers about the increased risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, fires and electric shock that can happen as a result of hurricanes and severe storms. The agency recently posted practical lifesaving tips on its website at https://cpsc.gov/Newsroom/News-Releases/2021/Be-Ready-When-Storms-Hit-Protect-Your-Family-This-Hurricane-Season-with-CPSCs-Life-Saving-Tips-African-Americans-at-Higher-Risk-of-Dying-of-CO-Poisoning-from-Portable-

Generators and https://www.cpsc.gov/safety-education/safety-guides/electronics-and-electrical-carbon-monoxide-fire/stay-alive.

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#### HITS

#### 2020 Traffic Safety Trends by State

States and state legislatures have primary responsibility for establishing traffic safety laws and programs to help ensure the safety of roadway users. In 2020, state legislatures introduced over 1,400 traffic safety bills related to the 14 topic areas covered in this report. A new report available from the National Conference of State Legislature (NCSL) focuses on notable, enacted legislation from these topic areas. All bills discussed in this report can be found in the NCSL-NHTSA Traffic Safety Legislative Tracking Database.

# Medical Direction

# New Research in Prehospital Tourniquet Application

A group of researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital and Amsterdam UMC conducted a 5-year retrospective review of adults who presented at their trauma centers with a prehospital tourniquet. They found that out of 147 patients:

• Tourniquets were inappropriately placed in 27% of patients • 5 patients sustained complications (nerve palsy and compartment syndrome)

Tourniquet application was indicated in only 51% of patients

Citation: Mikdad S, Mokhtari AK, Luckhurst CM, Breen KA, Liu B, Kaafarani HMA, Velmahos G, Mendoza AE, Bloemers FW, Saillant N. Implications of the National Stop the Bleed Campaign: The Swinging Pendulum of Prehospital Tourniquet Application in Civilian Limb Trauma. J Trauma Acute Care Surg. 2021 Apr 24. doi: 10.1097/TA.000000000003247. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 33901049.

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# Pediatric Emergency Care

# **Become a Pediatric Champion**

The Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) Workforce Development Collaborative (PWDC) is enrolling participants now through August 15<sup>th</sup>. The mission of this national collaborative, led by the EMS for Children Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC), is to develop healthcare professionals working the prehospital or emergency department systems into effective pediatric champions (also known as PECCs). The program, which will run from September 2021 through June 2022, is open to anyone with an interest in ensuring ill and injured children receive high-quality care in their community. Pediatric-specific training or experience is not required. The time commitment is approximately three hours each month, and continuing education and Maintenance of Certification Part 4 credits will be available at no cost for all healthcare professionals. Learn more and register online.

#### ADHD Linked to TBI Severity in Children

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) severity was tied to post-injury attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in children, a new systematic review and meta-analysis shows. Odds for ADHD following severe TBI were higher for both ADHD onset within 1 year (OR 4.81, 95% Crl 1.66-11.03) and diagnosis more than 1 year later (OR 6.70, 95% Crl 2.02-16.82) compared to children with other injuries. The risks were also higher compared to non-injured controls (OR 2.62, 95% Crl 0.76-6.64, and OR 6.25, 95% Crl 2.06-15.06, respectively). This study noted a significant association between TBI severity and ADHD diagnosis. In children with severe but not mild and moderate TBI, there was an association with an increase in risk for ADHD. The high rate of preinjury ADHD in children with TBI suggests that clinicians should carefully review functioning before a TBI before initiating treatment. Read more: Asarnow RF, Newman N, Weiss RE, Su E. Association of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Diagnoses With Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury: A Meta-analysis. JAMA Pediatr. Published online July 12, 2021. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2021.2033 at https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/article-abstract/2782026.

# SAMHSA Awards \$62.4M in Grants to Combat Child Trauma

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is distributing \$62.4 million in grant funding to provide and increase access to effective treatment and services systems in communities throughout the nation for children, adolescents, and their families who experience traumatic events. The White House is bolstering these awards with \$800,000 in American Rescue Plan (ARP) support. SAMHSA's National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative (NCTSI) raises awareness about the impact of trauma on children and adolescents as a behavioral health concern. NCTSI's goal is to transform mental health care for children and adolescents affected by trauma throughout the country by improving the quality of community-based trauma treatment and services and increasing access to effective trauma-focused interventions. Read more and access the list of awardees at https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/pressannouncements/202107090228.

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#### **Rural EMS**

## NHRA Policy Brief Reflects on Challenges to Rural **EMS**

According to a new National Rural Health Association (NHRA) report, nearly one-third of rural Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are in immediate operational jeopardy. Rural ambulance services rely heavily on volunteers. About 53% of rural EMS agencies are staffed by volunteers, compared with 14% in urban areas. More than 70% of those rural agencies report difficulty finding volunteers. Adding to the burden, Medicare and Medicaid payments only cover a third of the EMS costs. Read more at https://www.ruralhealthweb.org/NRHA/media/Emerge NRHA/Advocacy/Policy%20documents/05-11-18-NRHA-Policy-EMS.pdf.

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#### Trauma

# **New GAO Report on Firearm Injuries**

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has posted a new report on the health care costs of firearm injuries. This report describes the initial hospital costs of firearm injuries in the U.S. and what is known about the costs of subsequent care, as well as the post- discharge services that may be needed to treat these injuries. According to the GAO, there is no complete information on the health care costs of gun injuries. However, the agency found:

- Hospital costs for initial gun injury care were just over \$1 billion a year, according to hospital data from 2016 and 2017 (the latest available)
- Costs associated with physicians' fees (not included in that data) could add 20% to that total Each year there were about 30,000 hospital stays and 50,000 emergency room visits
- Medicaid and other public coverage patients accounted for more than 60% of the costs for this care

Access GAO-21-515, "Firearm Injuries Health Care Service Needs and Costs" at https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-21-515.

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#### **Federal News**

# FICEMS Offers New Telemedicine Framework for EMS and 911

To help EMS and 911 organizations who are in the early stages of planning or implementing telemedicine programs, the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS) brought together experts to create the Telemedicine Framework for EMS and 911 Organizations. The intent of this resource is to provide an understanding of opportunities to leverage telemedicine to deliver high-quality and cost-efficient care at the right place and the right time. The framework offers suggestions for how to engage stakeholders and policymakers and how to assess financial considerations when implementing a program. It also cites and links to a number of other resources, making it a great starting place to learn about telemedicine in EMS and 911 and find more information.

### **DEA Publishes New Rules on Mobile MAT**

Using mobile vans to deliver medication-assisted treatment (MAT) such as methadone would become easier for substance abuse treatment centers under a final rule recently published by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Mobile services must be affiliated with a DEA registered narcotic treatment program (NTP) to be eligible under the new rule. Revisions to the regulations are intended to make maintenance or detoxification treatments more widely available, while ensuring that safeguards are in place to reduce the likelihood of diversion. Read more at here

# New Report: Drug Companies Spent More on **Buybacks and Dividends Than R&D**

A new report from the House Oversight and Reform Committee finds that 14 companies spent \$577 billion from 2016 to 2020 on stock buybacks and dividends, \$56 billion more than the \$521 billion they spent on research and development over the same time period. H.R. 3, the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Prices Now Act, would address many of the findings in the Committee's staff reports by empowering Medicare to negotiate directly with drug companies to lower prices. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that H.R. 3's negotiation provisions would save taxpayers \$456 billion over ten years. Read more at https://bit.ly/3xlvgYZ.

#### HHS Says No More Extensions for Provider Relief **Funds**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shared during a July 8 webinar that provider relief recipients will not receive an extension beyond Sept. 30 to report use of their relief funds. Those with relief money not spent by June 30 will have until Oct. 30 to return it. The agency also shared that the burden of proof is on the recipient to prove they used the money to prevent, prepare for and respond to the pandemic. Recipients can register for the reporting portal here.

# CMS Announces Changes to Medicare Ground **Ambulance Data Collection System**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced a series of proposed changes to the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System including:

- Proposed changes to the data collection period and data reporting period for selected ground ambulance organizations in year
- three; Proposed revisions to the timeline for when the payment reduction for failure to report will begin and when the data will be publicly
- available; and Proposed revisions to the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection Instrument. Through review of questions and feedback that we received, we have identified some instances where changes and clarifications to the instrument could improve clarity and
- be less burdensome to respondents.
- For more information, please visit: https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/current.

# New StopRansomware.gov Website

The U.S. government launched a new website to help public and private organizations defend against the rise in ransomware cases. StopRansomware.gov is a whole-of-government approach that gives one central location for ransomware resources and alerts. We encourage organizations to use this new website to understand the threat of ransomware, mitigate risk, and in the event of an attack, know what steps to take next. The StopRansomware.gov webpage is an interagency resource that provides our partners and stakeholders with ransomware protection, detection, and response guidance that they can use on a single website. This includes ransomware alerts, reports, and resources from CISA, the FBI, and other federal partners.

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# **Industry News**

# National EMS Weekend of Honor Pays Tribute to **Fallen EMS Heroes**

more at http://www.national-ems-memorial.org/national-ems-weekend-of-honor-pays-tribute-to-fallen-ems-heroes/.

The National EMS Memorial Service, the National EMS Memorial Foundation and the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride recently paid tribute to 144 EMS and air medical fallen from 39 states across the U.S. during the 2021 National EMS Weekend of Honor, July 23-25,

2021. The increased number of honorees being recognized this year is due to last year's cancellation combined with ongoing research and vetting efforts dedicated to locating yet-to-be-honored EMS fallen from the past. This year's lists include the 2019 and 2020 honorees plus 72 past EMS fallen dating back as far as 1895 that were researched and vetted for inclusion thanks to the efforts of many volunteers. Read

#### Interesting Abstracts

Brenner LA, Betthauser LM, Penzenik M, et al. Development and Validation of Computerized Adaptive Assessment Tools for the Measurement of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Among US Military Veterans. JAMA Netw Open. 2021;4(7):e2115707. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2021.15707. Can rapid psychometrically sound adaptive diagnostic screening and dimensional severity measures be developed for posttraumatic stress disorder? In this diagnostic study including 713 US military veterans, the Computerized Adaptive Diagnostic–Posttraumatic Stress Disorder measure was shown to have excellent diagnostic accuracy. The Computerized Adaptive Test-Posttraumatic Stress Disorder also provided valid severity ratings and demonstrated convergent validity with the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder checklist for Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition. (Ed. Note: Makes one wonder if this model could be applied to EMS workers?)

Open access: read more here.

#### **UPCOMING Events**

#### August 2021 NEMSIS v3 Implementation Meeting

August 3rd – 5th, 2021, 9 AM - 1 PM When registration link become available, a list of topics and times for each topic will be posted on this page.

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

National EMS Advisory Council. August 11-12, 2021. The meeting will be held virtually (depending on the status of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic) or at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. More info will be posted at https://www.ems.gov/nemsac.html as it becomes available.

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

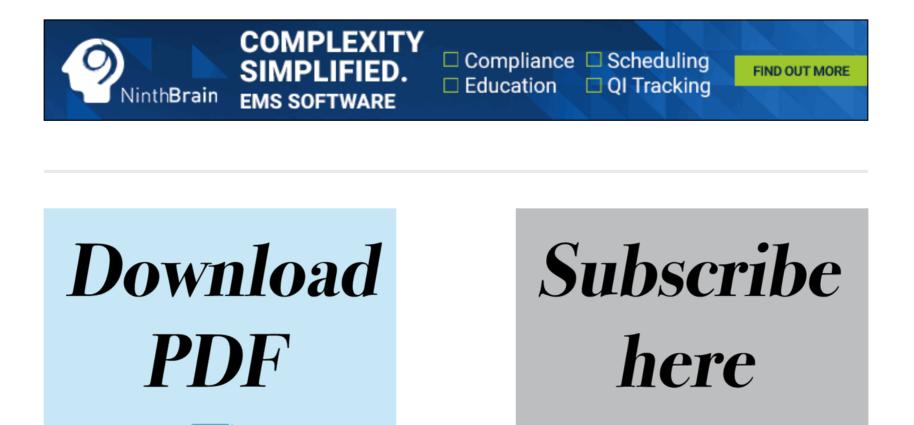
November Air Medical Transport Conference. October 31-November 2, 2021. Fort Worth, TX. http://aams.org/education-meetings/

American Ambulance Association Annual Meeting. November 1-3, 2021 Grapevine, TX. https://annual.ambulance.org/

The Virginia EMS Symposium. November 3-7, 2021. Norfolk, VA. https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/meetingsconferences-virginia/

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

2021 National Conference on EMS. November 10-13, 2021. Atlantic City, NJ. http://nationalconferenceonems.com.





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