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1. NASEMSO Congratulates Dr. Kupas on National EMS Award

Dr. Douglas Kupas, chairman of NASEMSO's EMS Medical Directors Council, was recently bestowed the prestigious Keith Neely Outstanding Contribution to EMS Award by the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP.) The award is given annually to an active or past NAEMSP member who has provided significant leadership to the organization. Dr. Kupas has served in multiple NAEMSP leadership positions, including Chairman of the Rural Affairs Committee, Chairman of the Standards and Practices Committee, member of the Board of Directors, and co-principal Investigator on an NAEMSP grant. He is the Commonwealth EMS Medical Director for the state of Pennsylvania. Congratulations, Doug!

2. NASEMSO Webinar Series Addresses Education Agenda Implementation

The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) will host a series of webinars in 2010 intended to assist stakeholders with implementation of the *Education Agenda*. Topics may change depending on the needs of the EMS community. Speakers and registration information will be posted on the NASEMSO web site and widely disseminated as more information becomes available. The second in the series entitled "Overview of the EMS Education Standards and Instructional Guidelines," is set for Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, at 3:00-4:00 p.m. Eastern

time. In this session, Debra Cason, Principal Investigator for the EMS Education Standards, will discuss the advantages of using education standards over a standardized curriculum and how the new Education Standards compliment the National Scope of Practice Model. [Register here: space is limited, so reserve your seat now.](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Please also see our [Schedule of 2010 Webinars](#) for more information.

3. NASEMSO Quick Reference Provides List of Helpful Links

To facilitate the ease of identifying and locating resources that support Education Agenda implementation, NASEMSO has created a quick reference with links where interested persons can click and download specific resource documents. Click here to download [“Where Can I Find...”](#)

4. NASEMSO Supports Passage of H.R. 2024

NASEMSO joins the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) in support of H.R. 2024, "Commercial Motor Vehicle Advanced Safety Technology Tax Act of 2009," which would provide tax incentives for installation of available technology to prevent or mitigate what a 2006 NHTSA/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration study found were the leading causes of crashes involving large trucks. The device types that would qualify the trucking firms for tax breaks align with the study findings and prevent crashes related to brake failures, lane departure, rollovers, and colliding with cars in front of them. NASEMSO's interest is in safer trucks, fewer crashes, and more widespread market availability and affordability of such devices so that they become mainstream considerations for ambulances and heavy emergency response vehicles.

5. ARRA Fund Benefits to States Outlined in New Report

A year ago Congress passed H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, commonly known as the ARRA. In the three months prior to the Act, the nation lost 2.2 million jobs. Financial institutions were on the brink of collapse, and the “Great Recession” was being recognized for what it was – the most calamitous economic downturn since the Great Depression. VP Biden lead the implementation of the Act, with a focus on getting its efforts underway quickly, watching the taxpayers’ funds carefully, and putting America back to work. The initial concentration of ARRA funds went out through payments to states and individuals. A new report provides an overview of the first year of implementation efforts, including a sample of projects funded in the states. [Read the report here...](#)

6. HHS Promotes “The Secretary’s Challenge: Connecting Kids to Coverage”

Exactly one year after President Obama signed the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, HHS has announced that 2.6 million more children were served by Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) at some point over the past year, releasing “The Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act One Year Later: Connecting Kids to Coverage,” a comprehensive review of the past year’s accomplishments in finding and enrolling children in health coverage. In a recent press event, Secretary Sebelius also highlighted “The Secretary’s Challenge: Connecting Kids to Coverage,” a five-year long campaign that will challenge federal officials, governors, mayors, community organizations, tribal leaders and faith-based organizations to build on this success and enroll the nearly five million uninsured children who are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP but are not enrolled. For more information, click [here](#).

7. Comments Sought on NEMSIS Version 3

The NEMSIS Version 3 Final Draft is now available for download and review. This is the second of 3 draft documents leading to a final Version 3 dataset in May of 2010. During this same time period the NEMSIS dataset is

migrating into the HL7 based standards with a goal of formal HL7 balloting and approval ending in 2012. The goal of this draft release is to allow all NEMSIS users, EMS experts, and interested parties to review the dataset and provide comments and/or suggestions through the NEMSIS website at www.NEMSIS.org. To focus this review, the draft 2 document has been consolidated to provide only the key information relative to data collect data collection and application. Software related business logic/rules, XML structure, data element value codes, and Version 2 to 3 translational mapping is not included in this public comment. A separate public comment period will be provided for the business logic and XML structure components of NEMSIS Version 3 in the 2nd quarter of 2010. The first few pages of the NEMSIS Version 3 Draft provide an overview and summary of the document. Additional content will be provided over the next week to better describe the changes between Version 2 and Version 3. For additional information, please click [here](#).

- To view the Final Draft of the NEMSIS Version 3 Dataset - [Click Here](#)
- To view the Final Draft of proposed NEMSIS Version 3 National and State Performance Measures - [Click Here](#)
- To view the NEMSIS Version 2 to Version 3 Change Summary Document - [Click Here](#)

Public Comments will be accepted online through the NEMSIS website beginning Monday (February 8th) through March 31st, 2010. Comments prior to March 1, 2010 are appreciated.

8. DOJ Guide Highlights Crime Scene Considerations for First Responders

The Department of Justice’s *Electronic Crime Scene Investigation: A Guide for First Responders, Second Edition* is intended for first responders to a variety of crime scenes who may have the responsibility of protecting, recognizing, collecting, and preserving electronic evidence at the scene. The first chapter profiles the types of electronic devices commonly encountered in crime scenes, provides a general description of each type of device, and describes the potential evidence that may be found in each type of equipment. Chapter 2 lists the investigative tools and equipment recommended for the collection, packaging and transportation of electronic evidence. Chapter 3 focuses on securing and evaluating the crime scene, and outlines the steps necessary to ensure the safety of all persons at the scene while protecting the integrity of all evidence—traditional and electronic. Chapter 4 provides guidelines for documenting the scene while chapter 5 covers evidence-collection procedures. Chapter 6 then addresses procedures for packaging, transportation and storage of electronic evidence. The concluding chapter provides guidelines for the forensic examination of electronic evidence by 14 crime categories. A glossary completes the guide. For more info, click [here](#).

9. Counterterrorism and Emergency Response Catalog Available from GPO

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) recently published a catalog of its counterterrorism and emergency response publications for the use of law enforcement and first responder personnel nationwide. To make this resource more readily available, this catalog can now be found on the GPO Web site at: <http://bookstore.gpo.gov/collections/tswg.jsp>. Just click on the catalog cover to find this key tool in the fight against terrorism. “*Focus on Counterterrorism, Emergency Response, and Law Enforcement Publications*” features books on chemical and biological threats, forensics, and intelligence, as well as a special section on counterterrorism publications from the Federal Government’s Technical Support Working Group (TSWG). TSWG publications are available only from the U. S. Government Printing Office. All of these publications are designed specifically for the law enforcement and emergency preparedness communities.

10. Hospital Preparedness Program Focus of New Report

In 2007, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) contracted with the Center for Biosecurity of UPMC to conduct a 2-year, comprehensive assessment of the HHS Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP), from the

time of its establishment in 2002 through mid-2007, and to develop recommendations for improving and evaluating future hospital preparedness efforts. This document, [The Next Challenge in Healthcare Preparedness: Catastrophic Health Events \(Preparedness Report\)](#), is the third major deliverable of this project. It builds upon the findings and recommendations of the earlier reports of this project, including the *Descriptive Framework for Healthcare Preparedness for Mass Casualty Events (Descriptive Framework)* and *Hospitals Rising to the Challenge: The First Five Years of the U.S. Hospital Preparedness Program and Priorities Going Forward (Evaluation Report)*.

11. Draft National Disaster Recovery Framework Now Available for Comment

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the interagency Long Term Disaster Recovery Working Group, issued a draft of the *National Disaster Recovery Framework*. The comment period commenced when the report was posted to the Federal Register, and it will run from that time through Feb. 26, 2010. This comment period continues the extensive stakeholder outreach efforts undertaken by the interagency Long Term Disaster Recovery Working Group, established in October 2009 by President Obama and co-chaired by Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Shaun Donovan. Prior to today's release, the *Recovery Framework* was developed based on input from all levels of government, the private sector, academic and emergency management communities, voluntary and non-profit organizations, and a wide array of associations and organizations. This input was collected through meetings and briefings across the country; online engagement; and a series of video teleconferences and stakeholder forums in five key cities. Individuals, and other interested parties, who wish to submit comments can obtain a comment form and instructions for submission beginning next week by visiting at www.regulations.gov, in Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0004. The comment period will close February 26, 2010. Program Advisor Leslee Stein-Spencer is coordinating NASEMSO's response. Interested parties should provide input to Leslee asap to be included in the organization's response. View the documents-- [FEMA Advisory on Draft National Disaster Recovery Framework](#) and [Draft National Disaster Recovery Framework](#).

12. NIOSH Offers Resources for Emergency Responders

As emergency responders are deployed to find survivors, save lives, and speed relief aid to earthquake-devastated Haiti, it is imperative to protect them from work-related injury and illness in the line of duty. NIOSH highlights its emergency response resources for search and rescue teams, fire fighters, and other responders at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/emres/>.

13. DOD "Lessons Learned" Document on Fort Hood Shootings Now Available

Following the tragic shooting at Fort Hood, Texas, on Nov. 5, 2009, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates established the "Department of Defense Independent Review Related to Fort Hood" to examine the circumstances behind this tragedy. A news conference was recently held to announce the final report of the *Department of Defense Review of Fort Hood Shootings* (2010). Chapter 4 of the document addresses relevant emergency response challenges related to the incident and identifies issues associated with interoperability between military and civilian disciplines, calling for an accelerated timeline for compliance with the Installation Emergency Management program (which includes directing the Services to attain full interoperability under the NIMS.) The report also includes a recommendation for a policy that provides implementation guidance for Enhanced 9-1-1 services. (A video of the press conference is available at <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/291372-2>.) Go to [Protecting the Force: Lessons learned from Fort Hood](#).

14. Free Respirator Training Videos Available

NIOSH and OSHA have produced two 5-minute videos on respirator training: The Difference Between Respirators and Surgical Masks and Respirator Safety, which includes instructions on donning (putting on) and doffing (taking off) and user seal checks. These videos are available in both English and Spanish and are available for download at <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/respiratoryprotection/index.html>. In related news, NIOSH Publication No. 2010-131: How to Properly Put on and Take off a Disposable Respirator is now available [here](#).

15. EMSC Announces Changes to Pediatric Equipment List

The EMSC Program has updated an item on the Recommended Pediatric Equipment list for BLS and ALS ambulances. After a survey and lengthy discussion among experts, States and Territories will now be allowed to carry UNCUFFED AND/OR CUFFED Endotracheal (ET) Tubes for sizes 2.5 to 8.0. This change affects EMSC Performance Measure 73, which requires that all States and Territories have essential pediatric equipment and supplies as outlined in national guidelines. Grantees should have recently received an electronic copy of the updated equipment list via email. A hard copy of the document, intended for inclusion in implementation manuals, has also been distributed by mail. For more information, click [here](#).

16. CHIP Partners Now on Twitter

Twitter is a way to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent messages. People write short updates, often called "tweets" of 140 characters or fewer. "Following" someone on Twitter simply means receiving their Twitter updates. When you follow someone, every time they post a new message, it will appear on your Twitter home page. You can now follow CHIP partners on Twitter by searching for IKNgov. Click the 'follow' button next to IKNgov's information, and a confirmation message will appear. Once you are signed up, you can help spread the word about kids health—just use the hashtag #kidhlth . Below are some examples of the things you'll learn by following CHIP on Twitter:

- A family's uninsured kids may be eligible for children's health insurance now, even if they have been turned down in the past.
- A 2009 Johns Hopkins study estimates 17,000 kids in the U.S. may have died in the past 20 years because they did not have health coverage.
- #kidhlth States Get Bonuses For Boosting Enrollment In Children's Health Coverage. Read more: <http://tinyurl.com/ycu9mhn>

For more information on IKN, go to <http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/>.

17. NIOSH Science Blog: The Effectiveness of Workplace Training

To better understand if occupational health and safety training and education programs have a beneficial effect on workers and businesses, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in collaboration with the Institute for Work and Health (IWH), Ontario, Canada, conducted a review of some of the recent research in this area. NIOSH and IWH released released "[A Systematic Review of the Effectiveness of Training & Education for the Protection of Workers](#)." This report shows that investment in training results in positive changes in worker knowledge and skills, attitudes, and behavior. These results are encouraging given that a primary purpose for workplace training is to impart new skills/behaviors that are transferred into the workplace. However, this research revealed that training as a lone intervention has not been demonstrated to have an impact on reducing injuries or symptoms.

18. TFAH/IDSA Report on Gaps in Adult Immunization System

Trust for America's Health and the Infectious Diseases Society of America released a new report today called Adult Immunization: Shots to Save Lives. The report finds that millions of American adults go without routine and recommended vaccinations each year. The result is an estimated 40,000 to 50,000 preventable deaths, many thousands of preventable illnesses, and over \$10 billion in preventable health care costs each year. The report also includes state-by-state rates of vaccination of seniors against pneumonia. Read the report [here](#).

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

The inaugural international conference on road safety at work, organized by the US National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and partners including the World Health Organization, Pan American Health Organization, International Labor Organization, US Department of State, and National Safety Council was held in Washington DC 16-18 February, and attended by more than 220 delegates from 40+ countries. All the presentations that are currently available from the conference are available [here](#).

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

During 2004--2007, an average of 33.5 million injuries were reported each year. Among females, 54% of injuries occurred inside or outside of the home, compared with 42% of injuries among males. Injuries among males were more likely to occur in recreation areas (17%) and commercial areas (13%) than injuries among females. Chen LH, Warner M, Fingerhut L, Makuc D. *Injury episodes and circumstances: National Health Interview Survey, 1997--2007*. Vital Health Stat 2009;10(241) is available [here](#).

21. New NIOSH Internet Site Highlights Regulatory Agenda

NIOSH has released a new Web page (<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/regulatory.html>) designed to make it easier for stakeholders to find, read, and track NIOSH's proposed regulations and regulatory changes. The new Web page lists and links to the proposed regulations and regulatory changes that NIOSH has posted on the federal government's Unified Regulatory Agenda (as required by EO 12866 Section 4(b).)

22. Recession Expected to Impact Growth in National Health Expenditures

Growth in national health expenditures (NHE) in the United States is expected to have increased faster than the growth in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) last year, according to a report issued today by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The report was prepared by CMS's Office of the Actuary and published online by the journal *Health Affairs*. In 2009, NHE is projected to have reached \$2.5 trillion and grown 5.7 percent, up from 4.4 percent in 2008 (the latest available historical year), while GDP, with the economy still in recession, is anticipated to have declined 1.1 percent. Note that although we are in the year 2010, health spending estimates for 2009 represent projections as data for all of calendar year 2009 are not yet available. The health care spending projection data can be found on the [CMS web site](#). To view this Fact Sheet (2/4/) in its entirety, visit CMS's website at: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/media/fact_sheets.asp.

23. NTSB to Reveal Annual "Most Wanted" List

The National Transportation Safety Board will hold a public Board meeting Thursday, February 18, at 9:30 a.m., in its Board Room and Conference Center, 429 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. The Board will review its list of Most Wanted safety recommendations directed at federal agencies. The Most Wanted List was developed in 1990 to focus attention on safety improvements the Board believes will have the greatest impact on transportation safety. Some of the issues to be reviewed this year include emergency helicopter medical services, intelligent

highway technologies, motor carrier operations and operator fatigue. The Board will also discuss issues concerning rail car design and marine safety management systems. A live and archived webcast of the proceedings will be available on the Board's website at www.nts.gov. Technical support details are available under "Board Meetings."

24. FDA Announces Voluntary Recall of Cardiac Science Automated External Defibrillators

Cardiac Science Corporation and FDA notified healthcare professionals and consumers of a recall because the automated external defibrillator (AED) may not be able to deliver therapy during a cardiac resuscitation attempt, which may lead to serious adverse events or death. These AEDs were manufactured in a way that makes them potentially susceptible to failure under certain conditions. Each of the approximately 12,200 devices affected in this recall can be confirmed at the Cardiac Science Web site, www.cardiacscience.com/AED195. The affected AEDs were manufactured or serviced between October 19, 2009 and January 15, 2010 and include the following models - Powerheart 9300A, 9300E, 9300P, 9390A, 9390E, CardioVive 92532 and CardioLife 9200G and 9231. Each affected AED should immediately be removed from service since it may not deliver the expected therapy. Read the complete MedWatch 2010 Safety summary, including a link to the firm press release [here](#). This issue is separate from the Company's November 13 announcement regarding a voluntary medical device correction. Each of the approximately 12,200 devices affected in this recall can be confirmed at the Cardiac Science Web site at <http://www.cardiacscience.com/AED195>. Cardiac Science detected this issue through its internal quality systems and has received no complaints or reports of this problem in the field.

25. FDA Alerts Healthcare Community of Medication Use Errors Related to Maalox Total Relief

FDA notified consumers and healthcare professionals about reports of serious medication errors involving consumers who used Maalox Total Relief when they had intended to use a Maalox liquid antacid product. Maalox Total Relief and the traditional Maalox products are both liquid medications available without a prescription, but are not interchangeable and are intended to treat different medical conditions. Maalox Total Relief is an upset stomach reliever and anti-diarrheal medication, while traditional Maalox liquid products Maalox Advanced Regular Strength and Maalox Advanced Maximum Strength are antacids. Maalox Total Relief is not appropriate for individuals who want to use an antacid, since it contains the active ingredient bismuth subsalicylate which is chemically related to aspirin and may cause serious adverse effects such as bleeding. Maalox Total Relief should not be used in people who have or have a history of gastrointestinal ulcers or a bleeding disorder. It also should not be taken by children and teens if they are recovering from a viral infection, nor by individuals who are taking certain medications including: oral antidiabetic drugs (OADs), anticoagulation (thinning the blood) drugs such as warfarin (Coumadin) and clopidogrel (Plavix), non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), and other anti-inflammatory drugs. Read the complete MedWatch 2010 Safety summary, including links to the Drug Safety Communication and FDA news release [here](#).

26. FDA Announces Recall of BD Q-Syte Luer Access Devices

BD, Acacia Inc. (known as MPS Acacia), and FDA notified healthcare professionals of the recall of certain lots of BD devices. The BD Q-Syte Luer Access Device is a needleless valve manufactured by BD, intended for use with other infusion therapy products in the administration of fluids into the intravenous system. Use of the recalled devices may cause an air embolism or leakage of blood or therapeutic product which may result in serious injury or death. The REF/catalog and lot numbers which were sold in the US are noted in the firm's press release. The affected lots were distributed from November 2008 through November 2009. Any adverse events that may be related to use should be reported to the FDA's MedWatch Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program online [at www.fda.gov/MedWatch/report.htm], by phone 1-800-332-1088, or by returning the postage-paid FDA form 3500

[which may be downloaded from the [MedWatch "Download Forms"](#) page] by mail [to address on the pre-addressed form] or fax [1-800-FDA-0178]. Read the complete MedWatch 2010 Safety summary, including links to both firm's press releases [here](#).

27. SCPC Highlights National Heart Failure Awareness Week

The Society of Chest Pain Centers (SCPC) is pleased to recognize National Heart Failure Awareness Week as a means of increasing awareness about heart failure to those who are affected by this disease and those who are at risk for developing the disease. SCPC also sees National Heart Failure Awareness Week as an opportunity to help educate professionals who treat heart failure patients. Heightened awareness about heart failure fits in with SCPC's mission to eliminate heart disease as the number one cause of death worldwide and SCPC's desire to improve patient care processes. Heart failure accreditation by SCPC is the way to alleviate the heart failure epidemic and reduce the economic burdens of heart failure. For more information about heart failure accreditation. www.scpcp.org or contact the SCPC office at (614) 442-5950 or toll free 1-877-271-4176.

28. Canadian Government Works to Improve Paramedic Job Mobility

The Government of Canada is working with its provincial and territorial partners to ensure that paramedics are free to practice their occupation wherever opportunities may exist. The Alberta College of Paramedics will receive over \$1 million from the Government of Canada “to develop a single national standard and process for the qualification, assessment and certification of paramedics” which is expected to enhance reciprocity for practitioners. Canadian authorities have indicated that provinces will retain the authority to establish their own scopes of practice and practitioners will still be accountable to the receiving authority’s core content and review/approval process. The paramedic regulatory authorities will also work towards developing a strategy for a common approach to assessing and recognizing the credentials of foreign-trained paramedics. [More...](#)

29. Job Announcement: WV State EMS Medical Director

West Virginia is seeking qualified candidates to apply for the position of state EMS medical director. Candidates should be a Board-certified Emergency Medicine physician with prehospital/EMS experience. Interested persons can view the posting at <http://www.state.wv.us/admin/personnel/> (search for “physician director.”) Individuals can also email Dr. William Rose, Interim State EMS Medical Director with questions.

30. Job Announcement: CDC OPHPR Director

The Office of the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is seeking exceptional candidates for the position of Director for the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response (OPHPR), formerly the Coordinating Office for Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response (OPHPR). As the OPHPR Director and principal advisor, individuals will provide strategic direction, coordination, oversight, and accountability of all CDC/ATSDR preparedness and response activities related to public health emergencies, oversee the regulatory authorities of the control and access of select agents and toxins; and ensure appropriate application of legal, regulatory, legislative and policy aspects of public health and national security. must possess either an M.D. and/or Ph.D. in the health science, public health, social or behavioral science field(s). Search www.usajobs.gov for announcement number AD10-10-019. Interested candidates must follow instructions posted at www.usajobs.gov, which outlines requirements for submitting information via email to seniorpositions@cdc.gov. You must apply no later than 12:00 p.m. EST on March 1, 2010 to receive consideration.

31. Out-of-Hospital Endotracheal Intubation Experience and Patient Outcomes

Corrected Proof, 08 February 2010 Henry E. Wang, G.K. Balasubramani, Lawrence J. Cook, Judith R. Lave, Donald M. Yealy Annals of Emergency Medicine. Researchers analyzed probabilistically linked Pennsylvania statewide emergency medicine services, hospital discharge, and death data of patients receiving out-of-hospital tracheal intubation, evaluating the association between patient survival and out-of-hospital rescuer cumulative tracheal intubation experience. Conclusion: Rescuer procedural experience is associated with improved patient survival after out-of-hospital tracheal intubation of cardiac arrest and medical nonarrest patients. Rescuer procedural experience is not associated with patient survival after out-of-hospital tracheal intubation of trauma nonarrest patients. [Abstract](#) | [Full Text](#) | [Full-Text PDF \(613 KB\)](#)

32. Doctors Develop Life-Saving, Low-Cost Ventilators for Emergency, Rural and Military Use

Anesthetists have designed three prototype low-cost ventilators that could provide vital support during major health care emergencies involving large numbers of patients, such as pandemics, and where resources are limited, such as in developing countries, remote locations or by the military. The team says it is possible to make simple ventilators that could be mass-produced for crises where there is an overwhelming demand for mechanical ventilation and a limited oxygen supply. [More...](#)

33. IMGs in Non-Physician Health Care Positions

Many international medical graduates (IMGs) come to the U.S. to pursue a career in medicine but are not able to match into a residency program (a requirement to practice medicine in the U.S.). For many of these physicians, a career in a non-physician field may be a viable option. In the [January 10 issue](#) of the American Medical Association’s Health Care Careers e-Letter, AMA asked whether physicians from other countries would be good candidates for nonphysician health care careers. Responses to “Would most if not all of these individuals have to start from the very beginning of a given field’s educational requirements, or might there be some possibility of advanced standing based on their possessing an MD degree from another country?” indicate that some are entering EMS professions. To view the discussion, click [here...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

*****STATEWIDE EMS CONFERENCES*****

ITLS Ohio Emergency Care Conference, Ohio Chapter, International Trauma Life Support
Crowne Plaza Columbus North, Columbus, OH. February 25 – 28, 2010. Contact: ITLS Ohio at 888/464-2857 or info@itraumaohio.org " Website: itraumaohio.org.

PULSE CHECK 2010, the 55th Annual Educational Conference & Trade Show of the NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association, will be held Thursday evening September 30, 2010 to Sunday morning October 3, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Albany on Wolf Road. Information is posted on the Association’s web site at www.nysvara.org.

New Jersey Statewide Conference on EMS, Atlantic City November 11th - 13th 2010. For more information visit: www.njemsconference.com

New Jersey METI Games. November 11th - 12th, 2010. For more information visit www.njemsconference.com.

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

ENA Leadership Conference. February 17-21, 2010. Hyatt Regency Chicago. Chicago, IL. For more information, go to www.ena.org.

*Trust for America's Health invites you to a congressional briefing: *Ready or Not? -- Protecting the Public's Health from Disease, Disasters, and Bioterrorism*. Friday, February 26, 2010. 10:00 – 11:00 AM. Capitol Visitors Center – Congressional Meeting Room South. Please RSVP to Dara Lieberman at dlieberman@tfah.org.

The NIOSH Personal Protective Technology Program will host the 3rd Annual Stakeholders' Meeting on March 2 and 3, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh Airport.

EMS Today. JEMS Conference and Exposition. March 2-6, 2010. Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD. More information at www.EMSToday.com.

2010 AAMS Spring Conference. March 17-19, 2010 Washington Marriott at Metro Center, Washington, DC. For more information, go to www.aams.org.

EMSC Town Hall Conference Call. April 14, 2010 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm (eastern). The local number is (202) 476-6338 or call toll-free dial (877) 355-6338 and enter EMSC (3672) for the meeting ID#.

IAFC's Fire Rescue Med Conference. May 1-5, 2010. Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. For more information, go to <http://www.iafc.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=6>.

EMS ON THE HILL DAY, May 3-4, 2010, Washington, D.C. Updates and more information on the event will be posted on the NAEMT web site, www.naemt.org.

ITS America Annual Meeting and Exposition. May 3-5, 2010. Houston, TX. For more information go to <http://www.itsa.org/annualmeeting.html>.

ACEP 2010 Leadership and Advocacy Conference. May 16-19, 2010. Washington, DC. Go to www.acep.org for more information.

Joint NASEMSO Mid-Year/EMSC Grantee Meeting. May 25-27, 2010. Doubletree Hotel, Bethesda, MD. More info at www.nasemso.org.

Institute of Medicine Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Catastrophic Events. June 9-10, 2010. Washington, DC. See <http://www.iom.edu/en/Activities/PublicHealth/MedPrep.aspx> for more information.

EMSC Town Hall Conference Calls 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm (eastern) July 14, 2010. The local number is (202) 476-6338 or call toll-free dial (877) 355-6338 and enter EMSC (3672) for the meeting ID#.

Pinnacle 2010. July 26-30, 2010. Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina. San Diego, CA For more information, go to www.pinnacle-ems.com.

*6th International Roundtable on Community Paramedicine. August 9-13, 2010, Vail CO. For more information, go to <http://www.ircp.info/>.

15th Annual NAEMSE Symposium. September 7-12, 2010. Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center in Schaumburg, IL. For more information, go to <http://www.naemse.org/symposium>.

ENA Annual Meeting. San Antonio Convention Center, San Antonio, TX. General Assembly September 22-34, Scientific Assembly September 23-25, 2010. Go to www.ena.org for more information.

NAEMT Annual Meeting at EMS EXPO 2010 - Sept. 27 – Oct. 1, 2010. Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, TX. For more information, go to <http://www.firehouseevents.com/>.

ACEP Scientific Assembly 2010. September 28 - October 1, 2010. Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, NV. For more information, go to www.acep.org.

Institute of Medicine Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Catastrophic Events. October 6-7, 2010. Washington, DC. See <http://www.iom.edu/en/Activities/PublicHealth/MedPrep.aspx> for more information.

NASEMSO Annual Meeting. October 10-15, 2010, Norfolk Marriott Waterside/Waterside Convention Center Norfolk, Virginia. More info available at www.nasemso.org. Sponsorship and exhibitor information [now available](#).

2010 Air Medical Transport Conference October 11-13, 2010. Ft. Lauderdale, FL. For more information, go to www.aams.org.

ECCU 2010. Emergency Cardiac Care Update, December 8-11, 2010. San Diego, CA. Sponsored by the Citizen CPR Foundation. For more information, go to <http://eccu2010.com/>.

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