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**1. New Officers Sworn in at Successful NASEMSO Annual Meeting**

New NASEMSO officers were sworn in at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting in Boise, Idaho. Jim DeTienne (MT) was sworn in to the office of President by Immediate Past President Randy Kuykendall (CO). Paul Patrick (UT) was elected as the President-Elect and Dennis Blair (AL) to the office of Secretary. The ambitious program schedule at the annual meeting covered many topics including the National EMS Bike Ride, D-Block, Implementation of the EMS Education Agenda, Funding for EMS Projects, Understanding the Rural EMS Crisis, and more. NASEMSO sincerely appreciates the efforts and participation of all attendees and presenters with our annual meeting. Powerpoint presentations will become available to attendees as soon as the collation is completed at the national office.

**2. 2012 NASESMO Resolutions Passed at the Annual Meeting**

During the NASEMSO Annual Meeting in Boise, Idaho, September 26-27, three Resolutions were passed:

- *Science and Technology EMS Research Support* – Department of Homeland Security endorses and asks that the Department of Homeland Security, Under Secretary of Science and Technology, continues to support technology innovations and safety device research for EMS workers on the front lines of homeland security.
- *MCI MUCC Implementation* requests that the MUCC implementation plan being developed by the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS) includes provisions that its member federal agencies will provide sufficient grants, coordination, and other support to states and local jurisdictions so as to minimize the complexity of the transition and the fiscal impact on states and local jurisdictions; and that FICEMS and its member agencies support further scientific studies on various approaches to mass casualty triage and on the effectiveness of the MUCC.
- With the impending retirement of Bill Brown as Executive Director of the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT), NASEMSO also presented the *Resolution of Esteem and Respect, William E. Brown*: whose contributions to the EMS profession have been numerous including establishing requirement for graduation of paramedics from accredited programs, as well as the high level of integrity of the certification examination process which ensures a safe and competent work force. NASEMSO resolved that Bill will be always in our hearts and recollections with sincere gratitude and many fond memories.

The finalized resolutions will be posted on the NASEMSO website [here](#).

### 3. NASEMSO Awarded Three Nationally Significant Grants/Cooperative Agreements

Just as the NASEMSO Annual Meeting was concluding, the ink was drying on three nationally significant grant and cooperative agreements. The new projects are:

- *Model EMS Guidelines*. Funded by NHTSA, this two-year project will be completed by the Medical Directors Council. The purpose of this project is to develop national model EMS guidelines, intended to help state EMS systems ensure a more standardized approach to the practice of patient care, and to encompass evidence-based guidelines as they are developed. For more information on this project, contact [Mary Hedges](#).
- *Statewide Implementation of a Prehospital Care Guideline*. Funded by NHTSA, this is a three-year project with co-Principal Investigators Matt Sholl (Maine EMS Medical Director) and Peter Taillac (Utah EMS Medical Director). The objective of this grant is to support the use and further refinement of the National Evidence-Based Guideline Model Process, developed under the auspices of the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS and the National EMS Advisory Council. For more information on this project, contact [Rachael Alter](#).
- *Model Interstate Compact for EMS Personnel Licensure for State Adoption*. This project will initiate a 20-month process to develop a model interstate compact for states' legislative use to solve the problem associated with day-to-day emergency deployment of EMS personnel across state boundaries. For more information on this project, contact [Dia Gainor](#).

### 4. NASEMSO Staffer Appointed to NQF Project on REMCS Performance

NASEMSO Program Manager Kathy Robinson has been appointed to serve as an expert panelist for the National Quality Forum's (NQF) project on Regionalized Emergency Medical Care Services (REMCS) Performance Measurement: Gap Analysis and Measure Topics Prioritization on Emergency Department Crowding and Boarding, Preparedness, and Surge Capacity. Building on prior work by the NQF, this effort seeks to provide guidance for measure development to ASPR's prioritized areas of 1) ED crowding, including a specific focus on boarding and

diversion, 2) emergency preparedness, and 3) surge capacity. It will expand NQF's previous consensus development process work in the emergency care arena ([Emergency Care: Phase I](#) and [Emergency Care: II Report](#)), which endorsed consensus standards for emergency care providers and system performance. The mission of the National Quality Forum is to improve the quality of American healthcare by setting national priorities and goals for performance improvement, endorsing national consensus standards for measuring and publicly reporting on performance, and promoting the attainment of national goals through education and outreach programs.

**5. CDC Releases 2012 State-by-State Preparedness Report**

The CDC's new state-by-state preparedness report, 2012 State-By-State Report on Laboratory, Emergency Operations Coordination, and Emergency Public Information and Warning Capabilities, is now available. Click [here](#) for a copy of the report and other related CDC preparedness materials.

**6. The Memorial Ultimate Challenge: A Call to Action**

The National EMS Memorial Service and Air Medical Memorial Boards have joined forces to raise funds for the building of their respective memorials. The challenge: Each EMS agency in the country is challenged to raise \$1,000 and each air medical program is challenged to raise \$3,000 by Dec/ 31, 2012. If this challenge is successful, both memorials could be built in the coming year. For complete information on the Ultimate Challenge, download the [press release](#) and [an article](#) by Krista Haugen, Air Medical Memorial PIO and Jana Williams, National EMS Memorial Service PIO, in support of this effort. For more information on the challenge and the memorials, please visit: [www.ultimate-challenge.org](http://www.ultimate-challenge.org) and [www.airmedicalmemorial.com](http://www.airmedicalmemorial.com); [www.nemsms.org](http://www.nemsms.org).



**7. National Library of Medicine: David R. Boyd Papers Collection & Study Section**

Along with the National Library of Medicine (NLM), the recently retired Dr. David R. Boyd, MDCM, FACS is beginning a collection with the National Library of Medicine (NLM) of Trauma and Emergency Medical Care and EMS Systems. Dr. Boyd is asking for contributions to this important collection of materials. This could include published works, technical documents and governmental initiatives and any relevant working correspondence that will enhance these archival materials. The NLM will preserve, arrange, describe them, and generate an online search mechanism. This collection will provide a singular place where the writings of the many contributors that helped define and structure our nation's emergency medical services delivery system can be located and made accessible to future scholars, researchers and historians. The establishment of the David R Boyd and Contributing Associates Archival EMSS Papers Collection and Study Section will record and maintain your contributions and give recognition to your work and involvement as well. For questions, or if you have materials you would like to contribute, please contact Dr. Boyd at: [drboydmd@yahoo.com](mailto:drboydmd@yahoo.com).

**8. AHRQ Patient Centered Outcomes Research Pathway to Independence Award**

The Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) announces Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) program. The primary purpose of the AHRQ PCOR Pathway to Independence Award program is to increase and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented AHRQ-supported independent investigators trained in comparative effectiveness methods to conduct patient care outcomes research. The program is designed to facilitate a timely transition from a junior non-tenure track faculty or a postdoctoral research position (or their equivalents) to a stable independent research career. The program targets investigators early in their careers to support their development in new sophisticated methodological comparative effectiveness research skills, interdisciplinary perspectives, and capabilities in PCOR. This FOA will utilize the K99/R00 award mechanism. Approximately \$1.5 million will be available to support the K99 phase of the award

and \$3 million for the R00 phase. It is anticipated that AHRQ will make approximately 10 awards. Awards issued under this FOA are contingent upon the availability of funds and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications. The total amount awarded and the number of awards will depend upon the quality, duration and costs of the applications received. [For more information...](#)

**9. OJP to Provide Regular Web Report of Grants Awarded**

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) now provides external stakeholders and the general public with an opportunity to view regular updates on grants awarded for Fiscal Year 2012. Each Monday, the OJP Office of Communications (OCOM) will post a weekly report of grants awarded at [www.OJP.gov](http://www.OJP.gov). The goal is to provide current information on the grants OJP has awarded; to highlight the work of OJP program offices and the impact on communities; and to improve transparency on OJP’s grant award process. Starting this week on the OJP splash page, a ticker is posted highlighting “New Grants at OJP.”

**10. Notice of Inquiry on FirstNet Conceptual Network Architecture**

The National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) has issued a Notice of Inquiry on behalf of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) to seek public comment on the conceptual network architecture presentation made at the FirstNet Board of Directors’ meeting held on September 25, 2012, as well as to invite input on other network design and business plan considerations. NTIA also seeks comment on the general concept of how to develop applications for public safety users as discussed at the FirstNet Board meeting. FirstNet intends to use the input received from this process to shape its efforts to establish the interoperable public safety broadband network based on a single, nationwide network architecture called for under the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act). Comments must be received no later than November 1, 2012. [For more information...](#)

**11. Call for Nominations for the NG9-1-1 Institute Board of Directors**

The NG9-1-1 Institute is seeking nominations for five seats to the NG9-1-1 Institute Board of Directors in the upcoming Fall 2012 election. Members of the NG9-1-1 Institute who represent one of the five open positions and are dedicated to the advancement of emergency services and are able to strengthen, assist and expand the NG9-1-1 Institute are encouraged to submit a nomination form. The NG9-1-1 Institute Board of Directors Election Committee will review all nominations. The NG9-1-1 Institute Board of Directors is comprised of fifteen members. Four of these seats are permanent seats. They are held by an APCO, NENA, & NASNA appointed representative and the Executive Director of the NG9-1-1 Institute. The other eleven members are representatives from various constituencies each serving 2-year terms. Nominations are due October 9th at midnight.

The following positions are up for election.

- Two (2) Positions from the Membership At Large;
- One (1) IP-Enabled Service Provider Position;
- One (1) Large Telecommunications Company Position; and
- One (1) Wireless Provider Position.

All nomination materials and the full description of the NG9-1-1 Institute Board of Directors, the positions and their descriptions can be found at the NG9-1-1 Institute [website](#). [For more information...](#)

**12. Know Your NEMSIS Webinars Available for Online Viewing**

*Know Your NEMSIS I & II* Webinars are now available for online viewing. These trainings were a collaboration of the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) Technical Assistance Center (TAC) and the Utah Department of Health, Bureaus of EMS and Health Promotion, made possible by the Epidemiology and Evaluation Committee (ECC) of the

Cardiovascular Health Council, National Association of Chronic Disease Directors. The presentations demonstrate how to use EMS data in public health surveillance, and show how to access the NEMSIS Analytical Cube and use criteria to identify a chronic disease. The NEMSIS TAC used “diabetic/hypoglycemia” as the Provider’s Primary Impression for the demonstration. The goals of the two presentations are to encourage data linkage and collaboration between health care agencies. Click [here](#) for the March 22<sup>nd</sup> *Know Your NEMSIS I* presentation. Click [here](#) for the August 30<sup>th</sup> *Know Your NEMSIS II* presentation. The slides only are located [here](#).

**13. House Approves \$2.2B FEMA Reauthorization**

The House approved Sept. 19 a \$2.2 billion, 2-year reauthorization of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The bill ([H.R. 2903](#)) would authorize in total for fiscal years 2013 and 2014 about \$2.1 billion for salaries and expenses—including \$37 million to modernize the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System--\$71 million for the Urban Search and Rescue Response System, \$32 million for dam safety activities and \$4 million for emergency management assistance compact grants. [For more information...](#)

**14. Working Group on Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness**

In November 2010, Office of the National Coordinator on Health IT convened a group of southeastern states in an effort to improve the country’s ability to respond to disasters through the use of Health Information Exchange (HIE). The [final report](#) from the project includes an actionable plan for incorporating HIE into disaster preparedness efforts. A [Buzz Blog](#) post by Lee Stevens, ONC’s State HIE Policy Office Director, discusses the report and its recommendations. And here’s a recent [study](#) suggesting overprescribing in the US.

**15. Nation’s First FEMA Corps Members Sworn In to Begin Disaster Response Service**

A historic new collaboration between two federal agencies to strengthen the nation’s disaster response capabilities was launched as the nation’s first 240 FEMA Corps members were sworn into service at an induction ceremony in Vicksburg, Mississippi. FEMA Corps is an innovative partnership between the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to enhance disaster response and recovery capacity while expanding career opportunities for young people. [For more information...](#)

**16. House Passes Veterans EMT Legislation**

The House has passed (by voice vote) H.R. 4124, the Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act of 2012, which would help veterans trained as EMTs in the military to transfer into similar civilian jobs. Click [here](#) for more information on H.R. 4124, to include bill text and summary

**17. Recommendations for the Safe Transportation of Children in Emergency Ground Ambulances Released**

"Working Group Recommendations for the Safe Transportation of Children in Emergency Ground Ambulances" has been posted on the NHTSA website. The intent of the recommendations presented in this report is to improve the safe transport of children in emergency ground ambulances. Although recent crash data in the United States do not indicate that children are being killed or injured in ambulance crashes as patients or passengers, a review of local and national media coverage of ambulance crashes suggests that children of all ages may not be properly restrained while riding in ambulances and can potentially be injured if involved in a crash. Meanwhile, accepted national protocols for EMS and child passenger safety professionals in the United States for how best to safely transport children in ground ambulances from the scenes of traffic crashes or medical emergencies to hospitals or other facilities are very limited. The goal of this project is to provide consistent national recommendations that will be embraced by local, State, and national emergency medical services organizations, enabling them to reduce the frequency of emergency transports of ill, injured or uninjured children in an unsafe or inappropriate manner. It is

hoped that the recommendations provided in this report will address the lack of consistent standards or protocols among EMS and child passenger safety professionals in the United States regarding how to most safely transport children in ground ambulances from the scene of a traffic crash or medical emergency to a hospital or other facility. Click [here](#) to view the report.

**18. PediatricReadiness.org Goes Live**

The website for the National Pediatric Readiness Project is now live! Go to <http://www.PediatricReadiness.org> to access the latest information and resources about this national quality improvement initiative. The site is divided into seven sections: About, Assessment, Readiness Toolkit, State Results, Current News, Partners, and State Partnership Portal. Click on the special portal for State Partnership managers to access fact sheets, brochures, PowerPoints, and other materials designed to help grantees with promotional and educational efforts at the state level. Click on the Assessment section for information on how the assessment is being administered, who should participate in the assessment, and what feedback will be available to those that participate in the assessment. The Readiness Toolkit, which will be released later this Fall, will provide users direct access to the tools and resources that will help them address any unmet needs identified through their assessment. Each state will also have its own page under the State Results section. Here users will find each state's or U.S. territory's overall assessment response rate; median pediatric readiness score; and a list of the National Pediatric Readiness State Team members. States and U.S. territories can also chose to list any meetings, conferences, and publications related to project implementation or any quality improvement measures they will be implementing within the state or territory.

**19. Safe Kids Releases Walking Safely Report**

Safe Kids released [Walking Safely, A Report to the Nation](#), which examines 15-year trends in child pedestrian injuries and deaths in the U.S. Interestingly, the most at-risk age group has shifted since 1995 when 5-9 year olds sustained the most injuries, to today when teens are at greatest risk. The death rate among older teens is now twice that of younger children.

**20. ATS Solicits Input on National Trauma Awareness Month Campaign Materials**

Each year, the American Trauma Society (ATS), in collaboration with the Society of Trauma Nurses and the EMS for Children National Resource Center, convene a committee to identify the theme and materials for National Trauma Awareness Month (NTAM). Committee members research current trends in traumatic injury prior to selecting one cause of major injuries to focus on during NTAM. The May 2012 observation focused on the growing problem of distracted driving. The campaign materials included, but were not limited to: fact sheets, pamphlets, videos, and games directed at educating the public on distracted drivers and persons or things that will distract the driver. In preparation for the 2013 celebration, ATS has put together a [survey](#) aimed to help improve future campaign materials. Please take the time today to submit your input.

**21. As Real ID Act Deadline Nears, DHS Needs to Lead, Says GAO**

States have until mid-January to comply with new standards for driver's license security, but the Homeland Security Department needs to give them more support, the Government Accountability Office says. DHS will determine whether states are compliant, but its guidance has been ad hoc or just in response to specific requests from states, GAO says in a Sept. 21 [report](#). The Real ID Act of 2005 set minimum standards for driver's license security. Though states don't have to comply, federal agencies will eventually only accept licenses that meet the standards, so they'll be needed to board commercial airplanes and enter federal buildings. [For more information...](#)

**22. Responsive Design and the New Medicare.gov**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) launched a major redesign of the Medicare.gov website making content more accessible and easier for beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to understand. [For more information...](#)

**23. ASPR Twitter Challenge Sparks Innovation in Tracking Local Health Trends**

Local public health officials can use a free new Web-based application, [MappyHealth](#), to track health concerns in real time in their communities using Twitter, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) announced today. MappyHealth is the winning submission of 33 applicants in a developers' challenge, "Now Trending: #Health in My Community," sponsored by ASPR. Health officials can use data they gain through the app to complement other health surveillance systems in identifying emerging health issues and as an early warning of possible public health emergencies in a community. [For more information...](#)

**24. Primary Care + Public Health in the Community**

A [new video](#) from the IOM describes the clear need for better integration of primary care and public health. Based on the recent IOM report [Primary Care and Public Health: Exploring Integration to Improve Population Health](#), the video offers concrete examples to show how primary care and public health can work together to improve health. It is [available to watch online or can be downloaded as slides](#).

**25. GAO Releases Report: Ambulance Providers: Costs and Medicare Margins Varied Widely**

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has released a report, *Ambulance Providers: Costs and Medicare Margins Varied Widely; Transports of Beneficiaries Have Increased*. To view the report, click [here](#).

**26. Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Health-Care Personnel — 2011–12 Influenza Season**

Influenza vaccination of health-care personnel (HCP) is recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Vaccination of HCP can reduce morbidity and mortality from influenza and its potentially serious consequences among HCP, their family members, and their patients. To provide timely estimates of influenza vaccination coverage and related data among HCP for the 2011–12 influenza season, CDC conducted an Internet panel survey with 2,348 HCP during April 2–20, 2012. This report summarizes the results of that survey, which found that, overall, 66.9% of HCP reported having had an influenza vaccination for the 2011–12 season. [For more information...](#)

**27. FEMA Isn't Learning as Much as it Should From National Exercises**

The corrective actions that agencies were tasked with taking after national disaster-response exercises in 2007 and 2009 are less than half complete, a Homeland Security office of inspector general report says. The biennial exercises are meant to assess the nation's capacity to prepare for and respond to a major disaster. The Federal Emergency Management agency runs the exercises, but they involve all levels of government. More than 10,000 people at about 135 sites participated in the 2011 exercise. FEMA's protocol for the exercises focuses on developing corrective actions--steps that need to be taken to close gaps in preparedness. But only 40 percent of the corrective actions from the 2007 and 2009 exercises are complete, says the report, dated Sept. 11. [For more information...](#)

**28. Ambulance Payment Legislation in Massachusetts**

“An Act Relative to Payment for Use for Ambulance Services” now sits in the Massachusetts House Committee on Third Readings. The bill’s sponsor State Rep. James Cantwell says if the house doesn’t accept the governor’s amendment the bill will die. The bill requires insurance companies to directly reimburse ambulance companies for services instead of paying the customer and expecting them to pass along the money. The governor’s amendment calls for insurance companies to set the rates for non-contract ambulance services. It would create a rate equal to the basic ambulance charge, or three times the current rate of Medicaid and Medicare. Some ambulance providers disagree with this amendment to the bill and would like to set their own rates. To see the news report, click [here](#). To read the bill, click [here](#).

**29. White House Office of Management and Budget Releases Report on Effects of Sequestration**

The White House Office of Management and Budget has released their report on the effects of sequestration. It reflects the 8.2 percent decrease in non-defense discretionary programs and 7.6 percent for non-defense mandatory programs like the Prevention and Public Health Fund (a \$76 million cut). Under sequestration, the Centers for Disease Control would be cut by over \$560 million (including the Fund cut), and the National Institutes of Health by over \$2.5 billion. Click [here](#) to read the report.

**30. How Indiana’s Task Forces Aid Emergency Response**

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) was formed in 2005, when five state agencies were combined, including homeland security, emergency management, the state fire marshal and state building commissioner. To capitalize on lessons learned, Indiana created District Response Task Forces, units that are staffed by local emergency response personnel who can help with the response to an in-state or out-of-state emergency. Joe Wainscott, IDHS Executive Director, shared information on the impetus behind the task forces and how they have aided emergency response. [For more information...](#)

**31. IOM Releases New Video: Primary Care + Public Health in the Community**

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) released a new video based on the IOM report, *Primary Care and Public Health: Exploring Integration to Improve Population Health*. The video describes “the clear need for better integration of primary care and public health.... The video offers concrete examples to show how primary care and public health can work together to improve health.” Click [here](#) to view the video.

**32. Correlation of ACS-Verified Trauma Centers with CDC Statewide Pediatric Mortality Rates**

*The Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Injury* published a study that investigated the relationship between pediatric trauma centers, verified by the American College of Surgeons (ACS), and pediatric injury mortality rates. Investigators used 2008 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control to determine the number of ACS-verified adult trauma centers (vATC), ACS-verified pediatric trauma centers (vPTC), and mortality rates. [For more information...](#)

**33. Study Finds Correlation Between Patient Safety Culture and Positive Assessment of Care**

A new AHRQ-funded study found that hospitals whose staff members have more positive perceptions of patient safety culture tend to receive more positive assessments of care from patients. The study was based on data from 73 hospitals that participated in two surveys of hospital patient safety and quality: AHRQ’s Hospital Survey on Patient Safety Culture, which measures hospital patient safety culture; and the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems® Hospital Survey, which measures adult inpatients’ experiences with hospital care and services. Two patient safety culture areas -- organizational learning/continuous improvement, and

teamwork within units -- showed the strongest relationship to patients' experiences with care. Four patient experience measures -- communication with nurses, communication about medicines, responsiveness of hospital staff, and hospital environment -- showed the strongest relationships to patient safety culture. The study suggests that efforts aimed at improving organizational patient safety culture among staff members may have a positive impact on patients' experience of care. The article, "Exploring Relationships Between Patient Safety Culture and Patients' Assessments of Hospital Care," was published in the September issue of the *Journal of Patient Safety*. Click [here](#) to access the abstract.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **\*\*\*STATEWIDE EMS CONFERENCES\*\*\***

New York State EMS Conference-Vital Signs. October 18-21, 2012. Syracuse, NY. [For more information...](#)

18<sup>th</sup> Annual Pocono EMS Conference. October 18-21, 2012. Inn at Pocono Manor, Pocono Manor, PA. [For more information...](#)

New Jersey Statewide Conference on EMS. November 1 -4, 2012. Sheraton, Atlantic City, NJ. [For more information...](#)

33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Virginia EMS Symposium. November 7-11, 2012. Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, Virginia. Register online to save time and money, check out our course catalog, which offers more than 250 courses, learn how to become a sponsor, review our call for presentations and additional event info! [For more information...](#)

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas EMS Conference. November 9-14, 2012. Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas. [For more information...](#)

#### **\*\*\*National Conferences and Special Meetings\*\*\***

\*ASPR Preparedness Day. October 7, 2012. Denver, CO. You are encouraged to register by sending your name via e-mail to Deb Fly in the ACEP EMS and Disaster Preparedness Department at [dfly@acep.org](mailto:dfly@acep.org). [For more information...](#)

ACEP Scientific Assembly. October 8-11, 2012. Denver, CO. [For more information...](#)

\*NOSORH Annual Meeting. October 16-18, 2012. Madison, Wisconsin. [For more information...](#)

The AAP National Conference & Exhibition (AAP Experience). October 20-23, 2012. Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans. No matter your role in medicine, you belong at the world's largest pediatric conference. [For more information...](#)

Air Medical Transport Conference. October 22-24, 2012. Seattle, WA. [For more information...](#)

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Trauma Center Association of America Trauma Conference and Annual Meeting. October 23-26, 2012. The Mills House, Charleston, SC. [For more information...](#)

2012 International Association of Emergency Medical Services Chiefs (IAEMSC) Annual EMS Leadership Summit. October 26-29, 2012. Capital Hilton, Washington, DC. [For more information...](#)

APHA 140th Annual Meeting and Exposition. October 27-31, 2012. Moscone Convention Center West, San Francisco, CA. [For more information...](#)

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) Scientific Meeting and Training. October 28–30, 2012. Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown, Philadelphia, PA. [For more information...](#)

EMSWorld Expo. October 29-November 2, 2012. Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA. [For more information...](#)

1<sup>st</sup> Annual World Trauma Symposium. November 1, 2012. Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA. [For more information...](#)

21<sup>st</sup> Annual NNAEMSA Education Conference. November 5-9, 2012. Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, NV. [For more information...](#)

30<sup>th</sup> Annual International Trauma Conference. November 8-11, 2012. Hilton at the Walt Disney World Resort, FL. [For more information...](#)

National Rural Health Day. November 15, 2012. Click [here](#) to help with your planning!

See more EMS Events on NASEMSO's web site at <http://www.nasemso.org/Resources/Calendar/index.asp>

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