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Baylor College of Medicine Renews Contract with NASEMSO

Baylor College of Medicine has renewed the contract with NASEMSO to provide support to the EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center (EIIC). In its fourth year, this contract supports activities of the EIIC as they relate to both the Prehospital and State Partnership Domains to include technical assistance to state EMSC State Partnership Grant Programs.

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Register for FARB's 44th Annual Forum

Register now for [FARB's 44th Annual Forum](#) on January 23-26, 2020, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The 2020 Forum will bring together leading experts and attorneys from across the country to discuss the latest trends in the licensing of professionals. [Click Here](#) to

download the 2020 Forum brochure. Please share with interested colleagues!

New Hampshire Passes Line of Duty Death Benefit for EMTs

The State of New Hampshire expanded their state paid line of duty death benefit for EMS providers performing emergency responses and search and rescue team members while working with the state Fish and Game department on back woods incidents. Previously this was only available to firefighters and law enforcement officers.

Rules for the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice Released

These rules are promulgated by the Interstate Commission for Emergency Medical Services Personnel Practice pursuant to the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA). These rules shall become effective upon adoption by the Commission. Nothing in the compact or these rules authorizes an individual to practice in a non-member state.

These rules became effective September 1, 2019. For more information visit www.emscompact.gov.

Provide Public Comment on Nomenclature of the EMS Profession Draft White Paper Before October 25th

Earlier this year, representatives from EMS stakeholder and membership organizations across public safety and healthcare gathered to discuss how the EMS profession describes itself and its activities.

Based on these discussions, which were convened by the NHTSA's Office of EMS and the HRSA's EMS for Children program, a draft white paper was developed. The white paper summarizes the issue of using different words to refer to the practice of EMS and the people who provide EMS services.

The [white paper draft](#) is now available for public review and comment. Following the public comment period, the group of stakeholder association representatives will review and discuss the feedback received from the community before finalizing and releasing the white paper.

The white paper outlines the conversations of the stakeholder group representatives, capturing the diverse range of opinions held across the profession. Over the course of the

meetings, this working group tackled topics such as whether the general public understands what EMS is and whether or not "emergency medical services" continues to best describe the profession.

Anyone wishing to provide comments on the summary document can send feedback via email to EMS.Nomenclature@redflashgroup.com. Comments referring to specific portions of the draft should use the page and line numbers for reference. Visit the [project website on EMS.gov](#) for the more information.

Webinar: How to Be a Better Collaborator: Working with Other Teams to Achieve Your Goals

This webinar co-hosted by NACCHO and Apolitical is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9 from 11:00-12:00 pm ET and will focus on:

- How being an effective collaborator can help you achieve your goals;
- Lessons from case studies about how to make collaboration work in practice; and,
- How to build buy-in across teams with different priorities.

The discussion will feature two public sector leaders who have coordinated across sectors to achieve improved policy outcomes:

- Dr. Laura Kollar, a Behavioral Scientist at the CDC, who helped implement a pilot in Atlanta of the 'Cardiff Model' – an approach to violence prevention ground in cross-agency collaboration that originated in the UK.
- Gary Cox, recently appointed Commissioner of Oklahoma's Department of Health, who as the Executive Director of the Oklahoma City-County Health Department collaborated cross-sectorally with education, criminal justice, policing, housing, and the private sector to improve community health outcomes.

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The NEMSIS 2018 Public-Release Research Dataset is Complete

The NEMSIS 2018 Public-Release Research Dataset is complete. It includes 22,532,890 EMS activations submitted by 9,599 EMS agencies serving 43 states and territories during the 2018 calendar year. Details and instructions on requesting a USB with this data can be found [here](#). View the News Release [here](#).

Monthly NEMSIS Public Trainings

Monthly NEMSIS Public Trainings are open to all data managers and EMS stakeholders that would like an introduction to NEMSIS concepts or additional clarification on specific topics. The September training, [Overview of Changes to v3.5.0](#), was attended by 40 people – with lots of great questions! The next offerings are:

- November 5: **Using Tableau Dashboards** – Kevin White will explain the basics of using Tableau including the User Tool Bar. 10:00 AM MDT
- December 3: **Flu Surveillance Tools** – Presented by Laurel Baeder. 10:00 AM MDT

Find the flyer and additional information [here](#). For more information, contact Julianne Ehlers at julianne.ehlers@hsc.utah.edu or nemsis@hsc.utah.edu.

Date Extended for Version 3.3.4 Data Submittal

NHTSA's Office of EMS and the NEMSIS TAC have worked together to extend the date for Version 3.3.4 data to be submitted. This version will remain open until March 2021. The closure date for NEMSIS Version 3.4.0 is still on track for January 2023. The official notice from Dr. Jon Krohmer can be viewed [here](#). See the NEMSIS Versioning Schedule [here](#).

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New Report Assesses World's Ability to Protect itself from Health Emergencies

A new report issued by leaders in international health says the world may face great risk from pathogens, including a rapidly moving, highly lethal pandemic projected to kill 50 to 80 million people and wiping out nearly 5 percent of the world's economy.

High-impact respiratory pathogens, such as an especially deadly strain of influenza, pose particular global risks. Spread through respiratory droplets, these pathogens can infect a large number of people very quickly and with transportation infrastructure, move rapidly across multiple geographies.

Click [here](#) to read the report.

Preparedness and Response for Public Health Emergencies: Exploring the Role of Laws -

Webinar Series

The National Governors Association is excited to announce the launch of a four-part webinar series on legal preparedness for public health emergencies hosted in collaboration with the CDC. The series aims to provide a more in depth look into the common legal challenges posed by public health emergencies.

- [Emergency Management Assistance Compact: Legal Considerations in 90 Minutes](#)
 - Thursday, October 17; 2:00-3:30PM ET
- [Ebola and Beyond: Legal Preparedness for Outbreaks](#)
 - Thursday, November 21; 2:00-3:30PM ET
- [Information Sharing 101: Protecting Public Health Data](#)
 - Thursday, December 12; 2:00-3:30PM ET

This effort is being led by NGA's Homeland Security & Public Safety Division. For more information, please contact Carl Amrit, Senior Policy Analyst, Homeland Security & Public Safety, camrih@nga.org, 202.624.5318

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NACo Launches Connected and Automated Vehicles Toolkit

The National Association of Counties has launched the *Connected and Automated Vehicles Toolkit: A Primer for Counties* to provide county leaders with an overview of and framework for engagement with the rapidly-growing connected and automated vehicles sector. Each section of the toolkit – technology, policy, deployment and next steps – provides a high-level overview of the state of play at the federal, state and local levels and links to further information and resources on each topic. Visit the toolkit at www.naco.org/cavtoolkit.

Adventures in Crowdsourcing: Incident Management Tools (EDC5 Webinar Series)

Crowdsourcing turns transportation system users into real-time sensors on system performance, providing low-cost, high-quality data on traffic operations, roadway conditions, travel patterns, and more. This webinar will feature presentations on a variety of applications for traffic incident management (TIM) that make use of crowdsourced data. Applications include those both developed in-house and provided by third parties.

Target Audience: State and local departments of transportation, TMC operators, and TIM

partners (e.g., law enforcement, fire, EMS, and towing)

Learning Objectives:

- Learn about commercially available tools for supporting TIM functions
- Learn how agencies combine crowdsourced data and other data sources to support TIM

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Newly Published Systematic Review Examines Effectiveness of Different Pain Management Options in the Prehospital Setting

EMS clinicians frequently care for people suffering from acute pain. Adequate pain relief is integral to providing people-centered care and has been known to reduce anxiety and cardiac complications in some patients. With multiple analgesic options available, EMS systems face choices when deciding how best to treat acute pain in the prehospital environment.

To help EMS systems develop evidence-based practices, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Office of EMS collaborated with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to support [a review of the evidence and effectiveness of a number of analgesic options](#). The reviewers, a team from the University of Connecticut Evidence-based Practice Center, analyzed more than 60 published studies and looked at treatments including opioids, ketamine, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and acetaminophen.

Based on their analysis, the authors concluded that intravenous ketamine, NSAIDs or acetaminophen provide similar relief to opioids, but each medication type has different side effects. They acknowledged, however, that most studies were conducted in emergency department settings and looked at IV administration of medications. They encouraged further research examining the effectiveness and safety of other routes and specifically in the prehospital setting.

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Webinar: Emergency Childcare Services Post-Disaster

After a community has been devastated by a catastrophic disaster, adults are fully involved in recovery and rebuilding efforts. Who is watching the kids?

Long- or even short-term childcare can be an overlooked issue after a severe disaster. Children's Disaster Services (CDS) has worked since 1980 to provide volunteer disaster child care in communities, shelters and disaster assistance centers. CDS is one of the services provided by the Church of the Brethren Disaster Ministries.

The CDS has been meeting the needs of children by setting up child care centers in shelters and disaster assistance centers across the nation for over 40 years. Specially trained to respond to traumatized children, these volunteers provide a calm, safe and reassuring presence in the midst of the aftermath of tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, wildfires and any natural or human caused disaster.

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Children and Disaster Caucus partnered with the CDS to host "Emergency Childcare Services Post-Disaster," a webinar to educate local and state managers on the services they provide and how to better prepare for the needs of children post-disaster.

The webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2019, from 2-3 p.m. Eastern. [Registration](#) is required.

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ASPR Solicits Proposals for Health Security Products, Technologies and Innovations

[Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response \(ASPR\)](#) is soliciting proposals for revolutionary advancements in health security products, technologies and innovations, specifically to invigorate operations, response, recovery and medical countermeasure development, deployment and distribution activities. ASPR is seeking innovative proposals to investigate approaches that enable revolutionary advances in science, technologies, or systems. Specifically excluded are basic science, research, development, prototype and process development, data science, clinical studies, and other activities that primarily result in evolutionary improvements to the existing state of the art. The first such quarterly deadline for review of submitted white paper/slide summary is September 30, 2019. Others are: December 31, 2019, March 31, 2020 and June 30, 2020. This is a rolling BAA announcement and final deadline for White Paper submissions for this BAA is June 30, 2020. All inquiries and submissions regarding this BAA must be sent

to: ASPRNext@hhs.gov

HHS Awards \$6 million to Create Pediatric Disaster Care Centers of Excellence

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response (ASPR) today awarded \$6 million to support the creation of two Pediatric Disaster Care Centers of Excellence (COE) as a pilot project to improve disaster response capabilities in the United States.

ASPR will provide funding to the Regents of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), for a COE led by the UCSF Health System and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital and to the University Hospitals of Cleveland for a COE led by University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. Click [here](#) for additional information on these awards.

HRSA Awards Five EMSC Targeted Issues Grants for 2019-2022

The HRSA EMSC [Targeted Issues](#) grant program has awarded five new grants for the 2019-2022 grant cycle. The focus of these grants is building the evidence chain between pediatric readiness and improved pediatric clinical care and outcomes. Two grants will assess the impact of ED pediatric readiness and three grants will assess the impact of the presence of a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordination in prehospital EMS agencies. Click [here](#) for a summary of the grants and their objectives.

Drug-Impaired Driving Campaign Over-the-Counter (OTC) and Prescription Drug Medications Launch

NHTSA is launching the next phase of its drug-impaired driving campaign. There's More Than One Way to be Under the Influence. The new drug-impaired driving campaign focuses on the use of over-the-counter (OTC) and prescription (Rx) drug medications and driving. Impaired driving is generally associated with alcohol or illegal drug use. However, many legally obtained - and commonly used - OTC medications and Rx drugs can also impair and affect a user's ability to drive safely. In addition to the digital video, the campaign will feature the ad in English and Spanish formats; animated banner ads, earned media templates; social media posts; live radio reads by national iHeart radio personalities, Delilah, Mario Lopez, Bobby Bones, and The Breakfast Club. The campaign will also have state/local radio personalities in the top ten states with the highest opioid fatalities, providing social media posts of this drug-impaired driving safety message. The campaign will run nationally initially for 8 weeks. They invite sharing with your audience this important safety message about driving while taking OTCs and Rx drug medications and encourage

you to retweet and/or post on your social media channels.

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National Safety Council Accepting Scholarship Nominations for Those Pursuing Careers in Safety

The [National Safety Council](#) is now accepting applications for its 2020 Women in Safety and Student Member Congress & Expo scholarships. Both [scholarships](#) are aimed at advancing the safety profession and encouraging new safety professionals.

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[ABSTRACTS](#)

Evidence-Based Guidelines for EMS Administration of Naloxone

The authors recommend the intravenous route of administration to facilitate titration of dose, and disfavor the intramuscular route due to difficulty with titration, slower time to clinical effect, and potential exposure to needles. They equally recommend the intranasal and intravenous routes of administration, while noting there are variables which will determine which route is best for each patient. Where they are unable to make recommendations due to evidence limitations (dosing, titration, timing, and transport) the article offers technical remarks. Limitations of work include the introduction of novel synthetic opioids after many of the reviewed papers were produced, which may affect the dose of naloxone required for effect, high risk of bias and imprecision in the reviewed papers, and the introduction of new naloxone administration devices since many of the reviewed papers were published. Future research should be conducted to evaluate new devices and address the introduction of synthetic opioids.

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October 14-18, 2019 in New Orleans, LA

[American College of Emergency Physicians Annual Meeting](#)

October 27-30, 2019 in Denver, CO

[American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress](#)

October 27-31, 2019 in San Francisco, CA

[NASEMSO South Region Meeting](#)

October 29-30, 2019 in Georgetown, TX

[NASEMSO East Region Meeting](#)

October 30, 2019 in Burlington, VT

[American Public Health Association's Annual Meeting and Expo](#)

November 2-6, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA

[Air Medical Transport Conference](#)

November 4-6, 2019 in Atlanta, GA

[American Ambulance Association Annual Meeting](#)

November 4-6, 2019 in Nashville, TN

[Virginia EMS Symposium \(40th Anniversary\)](#)

November 6-10, 2019 in Norfolk, VA

[International Association of Emergency Managers Annual Conference](#)

November 15-20, 2019 in Savannah, GA

[Federal Interagency Committee on EMS](#)

December 12, 2019 in Washington, DC

[National Association of EMS Physicians Annual Conference](#)

January 6-11, 2020 in San Diego, CA

[EMS Today](#)

March 4-6 2020 in Tampa, FL

[Preparedness Summit](#)

March 31-April 2, 2020 in Dallas, TX

National Association of State EMS Officials Fall Meeting

June 15-18, 2020 in Reno, Nevada

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