

## 2007 / 2008 AMPA / NASEMSO Liaison Report

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### AMPA ([www.ampa.org](http://www.ampa.org))

The lead organization for physicians involved in critical care transport, air and ground, internationally.

- Published a Medical Director's textbook: *Principles and Direction of Air Medical Transport*
  - Order on line at [www.ampa.org](http://www.ampa.org). Also available on CD.
- Membership is strong, about 25% International
- Physician support and attendance at conferences is strong
- Committed to providing quality education, research, and safety initiatives
- Upcoming skill guidelines – evidence based
- AMPA annual meeting, preconference at AMTC, Sept 16-19 Tampa

### NASEMSO ([www.nasemso.org](http://www.nasemso.org))

The association representing US state EMS officials, including physician medical directors. Now has Councils on Data Management, Medical Direction (NCSEMSMD), Training Coordinators and Trauma Managers.

- Established a database of statewide EMS protocols
- Maintains an excellent web site with vast EMS resources, including a calendar of events, Washington Update, and related information.
- Concerned regarding increasing number of flight programs and use thereof
- Raising a number of safety, regulatory and clinical issues about HEMS operations
  - Adopted a resolution calling for guidelines related to disclosure of weather and other conditions related to declining missions with the intent to improve safety related to “helicopter shopping”
  - Helipad use, EMTALA, and appropriate destination choice
  - Crew mix during interfacility transport
  - Scope of practice for air medical providers – does it differ from ground practice and how
- Medical Director liability and insurance issues
- Becoming increasingly interested in interfacility, commercial fixed-wing and other non-911 EMS air medical operations
- NASEMSO annual meeting Oct 28-Nov 2 Minneapolis