

EMSC Program

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Annual EMSC Grantee Meeting



And How Are the Children?

June 25-27, 2008 | Hyatt Regency Bethesda | Bethesda, MD



Tuesday, June 24

Welcome Colleagues!

Welcome to the 2008 Annual EMSC Grantee Meeting: *And How Are The Children?* The title of this year's meeting comes from the Maasai tribe in Africa. According to the Reverend Patrick O'Neill of Framingham, MA, the Maasai tribe were considered one of the most accomplished, intelligent, and fearsome warriors. Yet, the traditional greeting of the tribe when they met one another was "Kasserian Ingera," which means "and how are the children?" It is still the traditional greeting of the tribe, which reminds each of its members of the high value they place in their young. Even those without children of their own answer this greeting with "all the children are well" to indicate that peace and safety prevail and that even the daily struggles of life do not preclude taking care of their most important members – the children.

Thus we bring together the grantees, family members, and stakeholders of the EMSC Program to ask each other: "And how are the children?" The meeting features an exciting program of speakers and networking opportunities.

In addition, the EMSC National Resource Center partnered with the National Association of State EMS Officials' to ensure that its mid-year meeting and the EMSC Grantee Meeting are held back-to-back at the same hotel, enabling EMSC attendees to participate in both meetings without making two trips to the Washington, DC, area.

Please review the program agenda and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

See you in June!

– Dan Kavanaugh, MSW, LCSW-C, and Tina Turgel, RN, both of the Federal EMSC Program

11:30 am – 4:00 pm

NASEMSO EMSC Council Meeting

The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) is forming a new EMSC Council to foster EMSC grantees interaction with EMS officials in their State. All State Partnership EMSC managers interested in joining the new EMSC Council are encouraged to participate in this special session offered during the NASEMSO mid-year meeting. For more information on NASEMSO, visit: <http://www.nasemso.org>.

Wednesday, June 25

7:00 am – 8:00 am

Registration

8:00 am – 11:30 am

I Know I am Supposed to Know What I am Doing

Presenters: Dan Kavanaugh, MSW, LCSW-C; Tina Turgel, RN; and Mike Ely, MPH

Moderator: Tasmeen Singh, MPH, NREMT-P

Target Audience: State Partnership grantees

Regardless of how seasoned or new a principal investigator and program manager are to EMSC, everyone wonders how to move forward with the EMSC performance measures. Presentations will include:

- How Did Performance Measures Come to Be?
- Background and Story for Each Performance Measure to Understand Its Relevance
- Fruits of Labor: Results from Data Collected Thus Far from All States

In addition, facilitated round-table discussions will be available for grantees to share experiences.

11:30 am – 12:45 pm

NIH Tour (*Pre-registration required*)

The Clinical Center at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD, is the nation's largest hospital devoted entirely to clinical research. Plans for organizing a tour of the NIH clinical center are currently underway. If you are interested in this tour, please sign up for it when you register for the meeting. Note that there is limited space.



NIH campus in Bethesda, MD

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

You Are Here! Now What?

Presenters: Melanie Jarreau, MBA; Dia Gainor, MPA; Theresa Morrison-Quinata; Katrina Altenhofen, MPH, EMT-P; Cynthiana Lightfoot, NREMT-P; EMSC NRC Staff; and Lou Romig, MD

Moderator: Melody Mesmer, EMT-P

Target Audience: State Partnership grantees and family representatives

Attention all EMSC State program managers, family representatives, and principal investigators! Attend this session to learn why you are here and how you can help improve the EMS system within your State. No two EMS systems are alike but generally we all know EMS exists to prevent the loss of life. Come hear from your peers to be inspired and re-energized. Presentations will include:

- The Importance of Coordinated Prehospital Care
- How to Spell EMS?
- The EMSC Family Representative Tool Guide: *Getting Started ... Staying Involved*. How to use it and keep it off the shelf!
- Successful Partnerships of EMSC Program Managers and Family Representatives
- EMSC Acronym Jeopardy Game
- Identifying Training Programs for EMS Providers

1:00 pm–5:00 pm

CTRL-ALT-DEL: Not the Way to Handle Data

Presenters: Pamela Owens, PhD and NEDARC Staff

Moderator: Charles Macias, MD, MPH

Target Audience: Targeted Issue and PECARN grantees

You have a great idea....or want a great idea tied to your name to receive research fame. Need some inspiration and guidance? Join Dr. Pamela Owens of the Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research (AHRQ) as she discusses the wealth of emergency department, pediatric, and inpatient data available through the Healthcare Cost Utilization Project (HCUP). She will also demonstrate the use of HCUPnet, the project's simple on-line searching tool.

Following Dr. Owens' presentation, the all-knowing statisticians at NEDARC will wow you with tips and tools for conducting basic statistical analysis using on-line tools and calculators, discussing the use of different statistical packages and providing a primer on making data easier to handle.

5:30 pm–8:00 pm

EMSC Regional Meetings

Dinner provided by the EMSC National Resource Center for all who pre-register for the regional meeting sessions.

Linked by common boundaries, EMSC grantees have joined together to improve the regional emergency care needs of children. This year's regional meetings will provide an opportunity for grantees to meet with peers and participate in facilitated discussions on:

2008 Grantee Meeting Planning Committee

The EMSC National Resource Center would like to thank the following individuals for their contributions in helping to plan this year's meeting:

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- EMSC Performance Measures: What Do We Want to Tell the Feds (Note that EMSC federal project officers will drop by each session to hear from grantees);
- Methodologies for Facilitating Performance Measure Achievement: Sharing Success Stories; and
- Regional Meeting Agendas (as defined by the regions)

This is an opportunity to provide solutions-oriented feedback to the EMSC Program. NRC staff will join regional meeting sessions to take notes.

Thursday, June 26

7:30 am – 8:30 am Registration

7:30 am – 8:30 am Poster Session:
Look at What We Are Doing!

Moderators: Tasmeen Singh, MPH, NREMT-P and Bethany McCunn, MPH
Join fellow grantees and members of the EMSC community to learn about projects and studies within EMSC.

8:45 am – 10:00 am Opening Plenary Session:
An EMSC Program Update

Presenters: Dan Kavanaugh, MSW, LCSW-C; Tasmeen Singh, MPH, NREMT-P; and Michael Ely, MHRM

I know what you're thinking ... not them again. Yet, it wouldn't be a grantee meeting without an EMSC Program update ... so come hear the latest news, views, and announcements. This session will feature presentations from the EMSC Program's Federal project officers and from staff at the EMSC National Resource Center and the EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center. In addition, attend this session to learn more about NASEMSO's EMSC Council.

10:15 am – 11:30 am Plenary Session:
Family-centered Care in EMSC

Presenters: Jane Knapp, MD and Mirna Farah, MD
Moderator: Charles Macias, MD, MPH

Family-centered care is a growing area of interests for many hospitals. But how can one initiate a family-centered care program in their hospital? Drs. Jane Knapp and Mirna Farah, both of the University of Pennsylva-

nia, will present the process and findings of their study on the presence of family members during resuscitation efforts in the emergency department. Following their presentation, learn how prehospital providers can integrate family-centered care into aspects of their practice.

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Breakout Series 1: Disaster Planning for Pediatric Populations

Presenters: Nancy Bourgeois, RN and Mereitt Schreiber, PhD

Moderator: Ann Klasner

Children spend most of their day either at school or in daycare. So what can schools and daycare facilities do to prepare for a disaster? This presentation will address family reunification plans, caring for unaccompanied minors in shelters and schools, and general considerations for children with special health care needs. In addition, a seasoned psychologist with experience in disaster management will review the often overlooked mental health needs of children.

Breakout Series 2: Advancing Prehospital EMS Research/ Implementing IOM Recommendations

Presenters: Halim Hennes, MD and Kathleen Brown, MD

Moderator: Joseph Wright, MD, MPH

Two years ago, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) published three landmark reports on the future of emergency care. How far have we come in implementing those recommendations? What can the EMSC community do to champion improvements in pediatric care? Learn from our distinguished panel of speakers about what has been done and can be done to improve pediatric emergency medical care.

Breakout Series 3: Show Me the Money!

Presenters: Lynne Haverkos, MD; Amy Goldstein, PhD; Stella Yu, ScD, MPH; Marianne Gauche-Hill, MD; and Hae Young Park

Moderator: Dan Kavanaugh, MSW, LCSW-C

Back by popular demand for a second year in a row, this session focuses on funding opportunities available through NIH. What are their priorities? What can you do to get your research idea funded? Learn the answers to these and other questions, plus obtain some one on one interaction with the NIH project officers.

But wait, there's more ... EMSC's very own Dr. Marianne Gauche-Hill will share some secrets and advice on how she secured money for her intubation study "Effect of Out-of-Hospital Pediatric Endotracheal Intubation on Survival and Neurological Outcome."

Registration Information

To register for this year's Annual EMSC Grantee Meeting, access the on-line registration form available on the official EMSC Grantee Meeting website at: <http://www.blsm meetings.net/emsc08>.

Hotel Reservations

Hyatt Regency Bethesda
1 Bethesda Metro Center
Bethesda, MD 20814
Phone: (301) 657-1234
Guest Fax: (301) 588-1841

To receive EMSC's discounted room rate, you must make your reservations by calling the hotel directly at (301) 657-1234 or (800) 233-1234. The EMSC National Resource Center has negotiated a special discounted room rate of \$201 (excluding 13% tax) per night for a single-occupancy room. Discounted rooms are issued on a first come, first serve basis. When making your reservation by phone, please inform the hotel that you're with the EMSC Grantee Meeting group, so that you may obtain the special conference rates.

The room block is reserved for arrival on June 24 and departure on June 26. The group rate will be offered on an as available basis for any dates outside of the reserved block dates. Please make your hotel reservations by Friday, May 23, 2008.

If you are attending both the NASEMSO Mid-year Meeting and the EMSC Grantee Meeting, please book your stays for the NASEMSO meeting using their block of rooms than ask to extend your stay using the EMSC block of rooms.

Continuing Education

The EMSC National Resource Center (NRC) is partnering with the Indian Health Services (IHS) to offer continuing education credits for physicians and registered nurses. The IHS Clinical Support Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education and by the American Nurses Credentialing Center Commission on Accreditation.

The NRC is also partnering with the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS). Sessions at this year's Annual EMSC Grantee Meeting have been submitted for approval by CECBEMS.



Dan Kavanaugh, MSW, LCSW-C and Tina Turgel, RN at last year's National Heroes Awards

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

**Breakout Series 1:
Performance Measures Best Practices:
Roundtables by Topic**

Presenters: to be announced

Are you struggling with a plan to meet the EMSC performance measures? Are the roadblocks to success seemingly insurmountable? Fellow EMSC managers will present their strategies and initiatives that are making a difference in the emergency care of children and are leading to successful attainment of the performance measures.

**Breakout Series 2:
You Have the Evidence...
How Do You Get People to Apply It?**

Presenter: Larry Greenberg, MD

Moderator: Joseph Wright, MD, MPH

Last year, EMSC's Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN) published the study "A Multicenter, Randomized, Controlled Trial of Dexamethasone for Bronchiolitis" in the *New England Journal of Medicine* (2007;357:331-339). But now that this study has been published, how do you get people to understand its findings (or the results of other significant EMSC-related studies) and apply it in practice? This session will use the concepts on "adult learning theory" to present a framework for translating research into practice.

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

EMSC National Heroes Awards

Presenters: Dan Kavanaugh, MSW, LCSW-C; Tasmeen Singh, MPH, NREMT-P; and Tina Turgel, RN

Through the National Heroes Awards, the EMSC Program seeks to identify, honor, and recommend – as models – the efforts of a select handful of men, women, and programs who excelled in improving emergency health care for children. The men and women we honor will be added to a distinguished list of individuals. Join us for the 2008 National Heroes Award ceremony and help us congratulate this year's winners. Be forewarned ... we have some surprises up our sleeve.

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

EMSC Heroes Award Reception

Following the presentation of awards, please join your fellow colleagues in congratulating this year's winners during a special reception hosted by Children's National Medical Center (drinks and light snacks to be provided).



Friday, June 27

7:00 am – 8:30 am Networking Continental Breakfast: The Next Generation

Moderator: Tasmeen Singh, MPH, NREMT-P and Joseph Wright, MD, MPH
For those of you who need an eye opener, join EMSC Federal project officers and staff of the EMSC National Resource Center for coffee, croissants, and conversation at one of two thematic roundtables:

- **EMSC Performance Measures: Next Generation.** The year 2011 may seem far away but blink fast and it's around the corner. The EMSC Program needs to start thinking about what the next generation of performance measures should look like. Come tell us what you think they should be.
- **Fostering and Mentoring EMSC Researchers.** No matter how young we feel at heart, the average age of a pediatric emergency medicine researcher is increasing. We need to foster and mentor younger faculty to take the reins. Come discuss best practices for developing the next generation of EMSC researchers.



*Joseph Wright, MD, MPH
EMSC NRC Medical Director*

8:45 am – 10:00 am Plenary Session: Advocacy for Children's Issues

Presenters: Scott Crawford, EMT-P and David Edwards, EMT-P

Moderator: to be announced

Most prehospital providers know the obvious signs and symptoms of child abuse/neglect. But what should happen next? This presentation focuses on "next steps," discussing strategies that prehospital providers can use to engage family members suspected of child abuse. During the second half of this session, Paramedic David Edwards discusses the challenges he has faced in pushing to have a State law that would require EMTs and paramedics to report suspicions of child abuse/neglect.

10:15 am – 11:30 am EMS: Past Present and Future

Presenter: Bryan Bledsoe, DO

Have you ever considered the "Life-Span Development" of EMS? From its infancy through childhood and beyond, EMS has and continues to display all the traits of "Life-Span Development" just as seen in the human. This topic will be presented by an expert in the field of systems and education aspects of EMS.



*Bryan Bledsoe, DO
Emergency physician and EMS
author from Midlothian, TX*

11:30 am EMSC Grantee Meeting Adjourns

