



Washington Update

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1. Registration Still Open for NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting

Registration for NASEMSO’s Mid-Year meeting being held June 8-9, 2009 in Alexandria, VA is still open. The NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting addresses emergency medical services and homeland security legislative and regulatory issues, the EMS work force, NASEMSO project updates (pandemic flu, mentor program, air medical task force, intelligent transportation/traffic incident management developments, model trauma plan), the National EMS Education Standards project, and more. To download the registration form and the program schedule, click [here](#).

2. JEMS Honors NASEMSO Member for EMS Innovations

The Journal of Emergency Medical Services (JEMS) recently announced the top 10 innovators in EMS who drove the profession forward in 2008. Among them, Dr. Greg Mears Medical Director of the North Carolina Office of EMS who was cited by JEMS for obtaining grants to develop a statewide system for accumulation and structured use of prehospital data consistent with NEMSIS. NASEMSO friend and colleague, Gary Wingrove, Director of Strategic Affairs for Mayo Clinic Medical Transport was also honored for serving as a content expert to DHS, establishing EMS leadership programs for future management candidates, and consulting with large and small systems on funding. The recognition is well deserved for both! Congratulations to Greg and Gary!

3. CDC Assisted by NASEMSO in EMS Guidance for Pandemic Influenza

In the last issue of Washington Update, we reported NASEMSO member participation in the development of EMS guidelines from the CDC. In the rush to get the issue to print, two members were inadvertently omitted from the news item. Many thanks are expressed to Maryland colleagues, Dr Robert Bass and Dr. Rick Alcorta for their expertise and assistance in developing this guidance and our apologies for not including them in the original post!

4. FCC Moving Towards Increased Broadband Service in Rural Areas; DTV Nears Full Implementation

Concluding that all rural Americans must have the opportunity to reap the full benefits of broadband services, Acting Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael J. Copps released a report providing a starting point for the development of policies to deliver broadband to rural areas and restore economic growth and opportunity for Americans residing and working in those areas. The report can be found on the Commission’s website at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/ruralbroadband>

In related news, with less than 3 weeks left before the nationwide digital television (DTV) transition, the Federal Communications Commission is gearing up its ongoing consumer assistance efforts for a final push to make sure consumers are prepared for the end of analog broadcast service. On June 12, all full-power television stations in the United States will cease analog transmission and broadcast only in digital. Consumers who use an antenna to get free, over-the-air programming could lose their television signals on June 12 if they haven’t taken steps to

make their televisions DTV-ready. The digital TV transition benefits consumers by delivering better picture quality and sound, more channels and more programs. **It benefits society by freeing airwaves for use by first responders, leading to more seamless communications between police, fire and other emergency services.** It also opens spectrum for popular advanced mobile communications services such as wireless broadband. [More...](#)

5. W. Craig Fugate is Sworn-In as FEMA's New Administrator

In the company of family and FEMA employees, W. Craig Fugate was sworn-in as the new FEMA Administrator by DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Prior to coming to FEMA, Administrator Fugate served as Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management. In that role since 2001, he coordinated disaster response, recovery, mitigation, and preparedness efforts with each of the state's 67 counties and local governments. Following his oath ceremony, Fugate expressed gratitude by saying "it was an honor and a pleasure to be asked to serve." He noted to employees that he looks forward to "doing a lot of great things together." Fugate concluded by saying, "When disaster strikes, we are going to be there as a team to support governors, tribal, state and local officials to meet the needs of survivors." In the coming weeks, Administrator Fugate will work closely with Secretary Napolitano, FEMA teams at headquarters and in FEMA regions, and with local, state, tribal and federal partners to ensure the nation is prepared for this hurricane season.

6. President Announces White House Organization for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism

President Barack Obama has announced that he is combining White House staffs dealing with international and homeland security, predicting the change will make Americans safer. The establishment of the new National Security Staff, under the direction of the National Security Advisor, will end the artificial divide between White House staff who have been dealing with national security and homeland security issues. The Homeland Security Council, created after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, will be kept as a venue for discussing issues concerning domestic security, including terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, natural disasters and pandemic influenza. Its staff will be integrated into the National Security Council. As part of Presidential Study Directive-1, issued in February 2009, NASEMSO President Steve Blessing and Executive Director Beth Armstrong met with the White House staff in March to provide input to this process. [More...](#)

(Editor's note: Interested readers are encouraged to check out Jeff Rubin's editorial on this topic at [Homeland1](#).)

7. New Online Course Highlights Forensic Epidemiology

Homeland Security Programs at West Virginia University (HSP at WVU) is pleased to announce our new FEMA funded online course, "Forensic Epidemiology: Joint Training for Law Enforcement and Public Health Officials." The primary goal of this course is to enhance preparedness and knowledge to ensure the joint effectiveness of law enforcement and public health, particularly when conducting concurrent investigations in response to a threat or attack involving bioterrorism or other types of WMD. The course addresses this goal by bringing law enforcement and public health together in a combined study of the operations and procedures of the two disciplines. EMS is considered a target audience for the training. The training and course materials are FREE for a limited time and are funded through grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Training and Exercise Integration/Training Operations (TEI/TO). [More...](#)

8. Freeway Complex Fire AAR Shows Self-Dispatching Still a Problem

In an After Action Report (AAR) just released by the Orange County Fire Administration regarding the Freeway Complex Fire in November 2008, fire officials were critical of off duty personnel who self-dispatched to the fire (albeit) in an effort to be helpful.

"While searching for relief apparatus, several engine companies thought to be in reserve were discovered to have been placed into service by off-duty personnel. They were self-dispatched to the Freeway Fire. This was done outside the normal command and control systems. Personnel on these units injected themselves into the firefight without checking in with fire ground commanders or notifying them where they were operating. Some units also

lacked proper communication equipment. These actions created serious personnel safety and fireground accountability concerns.”

This [report](#) serves as a useful reminder to EMS personnel that incident command systems have been established for multiple purposes and that self-dispatching should NEVER be considered an option. EMS practitioners and agencies should always communicate through their chain of command before deploying manpower and/or resources to ANY incident!

9. Mask and Respirator Shortfalls Predicted if True Influenza Pandemic Occurs

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) says the nation would need more than 30 billion masks- 27 billion of the simple surgical variety which can be worn safely for only about two hours before needing replacement, and 5 billion of the sturdier N95 respirator variety, which also requires regular replacement — to protect all Americans adequately in the event of a serious epidemic. However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Strategic National Stockpile currently contains only 119 million masks -39 million surgical and 80 million N95 respirators. The U.S. mask shortfall stands in stark contrast to what other nations have on hand: the U.S. has one mask for every three Americans (masks are not supposed to be shared), while Australia has 2.5 masks per resident and Great Britain boasts six. To read the entire article, please visit: <http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,1899526,00.html>.

10. New GAO Report Highlights National Preparedness

Hurricane Katrina was the most destructive disaster in our nation’s history and it highlighted gaps in preparedness for a catastrophic disaster. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a component within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is the lead federal agency responsible for developing a national preparedness system. The system includes policies and plans as well as exercises and assessments of capabilities across many public and private entities. GAO was asked to assess the extent to which FEMA has (1) developed policies and plans that define roles and responsibilities; (2) implemented the National Exercise Program, a key tool for examining preparedness; (3) developed a national capabilities assessment; and (4) developed a strategic plan that integrates these elements of the preparedness system. GAO analyzed program documents, such as after-action reports, and visited six states located in disaster regions. While the results of these visits are not generalizable, they show how select states carry out their efforts. GAO recommends that FEMA improve national preparedness by, among other things, establishing a program management plan, better ensuring exercises follow program guidance, enhancing its project management plan for assessing capabilities, and developing a strategic plan that integrates system elements. DHS concurred with our recommendations. Download the GAO Report GAO-09-369 “FEMA Has Made Progress, but Needs to Complete and Integrate Planning, Exercise, and Assessment Efforts” [here](#).

11. Emergency Responder ID Program Progresses

According to a new report in Federal Computer Week, “Federal Emergency Management Agency officials hope a pilot program (recently) demonstrated to make first responders' credentials interoperable across jurisdictions will expand nationwide. Run by FEMA’s Office of National Capital Region Coordination (NCRC), the program encourages state and local officials and the companies that run critical infrastructures to ensure that their credentials comply with Federal Information Processing Standard 201. Officials say credentials that conform to that personal identity verification standard will give emergency responders and others quick access to secure areas after a disaster by allowing them to prove who they are.” [More...](#)

12. IOM to Host Medical Surge Forum

The IOM’s Preparedness Forum is hosting a workshop on Medical Surge Capacity on June 10th and 11th that will help inform future guidance developed by HHS’s Healthcare Preparedness Program. The purpose of this workshop will be to feature invited presentations and discussions focused on current capabilities, perceived gaps, future opportunities and innovative options with a particular focus on the role of the Healthcare Preparedness Programs (HPP) in facilitating each of these efforts. The workshop will take place in Washington DC (500 Fifth St, NW Rm.

100). For more information about the Forum and to register for the workshop please visit [here](#). NASEMSO Program Advisor Leslee Stein-Spencer and Maryland State EMS Director, Dr Robert Bass are featured panelists.

13. CMS Seeks Nominations for CHIP Working Group

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has published notice for Establishment of the Children's Health Insurance Program Working Group and Request for Nominations for Members. Members will serve without compensation but will receive reimbursement for travel costs. The Working Group shall be composed of representatives of: The Department of Labor; the Department of Health and Human Services; State directors of the Medicaid Program under title XIX of the Act; State directors of the State Children's Health Insurance Program under title XXI of the Act; employers, including owners of small businesses and their trade or industry representatives and certified human resource and payroll professionals; plan administrators and plan sponsors of group health plans as defined in section 607(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended; health insurance issuers; and children and other beneficiaries of medical assistance under title XIX of the Act or child health assistance or other health benefits coverage under title XXI of the Act. Nominations must be received by June 1, 2009. [More...](#)

14. Well Water Should Be Tested Annually to Reduce Health Risks to Children

Private well water should be tested yearly, and in some cases more often, according to new guidance offered by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Researchers at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), part of the National Institutes of Health, took a lead role in working with the AAP to develop these recommendations and draft a new AAP policy statement about the things parents should do if their children drink well water. The recommendations call for annual well testing, especially for nitrate and microorganisms such as coliform bacteria, which can indicate that sewage has contaminated the well. The recommendations point out circumstances when additional testing should occur, including testing when there is a new infant in the house or if the well is subjected to structural damage. [More...](#)

15. CMS Provides Advice on ABN for Uncovered Ambulance Services

In the last Ambulance Open Door Forum (April 15, 2009), CMS received questions about how to correctly inform beneficiaries of potential liability for ambulance services that Medicare may not cover. The response has been posted [here](#). The Ambulance Open Door Forum handles issues related to the payment, billing, coverage and delivery of services in the ambulance industry. The Ambulance Fee Schedule rules, rural and other ambulance payment enhancements, requirements for ambulance service certification and payment determinations, are just some of the many types of issues addressed within the forum. In addition, discussions differentiating the rules related to provider-based and independent ambulance services are facilitated. Timely announcements and clarifications regarding important rulemaking, agency program initiatives, and other related areas are also included in the forums. [More...](#)

16. NIOSH Re-opens Public Comment Period for Closed-Circuit Respirators

The Department of Health and Human Services published a proposed rule on the Approval Tests and Standards for Closed-Circuit Escape Respirators on December 10, 2008 and asked for comments on or before February 9, 2009 (73 FR 75027). On March 4, 2009 the Department published a document announcing two public meetings and reopening the comment period for this proposed rule until April 10, 2009 (74 FR 9380). The Department held the two public meetings on March 16, 2009 and March 23, 2009. Commenters at the meeting requested additional time to review data and provide additional comment regarding the proposal. After reviewing the record, the Department has concluded that reopening the comment period until June 12, 2009 is reasonable. [More...](#)

17. UPDATED: Interim Guidance for Facemask and Respirator Use to Reduce H1N1 Virus Transmission

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided [updated interim guidance](#) on the use of facemasks and respirators for decreasing the exposure to the novel influenza A (H1N1) virus. This guidance replaces other CDC guidance on mask and/or respirator use that may be included in other CDC documents in regards to the outbreak of novel H1N1 virus. **No change has been made to guidance on the use of facemasks and**

respirators for health care settings but the document DOES include guidance on facemask and respirator use for a wider range of settings than was included in previous documents. It also includes recommendations for those who are at increased risk of severe illness from infection with the novel H1N1 virus compared with those who are at lower risk of severe illness from influenza infection. Information on the use of facemasks and respirators in health care settings can be found at http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidelines_infection_control.htm.

18. NIOSH Occupational Safety “Prevention Through Design” Plan Posted for Public Comment

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has issued, for public comment, the draft Prevention through Design (PtD) Plan for the National Initiative. NIOSH currently leads a nationwide initiative called Prevention through Design (PtD). PtD addresses occupational safety and health needs by eliminating hazards and minimizing risks to workers throughout the life cycle of work premises, tools, equipment, machinery, substances, and work processes including their construction, manufacture, use, maintenance, and ultimate disposal or re-use. The Plan outlined in this technical report establishes goals for the successful implementation of PtD. NIOSH invites stakeholders to review the draft Prevention through Design Plan for the National Initiative, offer comments, and identify areas where stakeholders can make an impact, either within their business or organization, or on behalf of the National Initiative. Comments are being accepted until August 21, 2009. The draft Plan and the docket item for comment is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/review/public/160/>. To learn more about the PtD Initiative and how to get involved go to <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/programs/ptdesign/>.

19. Vehicle Telematics Initiative Will Provide Needed Research for EMS Trauma Triage Protocols

Deciding whether a victim of a vehicle crash requires care at a trauma center is a life or death decision for emergency medical responders. In a new report released by the CDC, the findings of a national expert panel comprised of leaders in emergency care, public health, safety, and automotive experts found that using available vehicle telematics technology, such as Advanced Automatic Collision Notification (AACN), shows promise in helping save lives through the potential to predict the severity of injuries of vehicle crash victims and the use of rapid communication and vehicle locating capabilities. Previous CDC-supported research indicates care at a Level I trauma center lowers the risk of death by 25 percent for severely injured patients, compared with treatment received at a hospital without trauma care services. The CDC Foundation and CDC recently hosted a telephone briefing to discuss the findings of an expert panel on the use of Advanced Automatic Collision Notification for emergency triage of motor vehicle crash victims. The report on the findings has been posted on line. [More...](#)

20. CDC to Offer Immunization Update

CDC will present a satellite broadcast and webcast, Immunization Update 2009, on July 30, 2009. The 2.5-hour broadcast will occur live during 9:00 a.m.--11:30 a.m. (EDT) and will be rebroadcast that day during 12:00 noon--2:30 p.m. Anticipated topics include the novel influenza A (H1N1) virus, seasonal influenza, rotavirus, vaccine safety, and vaccine supply. "Alternative" vaccination schedules and other emerging vaccine issues also will be discussed. Both broadcasts will feature a live question-and-answer session in which participants can interact with course instructors via toll-free telephone lines. Additional information about the program is available at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/phtn/immupdate2009/default.asp>. No registration is necessary to access the webcast. Continuing education credit for this activity is pending. The program will become available as a self-study DVD and Internet-based program in October 2009.

21. To Boldly Go Where No Medical Response Has Gone Before

In partnership with the Technical Support Working Group (TSWG), Boeing and Washington University’s School of Medicine, Tech Solutions is developing the Standoff Patient Triage Tool (SPTT), a device that classic Star Trek fans will recognize for its resemblance to the medical diagnostic tool known as the tricorder. Like the tricorder, SPTT takes key physiological readings necessary to any diagnosis —pulse, body temperature, respiration—from an injured person at a far distance. It’s triage at twenty paces. The magic behind SPTT is a technology known as Laser Doppler Vibrometry, which has been used in aircraft and automotive components, acoustic speakers, radar technology, and landmine detection. When connected to a camera, the vibrometer can measure the velocity and displacement of vibrating objects. An algorithm then converts those data points into measurements emergency medical responders can use in their rapid assessment of a patient’s critical medical conditions. The goal is to

develop a handheld unit about the size of a legal notebook and as thick as a ream of paper. Achieving this will require further testing of optical stabilization technology to make sure the unit can function despite a responder's arm and hand movements. [More...](#)

22. USFA Highlights Medical Facility Fires in TFRS

The National Fire Data Center's *Topical Fire Report Series(TFRS)* explores facets of the U.S. fire problem that affect Americans in their daily lives. Primarily based on data collected through USFA's [National Fire Incident Reporting System \(NFIRS\)](#), each issue briefly addresses the nature and relevance of the specific fire or fire-related problem, highlights important findings, and suggests other resources to consider for further information. Each topical report also includes recent examples of fire incidents that demonstrate some of the issues addressed in the report. The May issue of TFRS discusses fires that occur in medical facilities. [More...](#)

23. CMS Posts Q & A Regarding H1N1 and EMTALA Requirements

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted a brief question and answer document describing the waiver requirements for hospitals that have implemented hospital disaster protocols in response to an emergency and the Medicare Fee-For-Service Payment Policy and Billing related to the H1N1 situation. The document can be found [here](#). CMS notes that there are no Section 1135 waivers in place at the current time. As a point of information, CMS published operational guidance "[Influenza Pandemic Emergency Preparedness – Waiver of Certain Medicare Requirements](#)" in March 2009. Additional CMS information is available on a [CMS dedicated "Pandemic Flu" web page](#). States that require ambulances to deliver emergency patients to a licensed health care facility may need to review state regulations with regard to EMS patient destination during an influenza pandemic. CMS permits hospitals to move individuals out of their dedicated emergency departments to another part of the hospital (on the hospital's same campus) in order to provide the required medical screening examination (MSE) and then, if an emergency medical condition is found to exist, to provide stabilizing treatment or arrange for an appropriate transfer. Under such circumstances, communications between state and local health officials, EMS, and hospitals will be critical to ensure patients receive safe and proper care while preventing non-influenza patients from being contaminated with influenza virus.

24. ISMP Safety Brief: Dosing mistake on 2007 Broselow Tape

The Institute from Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) has issued the following safety brief: *"A pharmacist was about to reorder several Broselow Tapes (2007 Edition A) for her pediatric crash carts when she discovered that a new version (Edition B) was available. She was told that the change between A and B was in response to a "typo." Edition A lists the dose as 0.5 mg/kg/dose and 1 mg/kg/dose, rather than the correct standard doses of 0.5 mg or 1 mg, respectively. You should modify your tapes with the correct dose using a black pen to block out "/kg/dose."* This info can be found in the April 9 issue. The Broselow Tape 2007 Edition B contains the correct dosage information. [More on ISMP...](#)

25. Research Links Vaccine Refusal to Increased Risk for Pertussis

Children whose parents refuse to have them immunized against it are 23 times more likely to get whooping cough, according to a new study that is perhaps the most definitive yet linking vaccine refusal to disease. Researchers studied electronic medical records from 156 children who had whooping cough and 595 children who did not from 1996 to 2007. One in 20 children whose parents refused the vaccine got whooping cough, compared with one in 500 vaccinated children. The study, funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, appears in the June issue of the journal *Pediatrics*. Published online May 26, 2009 *PEDIATRICS* Vol. 123 No. 6 June 2009, pp. 1446-1451. [More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

[EMS Administrator's Association of California 2009 Conference - Redefining the Landscape](#), Palm Springs, CA. June 2-3, 2009

Pennsylvania's 32nd Annual EMS Conference. August 11 – 15, 2009. Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey, Grantville, Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.pehsc.org.

39th Annual Wyoming Trauma Conference. Wyoming's premier EMS conference is scheduled for August 20-23, 2009 at the Little America Hotel and Resort in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Conference information is available from the EMS website: www.health.wyo.gov/sho/ems

The Kentucky Ambulance Providers will be hosting their annual EMS conference in Lexington Kentucky on September 23-25 2009 at the Lexington Convention Center. The website for the conference is as follows: <http://www.hultgren.org/conference/>. Other details will be forthcoming to keep you updated.

North Carolina Emergency Medicine Today (EM Today '09) October 4 - October 7, 2009. Sheraton Hotel at Four Seasons. Greensboro, NC. More information will be posted when it becomes available.

15th Annual Pocono EMS Conference - October 23, 24, 25, 2009. Pre-conference golf tournament October 22, 2009. The conference will be held at The Inn at Pocono Manor, Pocono Manor, PA. For additional information and conference registration visit www.easternemscouncil.org or call Eastern PA EMS Council at 610-820-9212.

SDEMTA 2009 Conference. South Dakota's premier EMS conference will be October 23-25, 2009 in Sioux Falls, SD. As information becomes available, it can be found at <http://www.sdemta.org/>.

Colorado State EMS Conference. Sponsored by the Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado (EMSAC). November 5-8 in Keystone, CO. It features local, state, and national speakers and draws nearly 1000 attendees from Colorado and the Rocky Mountain region. Information about the conference can be found at <http://www.emsac.org/>. Those interested in presenting at the conference can submit presentations via our online system at <http://www.speakerready.com/abstracts/EMSAC/>

30th Annual Virginia EMS Symposium. November 11 – 15, 2009 Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, Virginia More information is available at www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Symposium/index.htm. On-line registration opens August 1, 2009

32nd Annual West Virginia EMS Conference. November 12 - 14, 2009 at the Days Inn Hotel & Conference Center. Flatwoods, WV. More information will be provided when it becomes available.

34th Annual EMS Symposium November 12-14, 2009 Egan Center, Anchorage Alaska
Hosted by Southern Region EMS Council and State of Alaska Department of EMS and Injury Prevention

The 5th Annual New Jersey Statewide Conference on EMS November 12th – 14th, 2009 at the Sheraton Atlantic City Conference Website: www.njemsconference.com

Texas EMS Conference. November 22 - 25th, 2009. Fort Worth Convention Center. Look for exhibitor registration beginning in March, 2009 and attendee registration beginning in May, 2009 at http://www.texasemsconference.com/texas_ems_2009.htm.

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

June 8-9, 2009, NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting, Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA. For more information contact Kathy Robinson, NASEMSO Program Advisor at (703) 538-1799, ext 4 or email robinson@nasemso.org.

EMS Program Accreditation Workshop. Hampton Inn. St. Louis, MO. June 12-13, 2009. Sponsored by NAEMSE in partnership with the CoAEMSP. For more information, go to <http://www.naemse.org/> or email naemse@naemse.org.

EMSC Town Hall Conference Calls 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm (eastern) July 21, 2009. The local number is (202) 476-6338 or call toll-free dial (877) 355-6338 and enter EMSC (3672) for the meeting ID#.

“Bridging the Gap between EMS and Health Services Research: A Conference for Researchers and Practitioners” sponsored by the Rutgers Center for State Health Policy. Thursday, July 23, 2009, 8:00am-4:30pm. The Heldrich Hotel, 10 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick NJ 08902. The major goal of the conference is to advance an EMS research agenda that connects EMS with broader efforts to improve healthcare delivery. The conference also seeks to generate strategies that will encourage the use of EMS-focused health services research by policymakers and practitioners. For a detailed meeting announcement, and to register yourself or a designee from your organization, please click here <http://www.cshp.rutgers.edu/events>. If you have questions about registration, please contact Jeanette Applegate at 732-932-4661 or (japplegate@ifh.rutgers.edu). For questions about the conference agenda, please contact Derek DeLia (ddelia@ifh.rutgers.edu).

17th Annual Health Forum and the American Hospital Association Leadership Summit. July 23-25, 2009. San Francisco Marriott, San Francisco, CA. The conference program features health care leaders and practitioners addressing the critical issues of reform of the payment system, organizational strategy and methodologies for achieving the IOM's six aims, emerging physician-hospital relations and redesigned care delivery models, and the impact of new technologies on patient care and business practices. Register by January 1, 2009 to receive \$200 discount. For more information, click [here](#).

*CDC Immunization Update 2009. July 30, 2009. The 2.5-hour broadcast will occur live during 9:00 a.m.--11:30 a.m. (EDT) and will be rebroadcast that day during 12:00 noon--2:30 p.m. Additional information about the program is available at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/phtn/immupdate2009/default.asp>.

World Research Group's 4th Annual Disaster Planning for Hospitals taking place on August 3-4, 2009 in Chicago. Take a few moments to review the complete agenda, workshops and networking opportunities at www.worldrg.com/disaster. Register today to take advantage of our early bird pricing. Contact our customer service team at 800-647-7600 or online at www.worldrg.com/disaster. Please mention promo code CRG794 and priority code HW09075-97999 when registering to receive \$200 off current price.

Pinnacle 2009 will take place August 3-7, 2009 in St. Pete Beach, Florida. Additional information on this event can be found at www.pinnacle-ems.com.

NAEMSE 14th Annual Educational Symposium. Walt Disney World, Florida. August 18 - 23, 2009. For more information, go to www.naemse.org.

The Rural and Frontier EMS and Trauma Summit at the Lodges. Hosted by the Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation. Aug. 26-28, 2009. The Lodges at Deer Valley, Park City, Utah. Visit us online at <http://eu.montana.edu/summit/>.

Governors Highway Safety Association 2009 Annual Meeting: Toward Zero Deaths - Every Life Counts August 30 - September 2, 2009 at the Westin Savannah Harbor, Savannah, GA. For more information including online registration info, go to <http://www.ghsa.org/html/meetings/annual/2009/index.html>.

US-China 9-Day Conference and Study Program—Emergency Medical Services in Disaster Management. September 9-19, 2009. For more information go to <http://www.globalinteractions.org/2009-program-and-events/2009-EMS.aspx>.

2009 NASEMSO Annual Meeting, September 20-25, 2009, Peabody Hotel, Little Rock, AR
For more information contact Kathy Robinson, NASEMSO Program Advisor at (703) 538-1799, ext 4 or email robinson@nasemso.org.

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2009 ACEP Annual Meeting. October 5-8, 2009. Boston, MA. For more information, go to www.acep.org.

2009 ENA Annual Meeting. General Assembly October 7-8, 2009. Scientific Assembly October 8-10, 2009. Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD. Additional info available at www.ena.org.

Fifth Annual International Roundtable on Community Paramedicine and Rural Healthcare Delivery. October 12-17, 2009 Auckland, New Zealand. For more information go to <http://www.ircp.info/>.

2009 Air Medical Transport Conference. October 26-28, 2009. San Jose, CA For more information go to www.aams.org.

2009 EMS Expo/NAEMT Annual Meeting. October 26-30, 2009. Atlanta, GA. Go to <http://www.publicsafetyevents.com/ems/index.po> for more information.

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

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