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1. New NASEMSO Officers Elected; 2008 Annual Meeting Hailed As “One of the Best”

Feedback received from members and sponsors who attended the 2008 NASEMSO Annual Meeting last week in Tacoma, Washington has been overwhelmingly positive with total attendance just short of 300, slightly higher than previous years. The accomplishments and productivity from the Association's committees and councils largely contributed to the meeting's success. NASEMSO congratulates newly elected officers: 2008-2010 President Steve Blessing (DE), President-Elect Shawn Rogers (OK), Secretary Jim DeTienne (MT), and Treasurer David Taylor (AR.) Powerpoint presentations and other information from the meeting are in the process of being uploaded to the NASEMSO web site at www.nasemsso.org.

2. NASEMSO Passes Resolutions at 2008 Annual Meeting

Three new resolutions were passed during the 2008 NASEMSO Annual Business Meeting. NASEMSO members voted to support radio practices that minimize or eliminate coded substitutions for English, issued a renewed call on federal agencies to make continued funding for Rural Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Technical Assistance Center (REMSTTAC) a highest priority, and called upon the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) to join with NASEMSO to assist its member states in developing plans by November 1, 2010 to achieve paramedic education program accreditation and working with the states to help implement their plans.

3. NASEMSO Supports Approved House Resolution on Disease Prevention

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed House Resolution 1381 that supports an increased federal commitment for disease prevention, based on evidence that shows prevention efforts can help reduce rates of many serious diseases and related health care costs. For more information on the Resolution, click [here](#). To view the letter signed by NASEMSO, click [here](#).

4. NASEMSO Participates in FCC Summit as a Panelist

NASEMSO Program Advisor Kathy Robinson participated as the EMS panelist in the recent Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Summit on Pandemic Preparedness titled "*Enhancing Communications Response for Health Care and First Responders*" which was simultaneously broadcast on the internet. The Summit focused on communications and coordination between the health care sector, first responders, government and the communications industry in preparation for a pandemic. The panel discussed ways that communications may be expanded and enhanced in response to a pandemic and how the communications industry will serve an instrumental role in such a response. To view the archived broadcast, click [here](#).

5. NASEMSO Members Asked for Guidelines on Safer Handoff of Older Adult Patients

The Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) is interested in obtaining a copy of your universal handoff/transfer/transition form used when an older patient is transferred from or to the ED to or from a long-term care facility. ENA, in collaboration with key stakeholders, is in the process of developing universal recommended guidelines for the safer handoff of older adult patients between long-term care facilities and emergency departments. The universal guidelines will be a compilation of evidence-based practices or identified "best practices" as surveyed among key stakeholders in the United States and Canada. The universal guidelines will emphasize communications between health care professionals at each phase of the transfer process. The ultimate goal is to address patient safety measures that improve the continuum of care for older adult patients. Please send an electronic version of your form to [Karen Halupke](#) by Oct. 10, 2008, as she will be compiling NASEMSO member contributions.

6. CDC PHLP Program Offers Range of Resources for EMS Officials

CDC's Public Health Law Program (PHLP) is pleased to announce the release of new resources for professionals and policy makers to use in strengthening their agencies' and jurisdictions' legal preparedness for all-hazards public health emergencies -- at the community, state, and tribal levels. These tools were developed with assistance from practitioners in public health, emergency management, law, law enforcement, the judiciary, and corrections to ensure that they speak to the priorities and needs of those who have front-line responsibility for protecting the public's health from the threats posed by public health emergencies. These tools can be downloaded from the Public Health Law Program's Website at http://www2a.cdc.gov/phlp/ep_portal.asp. In addition, NASEMSO has added a new resource "Joint Public Health – Law Enforcement Investigations: Model Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)" a limited access document (not currently available on the PHLP web site) that describes a model memorandum of understanding on joint public health and law enforcement investigations to the NASEMSO web site. To access this document, please click [here](#).

7. Important Info from EMI on Recent Exam Submissions and OpScan Answer Sheets

Due to technical difficulties any Independent Study Exam Submission from Sept. 30, 2008, 3:00 p.m. to Oct. 1, 2008, 9:00 a.m. was not processed and cannot be recovered. Any exams submitted during that time frame must be resubmitted to receive a certificate.

In addition, group instructors for IS-100.a (Introduction to the Incident Command System) and IS-200.a (Introduction to the National Response Framework) are reminded to begin using the new exam as soon as possible. OpScan answer sheets for the prior exam version will no longer be accepted.

8. CBO Releases New Report on U.S. Policy Regarding Pandemic Influenza Vaccines

In 2005, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published a plan that includes a series of measures, first to monitor the spread of disease in the event of a worldwide outbreak and then to facilitate a rapid response. That second step includes developing influenza vaccines and expanding the nation's capacity for producing influenza vaccine; creating stockpiles of antiviral drugs and other medical supplies. This paper from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) focuses on the government's role, under HHS's plan, in the development of new vaccines and the capacity to manufacture them. Please follow the link below to view a PDF of the complete CBO report: <http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/95xx/doc9573/09-15-PandemicFlu.pdf>

9. WHO Posts Revised Timeline for H5N1 Progression

The World Health Organization has posted a revised timeline to mark the progression and major activity of H5N1 in both animals and humans since 1996. To view or download the timeline, please click [here](#).

10. HHS Announces New Steps in Anthrax Preparedness

HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt has announced two new actions in the department's ongoing activities to bolster the nation's preparedness for a potential outdoor anthrax attack. The first action focuses on United States Postal Service letter carriers who volunteer to deliver medicines directly to residences in their communities during an emergency. Homeland Security Secretary Chertoff and HHS Secretary Leavitt have invoked their authority under section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make the determination and declaration of emergency required by law in order for HHS' Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to consider issuing an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) allowing eligible letter carriers to receive kits containing small quantities of antibiotics for future use by them and other members of their households during an anthrax emergency.

In a related action, Secretary Leavitt also issued a declaration under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) that provides liability protection for activities related to developing, manufacturing, distributing, prescribing, dispensing, administering and using anthrax countermeasures in preparation for, and in response to, a potential anthrax attack. This includes entities, such as large "big-box" retail stores, retail pharmacies, and other private sector businesses, that help to deliver and distribute medicines. Providing liability protection to all involved in such efforts will help ensure their full participation and bolster response efforts. Read the HHS press release on these recent developments [here](#).

11. FDA Clears New CDC Test to Detect Human Influenza

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) cleared a new test developed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to diagnose human influenza infections and the highly pathogenic influenza A (H5N1) viruses. The device, called the Human Influenza Virus Real-Time RT-PCR Detection and Characterization Panel (rRT-PCR Flu Panel), uses a molecular biology technique to detect flu virus and differentiate between seasonal and novel influenza. The device is used to isolate and amplify viral genetic material present in secretions taken from a patient's nose or throat. The viral genetic material is labeled with fluorescent molecules, which are then detected and analyzed by a diagnostic instrument called the Applied Biosystems 7500 Fast Dx, also cleared today by the FDA for diagnostic use simultaneously with the CDC's rRT-PCR Flu Panel. The test panel and diagnostic system can detect and identify commonly circulating human influenza viruses as well as influenza A (H5N1) viruses. Results can be available within four hours and the system can test multiple samples at once. For more information, visit www.pandemicflu.gov.

12. CDC Awards \$24 Million for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Projects

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has awarded \$24 million to fund 55 projects in 29 state and local public health departments that could serve as innovative approaches for influenza pandemic preparedness. A total of 184 funding applications were submitted by state and local health departments in a competitive application process. Eligible applicants for the awards were limited to the 62 state, local and territorial public health departments that currently receive federal funding through CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement. The 29 award recipients have one year to complete the projects, which begin on September 30, 2008. The projects focus on seven influenza pandemic preparedness challenges. A list of the 29 award recipients and their projects can be found at <http://emergency.cdc.gov/cotper/coopagreement/07/funding-schedule-pan-flu.asp>.

13. NIOSH-Administered WTC Grant Announced

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced the awarding of a grant on September 30 to New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation to provide health services to non-responder populations in New York City affected by the World Trade Center attack. The grant will be administered by NIOSH. The announcement can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/media/pressrel/2008/r080930.htm>.

14. CIP Process and NIST Web-Based Tools Now Available to Aid ESS

Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 7 established the requirement to protect national critical infrastructures against acts that would diminish the responsibility of federal, state, and local government to perform essential missions to ensure the health and safety of the general public. HSPD-7 identified the Emergency Services Sector (ESS) as a national critical infrastructure sector that must be protected from all hazards. To assist federal, state, and local authorities with this task, the Emergency Management and Response—Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC) Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Process Job Aid provides a model process for the systematic protection of critical infrastructures. The CIP process consists of five steps: identifying critical infrastructures, determining the threat, analyzing the vulnerabilities, assessing risk, and applying protective or resiliency measures. Those interested in examining this process can see or download the Job Aid at <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa-313.pdf>.

Regarding the fourth step of the process (i.e., assessing risk), a new Web-based tool from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) offers a central source of data and tools for Emergency Services Sector (ESS) personnel involved in risk assessment and mitigation planning. Risk management resources include software for estimating costs and losses (mitigation costs and event-related losses), risk management guidance documents for the building and community levels, and risk management software, all intended to help owners, managers, and designers develop a cost-effective risk mitigation plan. For planners faced with evaluating how to efficiently allocate scarce financial resources, the compendium presents evaluation methods, industry standards, and software for implementing industry standards, economic modeling resources, and analysis strategies for treating uncertainty. The first of five appendices is an overview of the three-step protocol for developing a cost-effective risk mitigation plan. To register and download the free Web-based tool, click [here](#). To receive a single, complimentary printed copy of NIST Special Publication 1082 (A Guide to Printed and Electronic Resources for Developing a Cost-Effective Risk Mitigation Plan for New and Existing Constructed Facilities), send an e-mail request with mailing instructions to nistsp1082@nist.gov.

14. NGA Issues Report on Pandemic Preparedness in States

Drawing upon the discussions emanating from the nine regional workshops conducted in 2007 and early 2008, the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices has issued a paper summarizing an overall assessment of the current level of pandemic preparedness. It focuses on the four preparedness sectors of healthcare, commerce, education, and public safety and also identifies the following five areas in need of improvement: 1) Workforce Policies, 2) Schools, 3) Situational Awareness, 4) Public Involvement, and 5) Public-Private Sector Engagement. The NGA Press Release and full text of the paper can be found [here](#).

15. DHS Strategic Plan Now Available

The Department of Homeland Security has released the Department's (second) Strategic Plan, based on the overarching direction stated in the National Strategy for Homeland Security. With it, the Department builds on current progress while defining the successes to achieve in the future. This new Plan charts a course to help further strengthen DHS efforts to improve the operations of the Department, to discharge our duty of safeguarding the home front. Download the Plan from the DHS website at <http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/strategicplan/>.

16. New GAO Reports on Mass Care Capabilities of Voluntary Organizations

In a new report issued by the Government Accounting Office, the GAO examines (1) the roles of five voluntary organizations in providing mass care and other services, (2) the steps they have taken to improve service delivery, (3) their current capabilities for responding to mass care needs, and (4) the challenges they face in preparing for large-scale disasters. Capabilities assessments are preliminary, but current evidence suggests that in a worst-case large-scale disaster, the projected need for mass care services would far exceed the capabilities of these voluntary organizations without government and other assistance—despite voluntary organizations' substantial resources locally and nationally. In addition, the ability to assess mass care capabilities and coordinate in disasters is currently hindered by a lack of standard terminology and measures for mass care resources and efforts are under way to develop such standards. Download GAO report 08-1175T [here](#).

17. AHRQ Webcast to Address “Lessons Learned in Emergency Preparedness”

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) will sponsor a webcast on emergency preparedness on Nov. 6, 2008, 12-1:30 PM EST. Presenters will offer diverse perspectives on emergency planning and the use of AHRQ tools in order to enhance surge capacity, medical supply allocation planning and resource inventories reporting systems. Participants will receive key insight on customizing AHRQ tools in order to address the distinct needs of their communities. Emergency preparedness planners as well as federal, state and local community health planners, providers and first-responders are invited to attend.

AHRQ tools to be discussed include:

- [Rocky Mountain Regional Care Model for Bioterrorist Events: Locate Alternate Care Sites During an Emergency](#)
- [Mass Medical Care with Scarce Resources](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness Resource Inventory \(EPRI\)](#)

Online registration is [now available](#). For more information about this event, please e-mail emergencypreparedness@academyhealth.org.

18. STOP Stroke Act Stalls in 110th Congress

For several years, the STOP Stroke Act has had broad bipartisan support in the House and Senate. Action on the STOP Stroke Act looked promising in the 110th Congress. On January 16, 2007, Representatives Lois Capps (D-CA) and Chip Pickering (R-MS) re-introduced House legislation (H.R. 477), which quickly garnered 90 co-sponsors. The full House of Representatives passed the STOP Stroke Act by voice vote on March 27, 2007. In the Senate, Senators Thad Cochran (R-MS) and Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) re-introduced the STOP Stroke Act (S. 999) on March 27, 2007. Although S. 999 was approved by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee by a majority voice vote on March 13, 2008, it has become apparent that the measure will not pass the full Senate in the current session and will likely be reconsidered in 2009.

19. Senate Bill Clears the Way for USFA Reauthorization

Congress has cleared a bill that would reauthorize the U.S. Fire Administration. The chamber recently passed S 2606, under suspension of the rules. The bill would authorize \$293 million through fiscal 2012 for the [agency](#), an arm of FEMA. The percentage of authorized Fire Administration appropriations that could be used for assistance to state and local fire service training programs would be increased from 4 percent to 7.5 percent under the legislation. The bill would encourage the adoption of standards for

firefighter health and safety; and establish a liaison at the appropriate organizational level to assure coordination of the Fire Administration with other government entities in the areas of fire and emergency medical services. The Bill, while expected to, has not yet been signed by President Bush. For more information, click [here](#).

20. Funding Bills for Other Federal Agencies Postponed Until After Election

Both the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate passed a Continuing Resolution that will fund government operations until early March of next year. President Bush is expected to sign the measure - pushing any final conclusion of the FY09 funding debate onto the plate of the next Congress and the next President.

This stop-gap "CR" funding legislation became necessary when Congress and the White House could not agree on several outstanding annual funding bills prior to the end of the federal fiscal year (including the Health, Labor and Education funding measure). Technically, without either an agreement on the outstanding spending bills or an agreement to continue funding the government at last year's levels, Congress and the White House would need to shut down non-emergency agencies of the government whose spending bills had not passed. Clearly this would be an unattractive option for anyone in Washington this close to national elections. The CR allows the government to continue operating at last year's funding levels until an agreement on future funding levels can be reached. Visit the Advocates for EMS [web site](#) for more information.

21. Healthfinder.gov Makes Health Information Quicker and Easier to Use

An improved and more accessible version of [healthfinder.gov](#), a federal Web site designed to help people stay healthy, was launched September 22 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Its new design and interactive health management tools make information resources more accessible and easier to use for consumers and professionals. Healthfinder.gov's features include links to over 6,000 government and nonprofit health information resources on hundreds of health topics. Information is in English and Spanish.

22. FEMA Awards \$17.6 M to Smaller Emergency Response Agencies

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the award of equipment and training worth \$17.6 million to 1,045 emergency response agencies in 46 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico under the fiscal year 2008 Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP). Since the program's inception in 2005, DHS has provided roughly 6,800 CEDAP awards worth more than \$120 million to support all hazards response capabilities in smaller jurisdictions around the country. Eligibility for CEDAP is limited to law enforcement agencies, fire departments and other emergency responder agencies with specific financial and capability needs. FY 2008 CEDAP funds equipment and training in five categories: extrication devices; thermal imaging, night vision and video surveillance tools; chemical, biological and radiological detection tools; information technology and risk management tools; and vehicle tracking tools. For more information on CEDAP and other DHS grant programs, visit [www.fema.gov](#).

23. New GAO Report Highlights Efforts on Disaster Recovery

The Government Accounting Office has just released "Disaster Recovery: Past Experiences Offer Insights for Recovering from Hurricanes Ike and Gustav and Other Recent Natural Disasters." To view or download GAO-08-1120, click [here](#). Highlights only - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d081120high.pdf>

24. Industry Develops Profile for Use in Broadcast EAS

The Emergency Alert System- Common Alerting Protocol (EAS-CAP) Industry Group - a broad coalition of equipment, software and service providers to the Emergency Alert System - has released a draft profile for the effective use and translation of the open, non-proprietary Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) for the next generation of broadcast EAS. The profile will be an important step towards improving interoperability across agencies, jurisdictions, systems and vendors, helping to ensure that the public benefits from improved capabilities to communicate weather, civil, AMBER and other alerts via broadcast media. For more information about the EAS, visit the FCC's Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau

<http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/eas/>. For more information about the FCC's Report and Order on CAP, visit http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-07-109A1.pdf.

25. Schedule Your Flu Shot Now!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has announced the week of December 8-14, 2008, as National Influenza Vaccination Week. This event is designed to highlight the importance of continuing influenza (flu) vaccination, as well as foster greater use of flu vaccine through the months of November, December and beyond. Each year in the U.S., an average of 36,000 people die, and more than 200,000 are hospitalized from serious flu-related complications. The time to get a flu vaccine starts in September and continues into winter, through January or later, when the influenza season typically peaks. The CDC recommends that healthcare professionals (including EMS), family members and caregivers of infants under six months old, and any people who care for or live with people at high risk should get vaccinated each year. Now is the time to get your flu vaccine. For more information, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>.

26. AEMS Announces Advocacy Opportunities at EMS Expo

Advocates for EMS announces two upcoming events of interest to the EMS community being held in conjunction with EMS Expo October 13-17, 2008 at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

- EMS Caucus Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 15, 8:00 am Room 264: Help build the EMS Congressional Caucus within the House of Representatives! Hosted by Advocates for EMS and Cornerstone Government Affairs, this meeting will provide information on the formation of the EMS Congressional Caucus and how to contact your House representative to ask them to join. Attendees will also be granted time to pose questions about the Caucus and discuss issues that need to be addressed through federal legislation.
- "Ask the Feds": Friday, Oct. 17, 9:30am Room 255: Do you have questions you'd like to ask your federal government representatives? Now you can ask them in person in the Q&A session with the Office of EMS within the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), as well as invited representatives from the Office of Health Affairs within the Department of Homeland Security, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control within the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the US Fire Administration (USFA), and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This session will be hosted by Advocates for EMS.

27. 2009 EMSC State Partnership Grant Guidance Now Available

The Emergency Medical Services for Children State Partnership Grant (EMSCP) New and Competing Continuation HRSA-09-151 Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No. 93.127 is now available and has been posted on the NASEMSO web site at www.nasemso.org as well as www.grants.gov. Significant changes have been noted by the EMSC National Resource Center in a recent message to state EMS directors and state EMSC council members. Members with questions are encouraged to contact *Tina Turgel, RN, BSN, RN-C Nurse Consultant, Emergency Medical Services for Children Program* via telephone: 301-443-5599 or email at CTurgel@hrsa.gov.

28. Upcoming Events (*denotes event is newly added)

2008 NAEMT Annual Meeting October 13-17, 2008. Las Vegas, Nevada. Conference web site: <http://www.naemt.org/annualMeetingAndExpo/>.

NIOSH is seeking input from stakeholders and manufacturers on the draft document, "The Potential Modification of the NIOSH Statement of Standard for a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Full Facepiece Air-Purifying Respirator." Comments will be accepted until October 16, 2008. <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/review/public/139>

2008 ACEP Annual Meeting. October 25-26, 2008, Council Meeting. October 27-30, 2008, Scientific Assembly. Chicago IL. See www.acep.org for additional information.

*ACEP Advanced EMS Medical Directors Forum. October 26, 2008 / Hyatt McCormick Place, Chicago, IL. Join ACEP and the consortium of U.S. Metropolitan Municipalities EMS Medical Directors for the [Advanced EMS Medical Directors Forum and Workshop](#). For additional information and to register call 800-798-1822, ext. 6, or follow [this link](#) for online registration.

The Big National Conference for Leaders of Little and Medium EMS Agencies. October 27-31, 2008 Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. Go to <http://bnc.ncemsi.org> for specific details on each program and registration.

Risk and Crisis Communication Forum. November 3, 2008. Capital Hilton, 1001 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036 (202) 393-1000. To register http://www.marketaccess.org/booking_form.asp30.

NIOSH No Fit Respirator Workshop. November 6, 2008. Embassy Suites Airport, Pittsburgh, PA. The workshop is free but registration is required <http://cpheo.sph.umn.edu/mcohs/>.

The Emergency Medicine Learning Resource & Center (EMLC) and the Florida EMSC program is presenting the 2008 Prehospital Pediatric Education Symposium November 11-12, 2008 in Orlando, Florida. This symposium is designed to create an educational experience that will empower EMS and ED personnel to provide the highest quality emergency care to their pediatric patients. Paramedics, EMT's, Nurses, Physician, Physicians Assistants and other allied health professionals involved in providing pediatric emergency medical care should attend. Please go to: <http://www.emlrc.org/prepeds2008.htm> for more information.

*Prepare for Accreditation Using the Revised CAAS Standards. December 4, 2008 Las Vegas Hilton, Las Vegas, NV. To register for the seminar, click here to access the [Seminar Registration Form](#).

*2009 ENA Leadership Conference. March 4-8, 2009. Grand Sierra Resort Reno, NV. Additional info available at www.ena.org.

*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@nasesmo.org.

Mark Your Calendar: Rural EMS and Trauma Summit series conference-- Hosted by the Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation. August 25-27, 2009. The Summit at Deer Valley Lodges Park City, UT. For more information, contact Nels Sanddal at nsanddal@citmt.org.

*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@nasesmo.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.

SAVE THE DATE!! 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/>.

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