



Invitation to Participate in a National EMS Study: Children's Safety Initiative in EMS

A research project at OHSU invites you to participate in a national EMS Child Patient Safety Survey to develop national safety indicators and guidelines for the pre-hospital EMS care of children.

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), in partnership with the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP), the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO), the EMSC National Resource Center, EMS Medical Directors Consortium (Eagles), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Subcommittee on EMS, is beginning an NIH-funded research study of the safety and quality of pre-hospital EMS care for children. We are looking for expert opinions from:

EMTs
Physicians
Medical Directors
Program Managers & Directors

By participating in this study, you will help identify key issues involved in such care and your input may lead to changes in national guidelines and standards of care in children's EMS. Your experience in EMS gives you unique expertise and perspective on this issue, and we hope you will consider participating.

In addition to your participation, we would appreciate your help to identify others with an interest in this project; please forward this e-mail to colleagues whom you feel are qualified to share their experiences.

This study uses a Delphi technique, which is a series of 3 web-based questionnaires designed to identify important topics and/or themes by professionals. Each person on the panel completes all 3 questionnaires during the study in order to reach consensus among group members. The first online questionnaire consists of about 50 questions that should take no more than 30 minutes. After all panel members have completed the first questionnaire, we will consolidate the findings and use this information to develop the second questionnaire for you to complete. We will repeat this one last time to arrive at a final consensus among experts. If you complete all 3 rounds of the Delphi process, you will be eligible for a drawing to win one of 10 iPads.

We will ask for your name, e-mail address, and other contact information in the questionnaires; however, this is for participant tracking only. All of your information will be kept confidential and all data will be aggregated and unidentifiable in subsequent reports.



If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact:

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To participate in this study, please email us: STORC@ohsu.edu

We would greatly appreciate your contribution as an EMS professional in this important study.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

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