



**EMS Drug Shortages Summit 2014**  
**March 5, 2014**  
**Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, FL**

**The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO)** Medical Directors Council will host the **EMS Drug Shortages Summit 2014**, on March 5, 2014, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando Florida. While there were fewer *new* drug shortages in 2012 than in the previous year, the problem is long term and will continue indefinitely, posing challenges for both providers and patients. The Summit will bring together experts in the field to examine the extent and causes of the problem and identify the best practices for coping with the shortages in EMS. Participants in this important roundtable discussion will share how they have adapted to the ongoing problem. Speakers will include:

**Erin Fox, PharmD, FASHP**

Erin R. Fox is the Director of the Drug Information Service at the University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, and Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Utah College of Pharmacy. Dr. Fox directs the activities of the Drug Information Service which provides content for the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Drug Shortage Resource Center. She has led the ASHP drug shortages project since 2001. Dr. Fox will address causes of the drug shortages, what the federal government has done to address shortages, and identify management strategies for shortage drugs commonly used in the pre-hospital setting.

**James Augustine, MD, FACEP**

James Augustine is an emergency physician and a clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. His role as a fire EMS medical director includes services in Atlanta, Georgia, Dayton, Ohio, and North Naples, Florida. He serves on the Board of Directors of the American College of Emergency Physicians. Dr. Augustine will discuss methods for managing medication shortages at the regional and state level, and define a phased approach to EMS system responses.

**Carol Cunningham, MD, FAAEM, FACEP**

Carol Cunningham is the Medical Director for the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS and Immediate Past Chair of the NASEMSO Medical Directors Council. She is a member of the National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC) and the editorial boards of the *EMS Insider* and *JEMS*. She was the recipient of the 2012 American Academy of Emergency Medicine James Keaney Leadership Award. Dr. Cunningham will address the overlapping roles of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), state boards of pharmacy and state EMS offices in responding to the shortages, and will highlight past efforts to address this long term problem.

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**Peter Taillac, MD, FACEP**

Chair-Elect of the NASEMSO Medical Directors Council, Dr. Taillac is the State Medical Director for the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness, Utah Department of Health. An experienced emergency physician and EMS medical director, Taillac serves on the editorial boards of the journals *Prehospital Emergency Care* and *Western Journal of Emergency Medicine*. Dr. Taillac will explain how the Utah Bureau of EMS took bold steps in response to EMS drug shortages by allowing for the use of 6 month post-expired medications when the unexpired critical drug is not available.

**Cory Richter, BA, NREMT-P**

Cory Richter is Battalion Chief for the Indian River Fire Rescue in Vero Beach, Florida. Active in state and national EMS issues, Mr. Richter is on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) and currently serves as Chair of the Florida EMS Advisory Council. He is responsible for creating and leading the Florida EMS Drug Shortages Task Force. Richter will discuss efforts of the task force in responding to the drug shortage crisis in Florida as well as his experience as a provider in managing the shortages at the agency level.

For further information, contact NASEMSO Program Manager at [hedges@nasemsso.org](mailto:hedges@nasemsso.org) or (612) 669-2076. Additional meeting information and registration materials are available at [NASEMSO Mid Year & Drug Shortages Summit](#).

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