

# WELCOME

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Allegheny General Hospital	ChristianaCare Hospital	Ferno Washington
Allegheny General Hospital Prehospital	Citizens' Ambulance Service	FirstDue
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Allegheny Medical Transport	City of Pittsburgh Bureau of EMS	Forest Hill
Allegheny Valley VFC	Clarion Hospital EMS	Fort Bend County Fire Marshall's Office
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Ambulance and Chair EMS	Community College of Allegheny County	Freeport EMS
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Atlantic Emergency Solutions	Consol Energy	Gilbertsville Ambulance / BASSINC
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Beaver Falls Fire Department	Creekside Fire Department	Harmony EMS
Bedford Ambulance	Cumberland Goodwill EMS	Harrisburg River Rescue
Bellefonte EMS	D&D Medic Services	Hastings EMS
Belle Valley Fire Department	Dauntless Fire Company	HCSWPA
Berlin Area Ambulance	Dauphin County Technical School	Health Scholars
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Blacklick Valley Foundation Ambulance Svc	Delmont VFD	Hempfield Fire Department—Bovard Station
Blaine Hill VFC	DMVA	Highland Tank
Bloomsburg EMS	Donora Fire Department	Highland Township Volunteer Fire Department
Blue Knob Ski Patrol & Mountain Rescue	DTVFD/WCPP	Holidaysburg American Legion Ambulance
Blue Rock Fire Rescue	Duquesne University	Hollywood Casino
BLVFC	East Butler VFD	Hope Fire Company Station 50
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Brockway Ambulance	Economy Ambulance	Independence Health System - Excelsa
Brownsville Ambulance Service	Edgewood ESW	Indiana Regional Medical Center
Buena Vista VFC	Edgewood Fire Department	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
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# EMS UPDATE 2025

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# Welcome to EMS Update 2025

Conference registration/information kiosk  
(across from Gingerbread Dreams Bakery) is  
open:

**Thursday, March 20, 2025**

**7:00AM—4:00PM**

**Friday, March 21, 2025**

**7:00AM—4:00PM**

**Saturday, March 22, 2025**

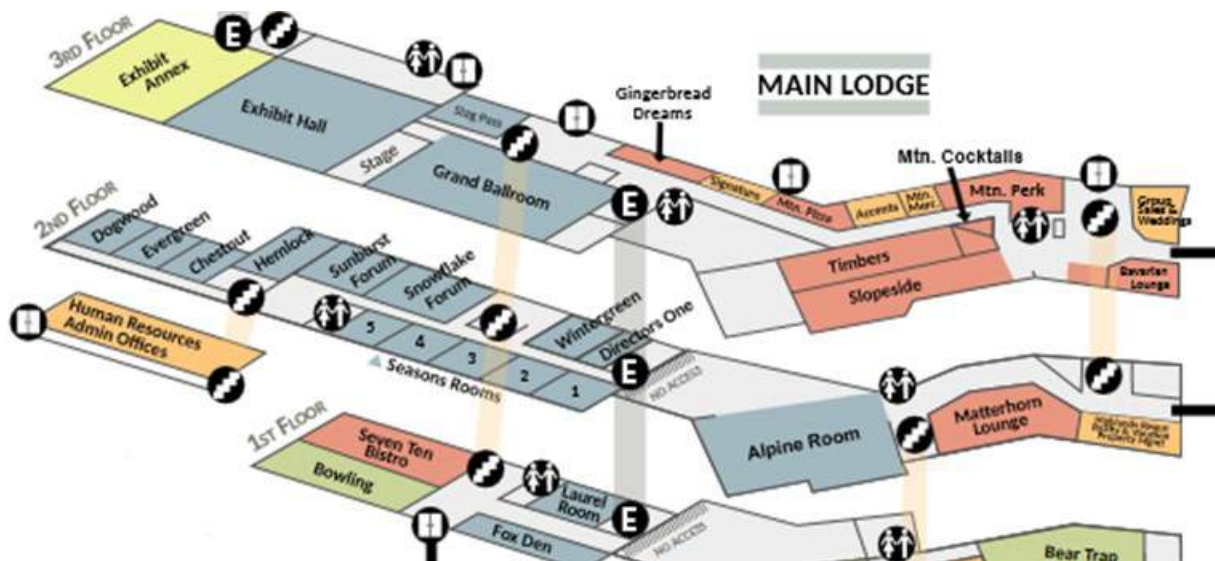
**8:00AM—10:00AM**

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**5:30pm—7:00pm Wednesday March 19**

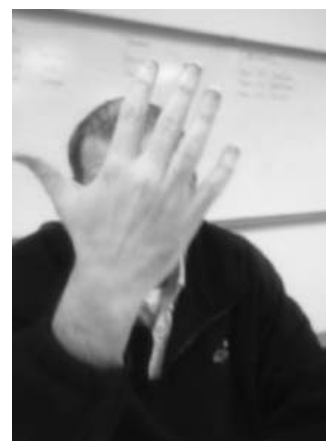
**What We've Got Here is Failure to Communicate**

**Sunburst Room 1.5 CPC Con-Ed**

**Todd Shipley | Munhall Police**

**Richard Kaufman | EMS West**

Police Officer (and paramedic) Todd Shipley, along with Richard Kaufman of EMS West, will present the 4th in a series on how public safety providers can better prepare themselves for situations not normally discussed in certification classes, such as de-escalation, self-defense and communications. Regardless of the circumstances, most of us are well versed in recognizing that moment when the scene has transitioned from conversation to argument. Discuss tactics that work and those that don't.



**This session is free to everyone. You do not have to be registered for the conference.**

## CONTINUING EDUCATION FAQs

### **Q: How do I obtain con-ed for a session I attended?**

**A:** Aim your smart phone camera at the QR code in the back of the room at the conclusion of the session. Do not take a picture. Click the link that will pop up and type in your EMS certification number and click SUBMIT. If you DO NOT have an EMS number, type in the number on your badge or your name. The QR code will become invalid 10 minutes after the session concludes.

### **Q: I was in a session but did not see a QR code.**

**A:** The QR code appears in the rear of the room at the conclusion of the session. Please see an EMS West team member for help.

### **Q: I forgot/don't know my cert number? I entered the wrong cert number.**

**A:** Please see an EMS West team member as soon as you can so it can be corrected and/or the correct number looked up in the EMS Registry system. Remember, your certification number is on the ID card sent to you when you registered/re-registered. It's also on your conference badge. Please enter your number carefully—do not add PA before the number. Just enter the 6 or 7 digit number.

### **Q: I was in a session but did not receive con-ed credit. Why?**

**A:** There are a few reasons why you may not have received con-ed:

- Entered the classroom more than 15 minutes after it started.
- Too many entrances/exits from the same session—you missed at least 25% of the session
- Attempted to scan the QR code prior to the conclusion of the session.
- You scanned into multiple sessions around the same time but were not in any of the sessions long enough to get credit.

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### **Q: Is the program accredited for nurses or other non-EMS certified/registered health care providers?**

**A:** The program is accredited for prehospital providers only. It is not accredited for nurses and other health care providers. However, you can request a certificate of attendance after the event is over by emailing [joe@emsupdate.com](mailto:joe@emsupdate.com). PHRNs can download certificates thru the PA EMS Registry to submit for their nursing continuing education.

### **Q: How many credits will I receive for each session?**

**A:** Most sessions will provide 1.0 of continuing education. There are a few classes that are approved for 0.5—those are marked in the Event Guide and the Eventee Mobile App. Saturday's General Session is worth 1.5 CEU.

### **Q: If I didn't attend a session for the entire time, can I receive partial credit?**

**A:** No.

### **Q: When will the continuing education credits appear on my PA DOH EMS Registry account?**

**A:** In some cases, con-ed will appear on your registry account within 36 hours of the conclusion of the session. The DOH does allow up to 10 days for credit to appear on your account. Please check your registry account within two weeks of the conclusion of the conference and email [joe@emsupdate.com](mailto:joe@emsupdate.com) if there are any discrepancies.

### **Q: If my EMS certification is from another state, will it automatically transfer?**

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### **Q: Will the speaker have handouts? Can I get a copy of a presentation?**

**A:** Please ask the speaker in each room for information on their handouts and their policy on copies of their presentations or check the mobile app at each session.

### **Q: How can I evaluate the session/speaker?**

**A:** Each session has an evaluation system in the Eventee Mobile App.

### **Q: The subject matter in the session was not the same as listed in the brochure or was not appropriate to me.**

**A:** Please talk to the speaker for assistance.

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**When:** March 20 from 5p-7p and March 21 from 9:30am to 3pm



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# THURSDAY—MARCH 20, 2025

7:00am—4:00pm	<b>REGISTRATION</b>				
	<b>Fox Den</b>	<b>Seasons 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Snowflake</b>	<b>Sunburst</b>	<b>Wintergreen</b>
8:00am—9:00am	<b>ABCDEs: LVAD Review</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Benjamin Williams</i>	<b>CLEAR!!! Bzzzzzt! Cardiac Emergency</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Gene Giraulo</i>	<b>The Things Kids Put in their Mouths</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Ji Young Lee</i>	<b>Add Up the Numbers: mRACE Assessment</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Nirav Bhatt</i>	<b>Interventions In Acute Trauma</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Adam Frisch</i>
9:15am—10:15am	<b>Changing Paradigm of Trauma Care</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Joshua Brown</i>	<b>Burnout in the Field: Recognition</b> 1.0 Other Con-Ed <i>Dr. Anthony Battista</i>	<b>The Altered Child</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Ursula Parlin</i>	<b>Roles of EMS in Acute Stroke Therapy</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Nirav Bhatt</i>	<b>Common Cause of Athletic Arrest</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed
10:30am—11:30am	<b>An Introduction to EMS Incident Command</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Adam Palmer</i>	<b>Austere EMS</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Keith Conover</i>	<b>Is That Child Having a Seizure?</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Angeliz Caro-Monroig</i>	<b>Respect Your Elders! Care in Geriatrics</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Chuck Feronti</i>	<b>Psychostimulant Toxicity</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Anthony Pizon</i>
11:45am—12:15pm		<b>Imodium - Why We Should Give a Crap</b> 0.5 CPC Con-Ed <i>Kathleen Kern</i>	<b>Intubation Bloopers: Video Review</b> 0.5 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Dylan Morris</i>	<b>That's Not a Knife!</b> 0.5 CPC Con-Ed <i>Todd Shipley</i>	<b>H's and T's Guided Post Cardiac Arrest Care</b> 0.5 CPC Con-Ed <i>Alaina Martini</i>
11:45am—1:15pm	<b>LUNCH—GRAND BALL ROOM</b>				
1:30pm—2:30pm	<b>H+, CO2, and You: Acid Base Disorders</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Tyler McCardell</i>	<b>EMS and the Stigma of Mental Health</b> 1.0 Other Con-Ed <i>Matthew Giacobelli</i>	<b>Non Pregnant Vaginal Bleeding in EMS</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Danielle Levine</i>	<b>Care for the Tactical Athlete</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Clay Ondrizek</i>	<b>EMS Update Resuscitation Trivia</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Phil Nawrocki</i>
2:45pm—3:45pm	<b>Updates in Trauma Care: Past and Future</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Al Philp</i>	<b>Research to Cutting-Edge Protocols</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Christian Martin-Gill</i>	<b>Mystery Dx: Cold and Tired</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Cassandra Asberry</i>	<b>Why Can't I Get a Damn Raise?</b> 1.0 Other Con-Ed <i>Eric Schmidt</i>	<b>Intro to Traffic Incident Management System</b> 1.0 EMSVO Con-Ed <i>Justin Eberly</i>
4:00pm—4:15pm	<b>CONFERENCE WELCOME—GRAND BALL ROOM</b> <b>Western Regional EMS Honor Guard, Brian McCaffrey, Commander</b> <b>Thomas McElree, Executive Director, EMS West &amp; WREMS</b>				
4:15pm—5:15pm	<b>GRAND BALL ROOM</b> <b>KEYNOTE: Getting Bit by EMS</b> 1.0 Other Con-Ed <b>Dr. Benjamin Abo</b>				
5:00pm—7:00pm	<b>EXHIBIT HALL OPEN</b>				
5:15pm—6:45pm	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION in EXHIBIT HALL</b>				



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**8:00am • 9:00am**

**ABCDEs: LVAD Review**

**Dr. Benjamin Williams**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

In this discussion we will cover vitals and CPR and more. The goal is to make the provider feel comfortable managing a patient who is wearing an LVAD.

**The Things Kids Put in their Mouths**

**Dr. Ji Young Lee**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

This discussion reviews current drug ingestion trends in pediatrics. We also talk about the used of Narcan in children and the EKG findings that you may see with certain drugs.

**CLEAR!!! Bzzzzzt! Cardiac Emergency**

**Gene Giraulo**

**Steve McKinnis**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

Let's discuss some rarities, such as, Narrow Complex Tachycardias (is electricity the answer?) Wolfe Parkinsons White Syndrome, Bundle Brach Blocks and how to identify acute happenings- (AMI) and more.

**Basic and Advanced Interventions In Acute Trauma**

**Dr. Adam Frisch**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

We review high yield, low frequency procedures used in trauma. Specific attention will be given to indications, contraindications, techniques, and tricks. Review of pathophysiology related to trauma is included.

**Let's Add Up the Numbers: mRACE Assessment**

**Dr. Nirav Bhatt**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

Most of us are proficient on the Cincinnati Stroke Scale, but what about mRACE? We review the mRACE score and show videos of the assessment. Will also discuss what those findings mean.

**9:15am • 10:15am**

**Burnout in the Field: Recognition and Recovery**

**Dr. Anthony Battista**

**1.0 Other Con-Ed**

We are finding burnout is becoming a major reason for providers exiting the community. We review the stages of burn out and help people

to recognize at what stage you are currently experiencing burnout.

**Changing the Paradigm of Trauma Care**

**Dr. Joshua Brown**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

Research is key to advancing the care of our patients, and a key component is informed consent of potential participants to know the risks and potential benefits. Enter the Exception From Informed Consent (EFIC).

**The Altered Child**

**Dr. Ursula Parlin**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

We discuss and review proper assessments of our pediatric patients, including how to determine the neuro status of infants. We also review the medical conditions that cause the altered mental status.

**Roles of EMS in Acute Stroke Therapy**

**Dr. Nirav Bhatt**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

Prehospital stroke care has a tremendous potential to impact in-hospital stroke care and stroke outcomes. We review the current gaps and opportunities to develop a robust prehospital stroke care network.

**You HAVEN'T Seen This on TV! Let's Explore the Most Common Cause of Athletic Cardiac Arrest**

**Chase Canter**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

We explore, evaluate, and resuscitate patients with Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, the number one killer of student and professional athletes.

**10:30am • 11:30am**

**Respect Your Elders! Care Considerations in Geriatrics**

**Dr. Chuck Feronti**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

You will leave this lecture with a better understanding of the unique considerations in history taking, physical exam findings, and use of diagnostics when caring for this geriatric patients!

**Psychostimulant Toxicity**

**Dr. Anthony Pizon**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

We summarize new and emerging drugs of abuse with a focus on psychostimulants. This talk with focus on the EMS need to understand the

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emerging and ever evolving psychostimulants populating our streets.

## **From Clinician to Commander: An Introduction to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Incident Command**

**Adam Palmer**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

We teach proper techniques and implementation of incident command. Session is aimed to close that gap, so you can be aware of when and, more importantly, how to properly command an emergency incident.

## **Austere EMS**

**Dr. Keith Conover**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

The 2009 EMS act now allows Mass Gathering EMS, Tactical EMS, Wilderness EMS, and Disaster EMS. We will consider the principles and practice of these three EMS subspecialties, with illustrative examples.

## **Is That Child Having a Seizure?**

**Dr. Angeliz Caro-Monroig**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

We review the different types of seizures and how they present. We also discuss the EMS studies on age based medication doses and weight based dosages in pediatrics patients.

## **11:45am • 12:15pm**

### **Intubation Bloopers: Video Review**

**Dr. Dylan Morris**

### ***0.5 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

It's hard to gain a lot of reps with intubation - there just aren't a lot of tubes to go around. In this session Clint (Morris) Eastwood will take you through the good, the bad and the ugly so you can do it right next time.

## **H's and T's Guided Post Cardiac Arrest Care**

**Alaina Martini**

**Cassandra Asberry**

### ***0.5 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Congratulations, your team has achieved return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC), now what? Delve into the H's and T's of cardiac arrest and tailor post-resuscitation care based upon patient presentation.

## **Imodium - Why We Should Give a Crap**

**Kathleen Kern**

### ***0.5 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Imodium is an anti-diarrheal which is frequently misused by IV drug abusers who are trying to get through withdrawal. We discuss syncope,

arrhythmia, and possible cardiac arrest from such misuse of Imodium.

## **That's Not a Knife!**

**Todd Shipley**

### ***0.5 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Discover the most common weapons found by EMS at scenes and discuss the wounds caused with these weapons.

## **1:30pm • 2:30pm**

### **The Night I Almost Jumped: EMS and the Stigma of Mental Health**

**Matthew Giacobelli**

### ***1.0 Other Con-Ed***

We talk about why Matt had a bout of depression that nearly ended his life. We're going to talk about the stigma, and how to break it. We're going to learn how to cope, how to be resilient.

### **Sports Medicine for SWAT: An Introduction to Care for the Tactical Athlete**

**Clay Ondrizek**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

An introduction to the assessment, treatment, and prevention of common musculoskeletal injuries to today's tactical athletes, focused on tactical operations.

### **Non Pregnant Vaginal Bleeding in EMS**

**Dr. Danielle Levine**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Providers should be familiar with a variety of causes of vaginal bleeding, including menstruation-related complaints, endometriosis, fibroids, malignancy, and vaginal trauma.

### **EMS Update Resuscitation Trivia**

**Dr. Phil Nawrocki**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Join us for a live game of trivia! We discuss a variety of emerging concepts in prehospital resuscitation including; airway management, ECPR, shock physiology, and cardiac arrest management.

### **H+, CO<sub>2</sub>, and You: Acid Base Disorders for EMS**

**Dr. Tyler McCardell**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

You routinely encounter patients with metabolic disorders in the field. We review basic human chemistry, explore the four major categories of acid-base disorders, and provide clinical examples for each.

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**2:45pm • 3:45pm**

**Updates in Trauma Care: Past and Future**

**Dr. Al Philp**

***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Trauma care continues to evolve quickly, and this session uses cases to highlight advances in prehospital, ED, OR, and ICU care over the past few years in resuscitation, technology, and techniques.

**Why Can't I Get a Damn Raise?**

**Eric Schmidt**

***1.0 Other Con-Ed***

While the financial aspects of EMS may not be the most exciting topic for you as a clinician, it is crucial for everyone in the system to grasp these concepts in order to address and rectify the issues at hand.

**EMS Evolution: From Research Breakthroughs to Cutting-Edge Protocols and Education**

**Dr. Christian Martin-Gill**

***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Dr. Martin-Gill discusses how the science of EMS medicine has been evolving over the past 30 years and how NREMT and others are now incorporating scientific evidence into clinical protocols and education.

**Introduction to Traffic Incident Management System**

**Justin Eberly**

***1.0 EMSVO Con-Ed + 1.0 Other Con-Ed***

This one hour introduction class introduces the concept of traffic incident responders including emergency medical service (EMS), transportation and public works, fire and rescue, law enforcement, and towing.

**Mystery Dx: Cold and Tired**

**Cassandra Asberry**

**Alaina Martini**

***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Vague symptoms, thick sweaters, and a sleepy grandma - what could it be? This case-study will delve into the signs, symptoms, and pathophysiology of an often-missed diagnosis and review definitive treatment.

Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of EMS Guidelines include: Doors to each session close fifteen (15) minutes after the presentation begins. While you may still gain admittance to the room, you will NOT be eligible to receive continuing education credit if you arrive 15 minutes after the scheduled start of the session. If you leave a session for longer than five (5) minutes, you will NOT receive continuing education credit for that session.

Sessions are open to all, however seating is limited because of room size. Plan ahead to avoid being shut out of a lecture you really want to hear as the doors to these rooms will be closed when maximum room capacity is reached. You may have to sit next to someone you do not know or sit in the front row of the classroom. Plan accordingly. Please fill every available seat. Store your belongings under your seat or in the overhead compartment. Keep exit rows clear. Your seat doubles as a rock if the floor turns to lava. Those standing are SOL.

In deciding which lectures to attend, consider your personal as well as your agency needs. Groups in attendance may want to divide up so that someone is in each lecture offered rather than all sitting together in one lecture session. It will be ok. I promise.

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# EMS UPDATE 2025 GETTING BIT BY EMS

## DR. BEN ABO KEYSTONE SPEAKER



Director of the Venom One and Venom Two response teams of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and Lake County Fire Rescue in Florida, is an EMS physician, paramedic and a premier venom and wilderness medicine expert globally.

"I don't need to know everything but I want to figure out what I don't know and know people who know it." This quote from Dr. Abo sums up his life perfectly. As an EMT in high school in New Jersey, he wanted to create his own path because sometimes you can choose a path, but you really are not sure where it's going to take you. But if you continue to carve out what you are passionate about, you can walk your path. Dr. Abo believes that sometimes we forget why we got into EMS and get stuck in ruts. As someone who has been fortunate and cursed with his experiences, Dr. Abo will discuss his lessons learned and try to teach others about letting the good times win and how getting bit by EMS at a young age determined his future.

March 20, 2025 4:00pm  
Seven Springs Mountain Resort

**GRAND BALL ROOM**

Thursday March 20 5:15pm • 6:45pm

Exhibitor & Student Reception in Seven Springs' Exhibit Hall.



This is your first opportunity to experience the Exhibits and First Due! Experience that latest equipment and supplies and visit with representatives from organizations, schools, companies and health care facilities and find out what's new with them.

We'll have light food and beverages set up throughout Exhibit Hall so you can do a first visit with our exhibitors and network with our speakers and providers from across Pennsylvania. **Make sure you visit with the representative from First Due; they are help to help you run your entire operation in one place.**



## CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

You must complete all of the requirements in each class to receive credit. Your CEU will automatically be applied to your PA certification/recognition. Complete information on each session is available at the conference website, [www.emsupdate.com](http://www.emsupdate.com). EMS con-ed in Pennsylvania is divided into three categories: clinical patient care (CPC), EMS vehicle operator (EMSVO), or other (O). Course listings reflect these designations.

In some instances, continuing education titles on your continuing education status report may differ from the titles listed in this guide because the title of the course was changed since the awarding of continuing education credits by the PA Department of Health Bureau of EMS.

Disclaimer from PA DOH BEMS: Courses have been approved by the PA DOH BEMS with the understanding that all PA EMS Providers must adhere to drugs and equipment approved for BLS & ALS EMS Providers and EMS Agencies, in accordance with PA Statewide BLS & ALS Protocols and PA EMS Scope of Practice for which they have been trained and/or recognized by their PA EMS Medical Director.

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# EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

**MARCH**

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**EXHIBIT HALL  
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# LEARNING FROM THE PAST, SHAPING A BRIGHTER FUTURE: TRANSFORMATIONS IN EMS



**DONNIE WOODYARD, JR**  
Executive Director  
EMS Compact

8:00am

**MARCH 21**

## KEYNOTE PRESENTER

Take a deep dive into the fascinating history of Emergency Medical Services in the United States. From the groundbreaking 1966 White paper to the formation of the National Registry of EMTs in 1970, Donnie will explore the pivotal moments that shaped EMS as we know it. From the pioneers who laid the foundation, to the origins of the iconic EMS symbol and the lesser known stories behind its evolution, to the stories, challenges, and innovations that got EMS to where it is today. And what about the future? Donnie will explore artificial intelligence (AI) and how it could re-shape EMS with predictive insights and lead to better patient outcomes. Join us as we explore that path that led us here; and the path of what is ahead for the profession.

**GRAND BALL ROOM**

# FRIDAY—MARCH 21, 2025

7:00am—4:00pm	<b>REGISTRATION</b>				
8:00am—8:15am	<b>PRESIDENT'S WELCOME—GRAND BALL ROOM</b> Gregory Porter, President, Board of Directors, EMS West & WREMS				
8:15am—9:15am	<b>GRAND BALL ROOM</b> <b>KEYNOTE: Learning from the Past, Shaping a Brighter Future: Transformations in EMS</b> 1.0 Other Con-Ed Donnie Woodyard, Jr				
9:15am—3:30pm	<b>EXHIBIT HALL OPEN</b>				
	<b>Fox Den</b>	<b>Seasons 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Snowflake</b>	<b>Sunburst</b>	<b>Wintergreen</b>
10:00am—11:00am	<b>The Art of the Medical Command Consult</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Chadd Nesbit</i>	<b>EMS Emergencies and Rare Disease</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Brian Kosczuk</i>	<b>An Approach to the Respiratory Patient</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Aleksander Keller</i>	<b>BLS in Mass Casualty Incidents</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Justin Beal</i>	<b>There Won't Be Blood: Improve Tourniquet Use</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Peter Allen</i>
11:15am—12:15pm	<b>Wilderness medicine - Splinting &amp; Evac</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Ryan McLoughlin</i>	<b>Focus on Quick Response Services</b> 1.0 Other Con-Ed <i>Dr. Tyler McCardell</i>	<b>Oh Baby! EMS Pre-hospital Deliveries</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Danielle Levine</i>	<b>Mental and Physical Health in EMS</b> 1.0 Other Con-Ed <i>Rob Druga</i>	<b>Even Death Has a Heart: End of Life Care and EMS</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Heather Valente</i>
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7:00pm—8:30pm	FAMILY MOVIE FUN NIGHT—Snowflake				



**Join us immediately after our Keynote Session on Friday, March 21 as we open one of the largest free admission EMS exhibitions in Pennsylvania.**

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There is no fee to enter Exhibit Hall and EMS, fire, rescue, dispatch, police, haz-mat, hospital and all public safety providers are encouraged to bring their families and shop for your needed supplies and equipment.

**Attend the Keynote session on Friday & receive priority admission into Exhibit Hall**

## Friday March 21

**10:00am • 11:00am**

**The Role of BLS in Mass Casualty Incidents**

**Justin Beal**

***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

BLS providers play a crucial role in MCIs and we explore the specific responsibilities of BLS providers in MCIs, focusing on their role in triage, patient care, and resource management.

**Consult Magic: The Art of the Medical Command Consult**

**Dr. Chadd Nesbit**

***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

It may be difficult to effectively communicate the situation to obtain orders from medical command. We discuss challenges and some techniques helpful in facilitating these crucial patient care conversations.

**Breathing Easy: Patient Breathing? An Approach to the Respiratory Patient**

**Dr. Aleksander Keller**

***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

We'll go over a thoughtful approach to these respiratory patients, honing a diagnosis, and offering tailored approaches to therapy to improve outcomes.

**There Won't Be Blood: How to Improve Tourniquet Use**

**Dr. Peter Allen**

***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Since the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the use of tourniquets stateside have become more and more popular. Dr. Allen explores the current use and future of tourniquets.

**Beyond Routine: EMS Emergencies and Rare Disease**

**Brian Kosczuk**

**Brian Dawson**

***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

At some point, providers experience a patient with a history, medication list and diagnosis that we did not know existed. Presented by two EMS providers living with rare autoimmune diseases.

**11:15am • 12:15pm**

**Mental and Physical Health Work Side by Side in EMS**

**Rob Druga**

***1.0 Other Con-Ed***

We discuss stress, burnout, PTSD, and common good and bad ways to help overcome the boundaries that they establish. There will also be examples of how this affected me both physically and mentally.

**Even Death Has a Heart: End of Life Care and EMS**

**Heather Valente**

***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

We dive into advanced directives, define palliative care and hospice care, identify treatments for end-of-life symptom management, and identify tips and tricks for death notifications and discuss self-care.

**EMS Prehospital Deliveries**

**Dr. Danielle Levine**

***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

In cases of prehospital delivery, timely EMS intervention is crucial. Increased perinatal mortality and morbidity for both neonate and mother have been associated with unplanned prehospital deliveries.

# Friday March 21

## **Wilderness Medicine - Caring for the Trauma Patient:**

### **Orthopedic Splinting and Evacuation**

**Dr. Ryan McLoughlin**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

A comprehensive review of splinting technique translated from the hospital practice to remote practice. Also what to expect when organizing and executing an evacuation over unimproved terrain.

## **Minutes Matter: Focus on QRS and Initial Interventions**

**Dr. Tyler McCardell**

**1.0 Other Con-Ed**

We highlight evidence-based interventions and assessments that can be performed by a QRS or First Responder provider within the first few minutes of patient contact, with a primary focus on the BLS level.

## **1:00pm • 1:30pm**

### **Death Notification (Don't Fear the Reaper)**

**Mo Pittser**

**0.5 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

This session aims to improve the confidence, competency, and communication skills of EMS personnel in death notification. General topics surrounding grief will be reviewed.

## **Hocus POCUS and Magic Crystals - Ultrasound in EMS**

**Dr. Ryan McLoughlin**

**0.5 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

Ultrasound is a mainstay of Emergency Medicine in the Emergency Department. The uses for this technology are varied and show potential clinical and diagnostic value pre-hospital.

## **End Tidal CO2: The 7th Vital Sign**

**Dr. Rebecca Greenstein**

**0.5 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

We review the basics of end tidal CO<sub>2</sub>, including what it means and review state protocols that require end tidal CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring as well as situations where end tidal CO<sub>2</sub> may be useful. .

## **Quick Chat with the Regional Medical Director**

**Dr. Richard Wadas**

**0.5 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

Meet EMS West's Regional Medical Director and get a chance to discover some of the cutting-edge clinical activities occurring in the region. Dr. Wadas will quickly review the role of the regional medical director.

## **1:45pm • 2:45pm**

### **STEMI or Not: Prehospital Cath Lab Activation**

**Dr. Christian Martin-Gill**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

We review lessons learned from over a decade of prehospital activations at 7 STEMI Receiving Centers in Southwestern PA and review key challenges and opportunities for patients with suspected ACS.

### **Hidden Causes: Pediatric Cardiac Arrest**

**Dr. Sylvia Owuso-Ansah**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

Less than 10% of pediatric patients survive cardiac arrest. This lecture will help you identify the key causes of pediatric cardiac arrest and how to be able to best manage pediatric cardiac arrest in the field.

## **What You Knew Yesterday Isn't Enough for Tomorrow's**

### **Emergency: Lifelong Learning in EMS**

**Dr. William Jenkins**

**Jonathon Jenkins**

**1.0 Other Con-Ed**

A father and son's journey outlining WHAT emergency care and EMS can teach you about life and HOW to best fine tune your medical knowledge in today's fast paced, high-tech EMS world.

## **Understanding the EMS Compact: Changing the**

### **Landscape of Interstate Licensure**

**Donnie Woodyard, Jr**

**1.0 Other Con-Ed**

An in-depth exploration of the EMS Compact, a transformative initiative that enables nearly 400,000 EMS clinicians to practice across 24 member states with a single Home State license.

## **Dying to Thriving: The Guy That Died**

**Talo Capuzzi**

**1.0 Other Con-Ed**

Suffering and surviving an out of hospital cardiac arrest. I touch on the moments leading up to my cardiac event and touch on the care that I received from EMS to my discharge from AGH 10 days later.

## **3:00pm • 4:00pm**

### **Something for the Pain**

**Dr. Catherine Toro**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

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We talk about the different types of pain control at our disposal (many that DON'T need an IV), reasons why we historically undertreat pain prehospitally, and some pros and cons of the medications we carry.

## **2025 EMS Protocol Development/Pennsylvania Clinical Outcomes**

**Dr. R. Daniel Bledsoe**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

A review of the 2025 EMS Statewide protocol development process, including key findings and a reveal of the new look for the protocols.

## **Prehospital Blood Administration**

**Dr. Vincent Mosesso**

**Larry Pollock**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

We discuss a brief background and history of the EMS blood programs. Cover the protocols and the requirements needed to carry blood and also provide case examples of EMS prehospital blood administration.

## **Cultivating Future First Responders: Youth in EMS**

**Elizabeth Mathew**

**Rohit Lobo**

### ***1.0 Other Con-Ed***

The Uwchlan Ambulance Corps Juniors Program, the largest youth EMS organization in the northeastern United States, is dedicated to empowering young people (ages 14-18) to become EMS professionals.

## **Common Sense Ain't So Common: Defensive Driving for EMS**

**Justin Eberly | VFIS**

### ***1.0 EMSVO Con-Ed + 1.0 Other Con-Ed***

Let's face it, common sense ain't that common. We outline defensive driving techniques that can be immediately applied to improve the safety of EMS vehicle operations.

**4:15pm • 5:15pm**

## **Pediatric Trauma: Why Kids Aren't Just Little Adults**

**Dr. Rebecca Greenstein**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

We discuss the differences in mechanism of injury, injury patterns and management in pediatric trauma and review more common injury patterns, pediatric shock, and how pediatric trauma differs from adults.

## **PA Department of Health Bureau of EMS Update**

**Anthony Martin**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Anthony Martin, Director of the PA Department of Health Bureau of EMS will provide information on the state of EMS, current initiatives in the Bureau of EMS and projects that will be coming soon.

## **The 5 D's of Dodgeball.... I mean Posterior Strokes**

**Bradley Dean**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

This session will quickly take EMS providers through the 5 D's of posterior strokes for quick recognition regardless of the stroke exam utilized within their community.

## **ECMO on the Frontlines: Revolutionizing Cardiac Arrest Survival in the Prehospital Setting**

**Dr. Matthew Poremba**

**Dr. Tyler VanDyck**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Real-world case studies and the latest clinical data will be presented, highlighting the transformative impact of ECMO in prehospital settings and how it could shape the future of cardiac arrest care.

## **Why Do We Need to Know Their Lab Values**

**Ryan Senica**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Let's take the time to recognize what these labs mean, what causes them to go awry, and what we can and should be doing while treating and transporting these patients in the field.

**5:30pm • 6:30pm**

## **Wrong Side of the Fang: Up To Date Care for the Envenomed**

**Dr. Benjamin Abo**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

We jump right into the most up to date Dos & Do Nots for snakebite envenomation from the physician for Venom 1 himself, who's first snakebite he saw treated was a cobra bite in Pittsburgh.

**Livin' "Davita" Loca**

**Jonathon Jenkins**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Arguably, dialysis patients may be some of the sickest we encounter, based upon their underlying physiology, chronic disease state, and fragile vasculature.

# PIZZA PARTY!



Join us for Family Fun Night!

Enjoy a great movie, delicious pizza, and more in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere. Whether you're coming with loved ones or just love a good movie night, this event is for you!

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Time: 7:00 PM

Movie: To Be Determined



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**FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025**  
**6:30PM - 8:30PM**  
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# **GALACTIC GATHERING**

AHN PREHOSPITAL CARE SERVICES

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025**

**9:00PM - MIDNIGHT**

**THE GRAND BALLROOM**



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# "IN THE LINE OF FIRE"

LESSONS FROM THE TRUMP RALLY IN BUTLER, PA.  
KEY PLANNING AND RESPONSE ROLES BETWEEN  
EMS & EMA. INCLUDING INITIAL AND UNFORSEEN  
CHALLENGES

## GUEST SPEAKERS



**Richard Lippert**  
*Healthcare  
Coalition  
Medical Officer*



**Robert McLafferty**  
*Butler County 911  
EMS Incident  
Commander*



**Dr. Sharon Klapac**  
*AHN Forbes  
On-Site Physician*



**Megan Lenz**  
*Allegheny Health  
Network  
Response  
Paramedic*



**Nico Soler**  
*Butler County ESU  
Tactical Medic*

Attendees will gain an inside look at the incident's timeline, from initial risk assessment and resource allocation to the emergency response and post-event support. We'll delve into the critical roles played by various agencies, including local EMS, fire departments, Butler Memorial Hospital, State Assets, and the Healthcare Coalition in managing over 250 patient contacts.

Key topics include the challenges faced during the rally, such as resource shortages, the rapid deployment of assets due to heat-related incidents, and the importance of pre-established relationships among responders.

The presentation will also highlight the aftermath, including CISM for responders. Through first-hand accounts and interviews, we'll identify lessons learned to improve future emergency responses and community preparedness. This session will underscore the resilience and character of those on the front lines, reflecting on Zig Ziglar's quote: "Circumstances don't create character. They reveal character."

**March 22, 2025 8:30am**

# SATURDAY—MARCH 22, 2025

8:00am—10:00am	<b>REGISTRATION</b>				
8:30am—8:35am	<b>WELCOME—GRAND BALL ROOM</b> Brian Shaw, Deputy Director, EMS West & WREMS				
8:35am—10:00am	<b>GRAND BALL ROOM</b> <b>“IN THE LINE OF FIRE” LESSONS FROM THE TRUMP RALLY IN BUTLER, PA. KEY PLANNING AND RESPONSE ROLES BETWEEN EMS &amp; EMA. INCLUDING INITIAL AND UNFORSEEN CHALLENGES</b> Dr. Sharon Klapac, Richard Lippert, Robert McLafferty, Megan Lenz, Nico Soler <i>1.5 CPC Con-Ed</i>				
	<b>Fox Den</b>	<b>Seasons 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Snowflake</b>	<b>Sunburst</b>	<b>Wintergreen</b>
10:15am—11:15am	<b>EMS Response to Civil Unrest</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Wesley Semple</i>	<b>The Paramedic Is the Patient's Family</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Larry Pollock</i>	<b>How to Spot, Treat, and Beat Infectious Diseases</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Kayla Resh</i>	<b>Your Patient Is Crashing, What Do You Do? Protocol Review</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Owen Traynor</i>	<b>Navigating Non-Invasive Ventilation: Bipap, Cpap, Avaps, and Beyond</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Vincent LaMantia</i>
11:30am—12:30pm	<b>Vitals - Are They Really Vital?</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Matthew Lovell</i>	<b>Evolution of Prehospital Care</b> 1.0 Other Con-Ed <i>Dr. Sharon Klapac</i>	<b>Pills and Spills: Pre-hospital Falls in the Age of Polypharmacy</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Tom Wen Han Su</i>	<b>Review On Diabetic Emergencies</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Rickquel Tripp</i>	<b>Aortic Dissection: The Great Masquerader</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Brian Risavi</i>
12:30pm—1:30pm	<b>LUNCH—GRAND BALL ROOM</b>				
1:30pm—2:30pm	<b>Legal &amp; Ethical Considerations in BLS: Need to Know</b> 1.0 Other Con-Ed <i>Justin Beal</i>	<b>Optimizing Care for the Neurodiverse</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Tiffany Vargo</i>	<b>Traumatic Cardiac Arrest</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Owen Traynor</i>	<b>Macgyver Medicine for Bleeding Fistulas and Other Difficulties</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Christina Hogg</i>	<b>Knees Weak, Arms Heavy, Vomit on his Sweater Sarin-GHETTI</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Jonathan McMahon</i>
2:45pm—3:45pm			<b>Role of BLS Providers During Intubation</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Matthew Horton</i>	<b>The Furry Blue Line: EMSs Role in the Care of Injured K9 Officers</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Dr. Quincy Chopra</i>	<b>Weed the People</b> 1.0 CPC Con-Ed <i>Bradley Dean</i>

## 10:15am • 11:15am

**EMS Response to Civil Unrest**  
**Wesley Semple**  
**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

Topics to be covered this presentation include an overview of varying civil unrest situations, groups involved in these scenarios, devices used to distract and disrupt, considerations for response, training and more.

**This Presentation is Gonna Go Viral! How to Spot, Treat, and Beat Infectious Diseases**

## Kayla Resh

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

From PPE to patient care tips, we'll cover what you need to know to keep yourself, your team, and your patients healthy. After all, when it comes to infectious diseases, it's better to catch the signs early!

**Navigating Non-Invasive Ventilation: Bipap, Cpap, Avaps, and Beyond**  
**Dr. Vincent LaMantia**

**1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed**

We review the principles, indications, and clinical applications of NIV,



# Saturday March 22

with a focus on its impact on patient outcomes in various capacities and highlights recent advancements

## **When the Paramedic Becomes the Patient's Family: A Journey Through Cardiac Arrest Care and Survival**

**Larry Pollock**

**Cheryl Rickens**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

What about the scenario where a family member suffers a medical emergency, the responders are friends, you know the hospital team, and your coworkers are now assisting in the care continuum.

## **Your Patient Is Crashing, What Do You Do?**

**Protocol Review**

**Dr. Owen Traynor**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Most EMS patients can be expertly cared for in the ambulance. Protocol 3000 was developed because there were several cases of cardiac arrests that occurred while the patient was in the care of EMS.

## **11:30am • 12:30pm**

### **Evolution of Prehospital Care**

**Dr. Sharon Klapac**

#### ***1.0 Other Con-Ed***

I tell the story of the evolution of EMS, including key events and pioneers who have shaped the way we provide prehospital care today, at times despite great odds.

## **Aortic Dissection: The Great Masquerader**

**Dr. Brian Risavi**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Would you recognize a patient with an aortic dissection? Using a case-based format, we will explore the life-threatening pathology of aortic dissection and better prepare you to recognize this deadly disease.

## **Vitals - Are They Really Vital?**

**Dr. Matthew Lovell**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

We explore the role that vital signs play in diagnostic workups, what they can tell us about patient conditions, and why they are important in guiding patient care.

## **Pills and Spills: Prehospital Falls in the Age**

**of Polypharmacy**

**Tom Wen Han Su**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

We emphasize the importance of identifying medications that increase fall risk during patient assessments and highlight the crucial role that clear, effective communication during the transfer of care plays.

## **Review On Diabetic Emergencies**

**Dr. Rickuel Tripp**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Exploring the details about hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia and evidence-based treatments. Also, is it safe to not transport?

## **1:30pm • 2:30pm**

## **A Renal-ly Bad Day: MacGyver Medicine for Bleeding**

### **Fistulas and Other Difficult Prehospital Scenarios**

**Christina Hogg**

**Dr. Rebecca Greenstein**

**Dr. Sharon Klapac**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Using their best tips and niftiest "MacGyver medicine" tricks, a group of AHN prehospital providers and EMS physicians will run through their favorite methods for some of the most difficult emergencies.

## **Legal and Ethical Considerations in BLS: What You Need to Know**

**Justin Beal**

### ***1.0 Other Con-Ed***

We provide a comprehensive overview of the legal responsibilities BLS providers must be aware of, including scope of practice, standards of care, the duty to act, Good Samaritan laws, and patient consent.

## **Optimizing Care for the Neurodiverse**

**Tiffany Vargo**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

During this lecture we will define neurodiversity, classify the range of special needs for neurodiverse patients, and discover techniques to optimize assessment and care of these patients.

## **Knees Weak, Arms Heavy, Vomit on his Sweater Already**

**Sarin-GHETTI**

**Dr. Jonathan McMahon**

### ***1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed***

Come learn about some nasty toxins that can really put a damper on anyone's good time, or farm time. We'll cover when to think about these toxins, how they work, and how you can save lives.

# Saturday March 22

## Traumatic Cardiac Arrest: What Do We Do?

Dr. Owen Traynor

### 1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed

Traumatic cardiac arrests have historically had poor survival rates. We discuss established guidelines for patient survivability and updates for best practices in the field.

**4:00pm • 5:00pm**

## Role of BLS Providers During Intubation

Matthew Horton

### 1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed

The goal of this lecture is that the student will leave being able to identify and manage a compromised airway using basic life support modalities, and how to assist the advanced life support provider.

## Weed the People

Bradley Dean

### 1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed

It is imperative that EMS providers understand the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics and medicolegal considerations related to cannabis use and review a couple of case presentations.

## The Furry Blue Line: EMSs Role in the Care of Injured

K9 Officers

Dr. Quincy Chopra

### 1.0 Clinical Patient Care Con-Ed

We will learn how to manage injuries and illness affecting K9s including airway management, IV access, bleeding control, and resuscitation using equipment and medications we already have in our vehicles.

# EMS Update 2026 March 26, 27, 28

## EMS Update 2025 Conference Course Selection Committee

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Visit [www.emsupdate.com](http://www.emsupdate.com) after July 1, 2025 for the packet of information to apply to speak in 2026. Applications accepted until COB on September 11, 2025.

QR codes for each session are activated shortly before the conclusion of the session. Your entry is time-stamped and we can not provide credit for those entries made prior to the session starting nor ten minutes after the session has ended. We will also eliminate duplicate entries if you register for more than one session per time period.

In deciding which lectures to attend, consider your personal as well as your agency needs. Groups in attendance may want to divide up so that someone is in each lecture offered rather than all sitting together in one lecture session.

Complimentary refreshments are provided each day of the conference for a limited time for registered students during the scheduled breaks (early morning, mid-morning and then again mid-afternoon).

An All You Can Eat Buffet Lunch is provided for those attendees registered for classes. You will receive lunch tickets in your registration packet. Please present your lunch ticket to the banquet staff as you are seated. Additional lunch tickets are available for purchase each day at cost. Lunch vouchers are only valid for the EMS Update sponsored lunches on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Sessions are open to all, however seating in rooms is limited due to the design of the meeting rooms. In 2025, when maximum chair seating capacity is reached, the doors will be closed and we will not permit entrance. Because of the design of the rooms, we cannot add chairs once capacity is reached. You asked that we only allow seated participants so we can no longer allow attendees to stand in the back of the room; everyone must be seated.

Your educational costs are underwritten in part thanks to Pennsylvania's  
Rural EMS Education Funds.

**NO SMOKING**—All EMS Update activities, classes, exhibits and hallways are designated strictly non-smoking. Please refrain from using other tobacco products in class.

**NO CHILDREN IN CLASSES**—In order to reduce classroom distractions, children and infants are not permitted in EMS Update classes.

While in class, please silence all devices that make noise. You aren't responding to that call; the radio and pager can be turned off.

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The Allegheny Health Network continuously strives to be a customer-focused organization. The Emergency Medical Service providers who entrust our hospitals to care for their patients are incredibly important partners in improving and preserving the health of our region. Our Network is committed to providing EMS with the very best experience while visiting our facilities. Our EMS Pledge clearly specifies what EMS can expect when they arrive at any of our Network's Emergency Departments.

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The Public Safety Institute (PSI) was established in the early 1980s, predominately offering Emergency Medical Services (EMS) programs. In the early 1990s, CCAC expanded its mission to also include Fire, Hazardous Materials, Emergency Vehicle Operations and Emergency Management programs. PSI trains approximately 15,000 students per year in public safety programs in Allegheny, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Warren and Washington counties.

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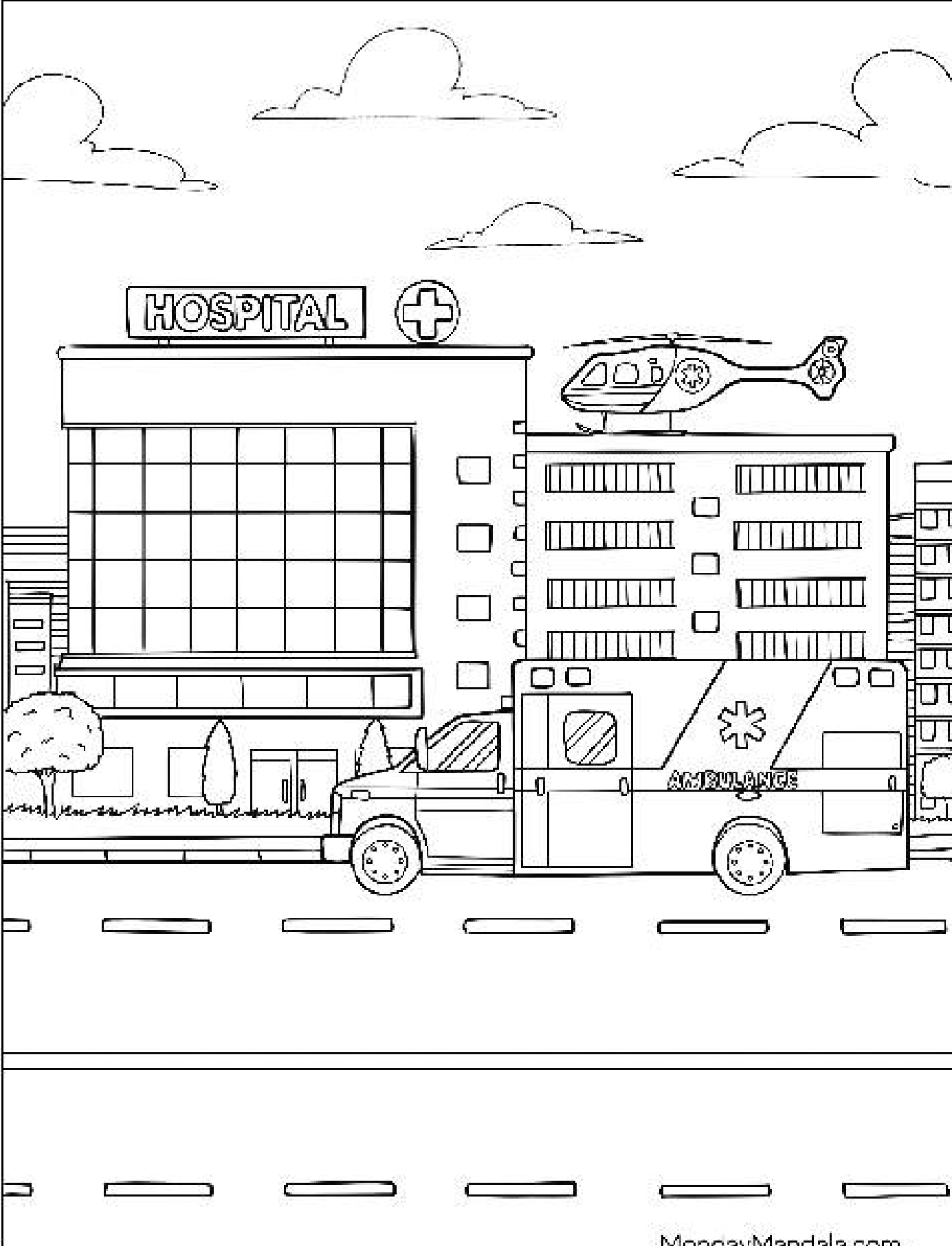
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