



National EMS Week 2018 – Presented by the American College of Emergency Physicians and the National Association of EMT's is May 20 - 26
 Wednesday, May 23 is Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day.
 The 2018 theme EMS STRONG is "Stronger Together"

National EMS Week is an annual celebration of the dedication and commitment of EMS providers all over the country making differences in the lives of millions of Americans every day. It also provides an opportunity to bring together EMS agencies and their local communities to focus attention on illness and injury prevention and raise awareness about issues important to the continued development and improvement of EMS and Trauma systems.

National EMS for Children Day spotlights the delivery of high-quality emergency medical care for children, focusing on the unique needs of critically ill or injured pediatric patients and the challenges faced by EMS professionals in meeting those needs. Hundreds of communities around the Nation are planning special events to honor the men and women who provide emergency care to our children and to raise awareness about safety and prevention and the ongoing need to improve and expand specialized care for children in the prehospital setting.

Please visit the [American College of Emergency Physicians](#) and the [EMSC for Children Innovation and Improvement Center's](#) websites for more information and resources as they become available.



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Joint AAP-ACEP-ENA Policy Statement Released: Pediatric Medication Safety in the Emergency Department

The statement was published simultaneously March 1 in *Pediatrics* and *Annals of Emergency Medicine*.

Abstract --*Pediatric patients cared for in emergency departments (EDs) are at high risk of medication errors for a variety of reasons. A multidisciplinary panel was convened by the Emergency Medical Services for Children program and the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine to initiate a discussion on medication safety in the ED. Top opportunities identified to improve medication safety include using kilogram-only weight-based dosing, optimizing computerized physician order entry by using clinical decision support, developing a standard formulary for pediatric patients while limiting variability of medication concentrations, using pharmacist support within EDs, enhancing training of medical professionals, systematizing the dispensing and administration of medications within the ED, and addressing challenges for home medication administration before discharge.*

AAP News Article --An accompanying AAP News article by Drs. Lee Benjamin and Karen Frush, "Improving Medication Safety in the ED: 18 Recommendations Reflect Joint Effort" was also [published](#). In addition, a [joint press release](#) approved by all 3 authoring organizations was issued to the media by the AAP.

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Save the Dates!

The EIIC website now has an [Events page](#) that includes a list of upcoming events and activities pertinent to the EMSC community. Please bookmark and visit often.

- The **Joint Commission is accepting public comment on proposed requirements for pediatric emergency equipment and supplies** through March 27, 2018. See this [site](#) for details and instructions.
- 2018 **Virginia Public Health & Healthcare Preparedness Academy** will be held March 27 & 28 in Roanoke VA. This year's theme is "Crisis Management." For more details and registration information [click here](#).
- On March 28, 2018, ASPR TRACIE will host a webinar "**Healthcare Response to a No-Notice Incident: Las Vegas.**" Click [here](#) for more information and register [here](#).
- **Pennsylvania EMS Conference** to be held in Manheim PA September 5-7, 2018 is **seeking speakers**. *Deadline is 3/30/18*. Email inquiries to pehsc@pehsc.org
- Attend the **2018 Trauma-Informed Pediatric Provider Course: Addressing Childhood Adversity and Building Resilience** in Houston, TX. April 5-8, 2018. For more information and registration details click [here](#).
- Details for the **EMSC 2018 Meeting (April 30th – May 2nd) "Moving EMSC Forward: Championing Quality and Collaboration"** are complete. Expected attendees are:
 - State Partnership Managers,
 - One FAN Representative per State Partnership and
 - PRQC trainers.

All expected attendees should have been contacted by Project Officers or PQRC Leadership. Meeting and Hotel reservations links are located [here](#). We can't wait to see you in Austin!

- Registration is now OPEN for the **2018 Pediatric Critical Care (PCC) Regional Meeting** on May 23, 2018 in Madison, WI. The event will be hosted at The Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery. This interprofessional conference is designed to provide cutting-edge information and strategies for caring for critically ill children. Form more information follow this [link](#). Seeking abstracts through April 1 [here](#).
- **National EMS Week 2018** is May 20-26. **EMS for Children Day 2018** is Wednesday, May 23.



Resources Available

Please be sure to watch for items of interest to the EMSC Community including **national projects, webinars, and opportunities to support EMS for Children** on the [EIIC Facebook page](#) and [Twitter](#). We use these channels to announce items on short notice.

Considerations for the Use of Temporary Care Locations for Managing Seasonal Patient Surge

This [ASPR TRACIE fact sheet](#) describes the major considerations healthcare facility emergency planners should take into account when developing patient surge management solutions for longer-duration events, such as weeks to months of seasonal illness surge. These considerations are different than those of planning to handle surge from a no-notice, short duration event and can include standing up surge sites immediately within or adjacent to a hospital.

ASPR TRACIE Resources on Flooding

Several areas in the country are experiencing flooding from late winter storms. ASPR TRACIE invites you to review several resources that can help you prepare for and respond to these types of events: Their [Natural Disasters Topic Collection](#) includes a section on [lessons learned from flooding events](#) and related [plans, tools, and templates](#). [After the Flood: Mold-Specific Resources](#) includes information on cleaning up after floods and preventing, identifying, and getting rid of mold.

Now Available - Traffic Safety Facts: A Compilation of Motor Vehicle Crash Data



The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has deployed a dynamic and interactive online portal for its annual traffic safety report - Traffic Safety Facts: A Compilation of Motor Vehicle Crash Data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System and the General Estimates System.

The portal can be accessed at:

» <https://cdan.nhtsa.gov/TSFTables/TSFAR.htm>

This portal gives users the ability to generate the numerous descriptive statistics about traffic crashes of all severities, from those that result in property damage to those that result in the loss of human life. This portal fulfills a long-standing need to be able to provide the tables in a timelier and easily accessible manner. The portal now incorporates

the feature to output the tables in various popular formats (Excel, pdf, etc.) while also providing features to request versions of the tables both at the national and state levels, where applicable. In addition, users can also generate historic versions of the tables.

The data sources for this report are the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS, 2010-2016) and the National Automotive Sampling System General Estimates System (NASS GES, 2010-2015). Note: NASS GES was discontinued in 2016 and replaced with a new system called the Crash Report Sampling System (CRSS). The 2016 data year is the first data collection year of CRSS and estimates for injury and property-damage-only crash estimates for 2016 will be available soon.

Targeted Issues QI Project Improves Prehospital Protocol Compliance

A [Targeted Issues](#) (PEGASUS) funded quality improvement project designed to improve the quality of care for children with seizures and anaphylaxis in the prehospital setting using a bundled, multifaceted educational intervention was featured in the recent [American Board of Pediatrics Annual Report](#) (pp. 22-23) and in a recent Prehospital Emergency Care [article](#).

Keeping Children Safe: Gun Violence Prevention

The AAP has been involved for decades in advocacy efforts to address the detrimental effects of gun violence in children's lives as a public health issue and recently issued a [Press Statement](#) on the school shooting in Parkland, FL. The AAP continues to engage in a sustained advocacy effort focused on engaging Congress, the White House, partner organizations, pediatricians, and the public to enact and improve federal policies aimed at reducing and preventing gun violence and has joined other leading medical groups to call for strong gun safety laws. AAP led 75 national health, medical, public health, and research organizations in a [letter](#) urging Congress to find a bipartisan path forward for comprehensive legislative solutions to firearm-related injuries and fatalities. AAP's top priorities in federal gun violence prevention advocacy can be viewed [here](#). In response to the recent [New York Times article](#) that outlined unwarranted vilification of student survivors, the AAP President co-wrote a [letter to the editor](#). Learn more about AAP efforts and education:

- AAP policy statement on [firearm safety](#)
- AAP online [resource page](#): "How Pediatricians Can Advocate for Children's Safety in Their Communities"
- [Information](#) for parents on how to talk to children about disastrous events
- For the latest federal policy updates, AAP members can join the Key Contact program by emailing name, email address and AAP ID to kids1st@aap.org. For laws and legislation in your state, contact stgov@aap.org.
- If you have a perspective or story about how gun violence has impacted you, please email kids1st@aap.org and tell us what it is. We may share your story in the media or with federal legislators.
- Attend the [AAP Trauma-Informed Pediatric Provider Course: Addressing Childhood Adversity and Building Resilience](#) April 5-8, 2018 (Houston, TX)



2018 Moving EMSC Forward: Championing Quality and Collaboration

Will be held in Austin Texas, April 30 – May 2, 2018. Plan your travel now!

Travel Agenda is [posted](#). Topics and presenters are subject to change, but required attendees: State Partnership Manager, one FAN representative from each State Partnership, and PQRC trainers are required to attend.

Be sure to register for BOTH the meeting and the hotel.

Any questions about State Partnership funding should be directed to your Project Officer.

Poison Prevention Tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics

Each year, approximately 3 million people – many under age 5 – swallow or have contact with a poisonous substance. The American Academy of Pediatrics offers tips in both English and Spanish to prevent and to treat exposures to poison.

To prevent poisoning in the home:

Most poisonings occur when parents or caregivers are home but not paying attention. The most dangerous potential poisons are medicines, cleaning products, liquid nicotine, antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, pesticides, furniture polish, gasoline, kerosene and lamp oil. Be especially vigilant when there is a change in routine. Holidays, visits to and from grandparents' homes, and other special events may bring greater risk of poisoning if the usual safeguards are defeated or not in place.

- Store medicine, cleaning and laundry products (including detergent packets), paints/varnishes and pesticides in their original packaging in locked cabinets or containers, out of sight and reach of children.
- Safety latches that automatically lock when you close a cabinet door can help keep children away from dangerous products, but there is always a chance the device will malfunction or the child will defeat it. The safest place to store poisonous products is somewhere a child can't reach or see.
- Purchase and keep all medicines in containers with safety caps and keep out of reach of children. [Discard unused medication](#). Note that safety caps are designed to be child resistant but are not fully child proof.
- Never refer to medicine as "candy" or another appealing name.
- Check the label each time you give a child medicine to ensure proper dosage. For liquid medicines, use the dosing device that came with the medicine. Never use a kitchen spoon.
- If you use an e-cigarette, keep the liquid nicotine refills locked up out of children's reach and only buy refills that use child resistant packaging. Ingestion or skin exposure with just a small amount of the liquid can be fatal to a child.
- Never place poisonous products in food or drink containers.
- Keep natural-gas-powered appliances, furnaces, and coal, wood or kerosene stoves in safe working order.
- Maintain working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Secure remote controls, key fobs, greeting cards, and musical children's books. These and other devices may contain small button-cell batteries that can cause injury if ingested.
- [Know the names of all plants in your home and yard](#). If you have young children or pets, consider removing those that are poisonous.

Retrieved from AAP.org

EMS Agenda 2050

The EMS Agenda 2050 revised Strawman is available for review and feedback. Download the new version of the EMS Agenda 2050 Straw Man and provide feedback [here](#). You may also sign up for email updates [here](#) as the EMS Agenda 2050 Draft is anticipated to be released in the coming months.



HRSA/ EMSC Critical Crossroads Project

The Critical Crossroads initiative, initiated by HRSA's EMSC Program, seeks to collaborate across federal agencies to improve the identification of and care coordination for children experiencing mental health crisis in rural emergency care settings. The project will identify resources and best practice tools that can be disseminated to states and rural communities. The Critical Crossroads Federal Steering committee, composed of members across 10 agencies, meets monthly. The goals of the project are to:

- (1) Improve the coordination of care of children in emergency mental health crisis and post-crisis in rural regions; and
- (2) Provide training and policy/procedure resources to EMS and ED practitioners.

Expected outcomes include:

- (1) The creation and dissemination of a provider Toolkit composed of consolidated/streamlined resources and best practices for educational/training resources and policy/procedures to be utilized as reference for emergency care providers;
- (2) Increased stakeholder engagement in the need to improve emergency medical care for children and adolescents experiencing mental health crisis; and
- (3) Fostered federal partnerships dedicated to the mission of improving emergency care for children in mental health crisis.



The Blue Campaign is the unified voice for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) efforts to combat human trafficking. Working in collaboration with law enforcement, government, non-governmental and private organizations, the Blue Campaign strives to protect the basic right of freedom and to bring those who exploit human lives to justice.

The program has produced videos designed to spread awareness of the signs and indicators of human trafficking. Topics are General Awareness, with one video; Labor Trafficking, with four videos; and Sex Trafficking, with four videos. You may find them [here](#).

Other resources including a document library to assist in awareness and education, help with identifying victims of human trafficking and how to help them are all available on the Department of Homeland Security site at <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign>

IOWA has an EMSC State Partnership Project Manager Position Open.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/iowa/jobs/2012247/emergency-medical-services-ems-for-children-program-coordinator>