

# From the State EMS Medical Director

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## Important Information from the Clinical Issues Committee of the State EMS Board

This is another in the series of irregularly scheduled EMS Medical Director updates from the Clinical Issues Committee of the State EMS Board. The Clinical Issues Committee met in May and the following items were presented to the EMS Board. Minutes of each meeting are available on the State EMS website.

## Guideline Updates

The newest Trauma Destination Guidelines as well as the newly introduced Hazardous Materials Guidelines have been submitted for publication on the State website. The Hazardous materials guidelines are also available on the EMR website.

## Online Medical Director's Course

Several online educational products are currently under review to provide CME that is EMS Medical Director specific. Our goal is to provide this online CME at no charge to EMS Medical Directors in Tennessee. This will meet the upcoming CME requirement for EMS Medical Directors.

## Star of Life Awards

May 12, 2009 was the first State Wide Star of Life awards, held at the Sheraton Nashville, Downtown. The Awards honored exceptional personnel from each of the eight Tennessee EMS regions. The event was sold out, showing great support for those who serve and for EMSC. We are encouraging people to begin submitting their exceptional saves for next year's award ceremony. Of special interest to the committee are good outcomes that show the cooperative efforts of multiple agencies or services. Nomination and sponsorship forms will be available soon on the EMSC website: <http://www.tnems.org>

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*Updated Protocols and information always available at:*

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## Ambulance Strike Teams

Tennessee has secured funding to pay for Ambulance Strike Team Leadership Training. These courses will be "train the trainer" courses and will be held this summer.

## Medical Director's Conference

Scheduled with Fall TASA conference. Mike Shankle and Douglas Wolfberg will be back. Discussion will focus on Pandemic response in adults and pediatrics – medical and legal ethics. The Morning will be the Core Medical director's course, the afternoon will be devoted to Wolfberg and hot topics effecting the EMS community. The date will be October 5, 2009 and it is being held at the Opryland Radisson in Nashville.

## Tennessee Emergency Medical Awareness Response and Resource

The TEMARR Program oversees and links such programs as EMITS, ESAR-VHP, and HRTS for disaster tracking. They are offering a webcast overview of electronic components which are designed to enhance the accountability and capability/capacity of the state of Tennessee in its public health and disaster medical preparedness response. The webcast's focus, primarily for upper and mid-level managers, will document current progress toward enhancing Emergency Triage, Pre-Hospital and Hospital / Public Health capabilities and capacities in the following areas:

- Inventory Management
- Patient Tracking Management
- Personnel Management

Please use the address below for more information and registration.

<https://www.SignUp4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=CMSC31E>

This webcast is being held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 11am EDT/10am CDT

## Advanced Planning for Storm Sheltering

Hurricane season is upon us and advanced planning for sheltering is underway. The focus of this year's planning is to get patients with specific medical needs to shelters best suited to handle their preexisting medical conditions.

## Pediatric Medication Dosage

Mr. Michael Wallace has developed a dosing aid for pediatric medications. This guide works in conjunction with the Broslow tape. As soon as he completes the final refinements we will share this information and guide for individual use.

**Questions, Comments, Concerns can all be asked and addressed on the website:**

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