



Atlantic Partners EMS 41st Annual EMS Conference

November 8 – 12, 2023

Course Schedule

Pre-Conference:

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

ICS 300 with Paul Conley (Wednesday and Thursday)

This is a two-day 16-hour course. Many agencies need to have certain staff trained to this level of Incident Command. This is an interactive class with group work. [CEU – Operations Category 16 Hours](#)

MEMS VR T-t-T with Anna Masefski (Wednesday Afternoon)

In this class you will learn how to hold your own training classes with Virtual Reality headsets and the VR patients' program. For the first 2 hours, we will cover setting up and using the headsets, navigating VR patients, and running scenarios. For the second half we will learn how to access and interpret grades, edit scenarios, and build your own cases. [CEU – Operations Category 3.5 Hours](#)

MEMS SUD Program with Megan Salois and Robert Glaspy (Wednesday All Day)

Overview of Maine EMS Substance Use Disorder Response Programming. An overview of the opioid crisis in Maine from Maine EMS data perspectives, alignment with the Maine Governor's strategic response plan and collaboration with CDC and OBH partners through DHHS, high-level overview of Maine EMS programs as a multi-faceted approach. [CEU – Operations Category 6 Hours](#)

IC Day with Scott Smith, Aiden Koplovsky, and other Educators (Wednesday All Day)

We will spend the day updating and orienting instructors on important topics including the portfolio process/competency evaluation. Objectives, and flipped classrooms. Join the team of education leaders in Maine as they provide you with the tools necessary to conduct effective educational programs and prepare your students for a successful career in EMS. [CEU – I/C Category 6 Hours](#)

CALS with Amanda Downing (Wednesday and Thursday)

Comprehensive Advanced Life Support (CALs) is a 2-day program with a pre-course online component that consists of interactive sessions in cardiac, traumatic, pediatric, obstetrical, neonatal and medical advanced life support. Course materials establish the CALs Universal Approach to critically ill or injured patients, which defines the manner by which care providers evaluate and treat emergency patients.

[CEU – Standardized Certificate, Multiple categories, Category 16 Hours](#)

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Understanding QI with Marc Minkler (Thursday Morning)

QI is not a dirty word. No one got into EMS to do poor care or cause harm. But there is always the chance to be the best you can. We will look at what QI is (and is not), review legal cases, individually and as small groups, practice QI on actual cases, and discuss our findings. This is not just a “learn about QI class” - we will be doing QI and putting it into practice. [CEU – Operations Category 3.5 Hours](#)

Using Simulation in Training with Bill Hawkes (Thursday Afternoon)

As a team we will create a scenario and patient injuries/illness. Then we will use moulage to create those injuries. We will have a brief review of fundamentals of moulage, then work into more complex moulage techniques. We will also review and discuss ideas for creating a simulation props box for actors to use during simulation. [CEU – Operations Category 3.5 Hours](#)

PIFT Refresher with Scott Smith (Thursday All Day)

Do you perform PIFT transfers? Has it been a while since your initial PIFT training. IFT continues to be debated at the state level leaving more questions than answers. Join Scott for a program refresher rich with new content that meets the 2006 PIFT guidelines while updating to 2023 medicine. [CEU – Medical Category 6 Hours](#)

Priority Dispatch with MPDS Staff (Dispatch; Thursday All Day)

EPD – Version 7.0 was released in October 2022. Bringing a new dimension to EPD with 250 jurisdictional questions and 43 jurisdictional post-dispatch instructions. With a continued focus on officer and caller safety several protocols have had extensive revisions that allow local agencies more flexibility than ever with the EPD protocols.

EFD – Version 8.0 will be released in 2024. Over 200 PFC's have been considered in the next release of EFD. New determinant codes and instructions for incidents involving electric vehicles, wildfires, and revised trapped instructions for incidents involving vehicle fires. Come see the proposed next version of EFD.

EMD – Version 14.0 was just released in October 2023. Bringing with it all the previous release changes but also including instructions for Prone CPR, first party stroke diagnosis, and asymptomatic allergic reactions. Come see the new revisions and exciting changes in EMD.

Along with the release of version 14.0 of EMD continued discussion concerning Protocol 25 updates, the newly released Protocols 40 “Standby’s” and 41 “Caller in Crisis” along with this we will be demonstrating the AED locator function with Pulse Point along with the newly released video to 9-1-1 features also, if we have time, we will also show the Medical Transfer Protocol Suite. [CEU – Operations Category 3 Hours; Medical 4 Hours](#)

Difficult Airway with Peter Goth (Either Thursday morning or Thursday Afternoon)

The Difficult Airway Lab provides a solid foundation for solving the vast majority of real-life difficult airway problems.

Most difficult airway problems can be successfully solved by careful attention to fundamental concepts, principles, and techniques. The purpose of this lab module is to teach, tune up, practice, and perfect these critically important foundation skills under close supervision.

Using a variety of specially modified mannequins and models, the curriculum emphasizes endotracheal intubation under difficult conditions. When ET intubation is unsuccessful, a variety of problem-solving concepts, techniques, and devices are used.

We teach how to approach every intubation as a difficult airway, so that you become successful managing the entire bell curve of airways and aren't thrown off when one requires troubleshooting. [CEU – ABC Category 4 Hours](#)

CISM Update Training with Lori Cyr Martel (Thursday All Day)

PREREQUISITE: MUST HAVE TAKEN EITHER THE 2 OR 3 DAY. If you have not been active on your team or have not attended a class in Critical Incident stress management in several years, this class is for you! We will review the skills required to assist in defusing, debriefing, RITS and CMB. CISM is an Integrated multi-component continuum of psychological interventions provided in the context of acute adversity, trauma, and disaster to appropriate recipient populations. AND YES - those dreaded role plays will be included. There will be time to discuss CISM responses that may have been challenging - and suggestions to assist when those challenges occur. [CEU – Operations Category 3 Hours; Medical 4 Hours](#)

Agency QI & MEFIRS with Jason Oko and Darren Davis (Thursday Morning)

Getting Started with MEFIRS CQI - Attendees will learn how to set up CQI for their agency, perform CQI reviews, and report on the data collected through the review process. [CEU – Operations Category 7 Hours](#)

Grant Writing with Rob McGraw (Thursday Afternoon)

Outside the box thinking for Grants! This will be a 90-minute presentation about seeking out and writing grants. Understanding what the grant is asking for and how to write it from a different perspective. The final half of this course can be a grant narrative workshop. This would be a hands-on review of working narratives or grant interpretations for possible higher success. The workshop attendance portion of this would need to be limited for functional one on one review time. [CEU – Operations Category 7 Hours](#)

Conference

Friday, November 10, 2023

8:00 am

DT4EMS with Crystal Bagley (2-day Class, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Friday and Saturday)

Injury through assault remains a widely recognized, but little acknowledged, problem threatening emergency service personnel. Many EMS and fire personnel admit to being attacked by a violent patient, an angry bystander or upset family member. The frequency of assault on our fire and EMS providers is alarming and while most attacks are not life threatening, the risk of serious injury is evident and unpredictable.

Responders require a reasonable, liability-conscious, effective means of preventing and avoiding assault, before it occurs, and defending themselves once attacked. [CEU – Standardized Certificate, Operations Category 10 Hours](#)

BLS Skills Sessions (Friday Morning 8 am – 11:30 am)

BLS Skills Stations. [CEU – BLS Skills Category 3.5 Hours](#)

Precipitous Delivery with Michelle Skehan

This class is an interactive, 2-hour workshop with Michelle and Noelle (Child Birth Simulation Manikin) taking the participants through standard and difficult delivery scenarios. [CEU – OB/GYN Category 2 Hours](#)

Geriatric Emergencies with Billy Hawkes

Maine is one of the oldest states in the nation, and geriatric emergencies can present a unique set of challenges. During this session, Billy will identify priorities in the assessment and management of geriatric patients. [CEU – Assessment Category .5 Hour; Medical Category .5 Hour](#)

Amber & Silver Alerts with Brodie Hinckley & Mike Labbe (Dispatch)

Join the Operations Manager and Director from the Maine Department of Public Safety Communications headquarters in Augusta to review best practices and lessons learned with recent Amber and Silver Alert activations. Learn what you can do as the emergency telecommunicator to impact outcomes in these time-sensitive situations. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Clown Shoes and Land Mines: Case Studies to Hone Your “Spidey Sense” at Samoset with Kelly Meehan-Coussee, MD

Dr. Meehan-Coussee will present cases with unique presentations designed to improve your critical thinking skills. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

MEMS SUD MOUD program with Megan Salois

Maine EMS is developing a medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) program. During this session, you will learn more about the program, along with implementation strategies and goals for the program. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

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MEMS Enhanced Data Analytics with Darren Davis. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Terrifying Tachycardias with Susan Torrey

Rapid cardiac rhythms can be intimidating to diagnose and treat effectively. Join our resident cardiac rhythm expert, emergency Physician, and EMs advocate as she walks you through the identification and treatment of tachycardias. [CEU – ABC Category 1 Hour](#)

Post ROSC Care with Seth Ritter, MD

Your patient has been successfully resuscitated, now what? Dr. Ritter will walk you through the important next steps to support and maintain your patient during this critical phase. [CEU – ABC Category 1 Hour](#)

ABC’s- Understanding Determinant Codes with Melissa Adams

This class will provide an overview of Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) protocols to facilitate an understanding of determinant codes and how they can be used to preplan an appropriate response that maximizes available resources and supports high-quality service. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

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10:30 am

Guided Tour Through MEFIRS with Jason Oko

Attendees will receive a guided tour through the patient care reporting system (MEFIRS) and learn about the features of the system that are under-utilized. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Polypharmacy and the Elderly with Rebecca Spear, MD

Overflowing baskets of pill bottles! 20-page MARs! Pills all mixed together! How can we begin to untangle the mess of polypharmacy that we see daily in our older adult patients? Some discuss polypharmacy, the impact on older adults we care for, and what can be done to address this in the prehospital setting. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

FAST-ED for Stroke Patients with Kate Zimmerman

LVO is a type of stroke where a major cerebral artery is blocked, much like how a major coronary artery is blocked with STEMI. LVO strokes have the highest rate of mortality and poor outcomes. Join Dr. Zimmerman and Brian Chipman as they walk you through the FAST-ED assessment tool. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

On the Edge of Cardiac Arrest with Jonnathan Busko, MD

The science of cardiac arrest management is giving us more and more guidance on best practices. However, there are still gray areas that require EMS providers to use clinical judgment. This session examines two of these gray areas. We will start with a review of current evidence on the use of mechanical CPR. Participants will understand the benefits and limitations of mCPR and will be able to determine when best to use mCPR. We will then review the ways in which patients' can express their end of life wishes and discuss which of these an EMS provider can use on their own and which require consulting with On-Line Medical Control. Participants will be able to identify common methods of communicating end of life wishes and state how they will respond to the patients' expressed wishes. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

Technology in 911 with Brad Timberlake

Do you remember when run cards were truly a 5x8 index card? How about the dot-matrix printer? In this class, we will review how technology has (in many cases) improved the capability of emergency communications to provide increasingly complex and timely services. We will look at some resources currently available in Maine's PSAPs and some straight-out-of-the-future resources coming to a PSAP near you, all while considering the human element of constant change and managing expectations. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

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Coping After Trauma with Laurie Cyr-Martel

Turning Vicarious Trauma into Self-Compassion: When we experience overwhelming volumes of information—especially information that holds an emotional charge—our bodies, minds, and spirit adapt to help us cope. The way we cope (or ignore the issue) may help in the moment but may have negative long-term results. In this brief workshop we will review aspects of Vicarious trauma and the need to allow ourselves the same compassion we give to our patients. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

Naloxone Leave Behind Program – Megan Salois

During this presentation, Megan will review the Naloxone leave behind program, the goals we are trying to accomplish, and the requirements for Maine EMS services. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Neonatal Resuscitation with Michelle Skehan

This class will focus on the critical first steps when faced with the resuscitation of a newborn. [CEU – OBS/Peds Category 1 Hour](#)

MEMS Virtual Reality Program with Anna Massefski

Maine EMS Virtual Reality Training In this class, we will run the VR patient’s tutorial, followed by a medical scenario. Attendees will have to assess an emergency patient, identify their chief complaint, and treat according to Maine protocols. Max capacity 10. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

Owning It- The Mark of a Professional with C. Fox and C. Lavoie (Dispatch)

Feeling burnt out and disconnected from the job? Looking for a new approach on your career to reach those advancement goals? This session will reignite your passion for 9-1-1 by providing you with tools to help guide self-evaluation and improvement. The instructional team will share their implementation experiences that led to success. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

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2:15 PM

Controllable vs. Non-controllable Stressors with Daniel Sundahl

The assumption is that the majority of stressors we face as emergency workers are from the calls we attend, which may be true for some. For many of us, most stress comes from controllable factors. In this session, I will define the controllable and uncontrollable stressors in our profession and ways to recognize, minimize, or even eliminate the stressors we can control. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

Surviving EMS as an Introvert – Courtney Munger

[CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

EKGs You Must Recognize with Susan Torrey

During this session, Dr. Torrey will present and discuss important prehospital 12-lead EKGs and their importance in treatment decisions. [CEU – ABC Category 1 Hour](#)

Jackman Critical Access Program with Jonnathan Busko, MD

Jackman is home to a pilot program utilizing Critical Access Integrated Paramedics (CAIP) to provide care in a rural setting. Depending on the Circumstance, they provide care as an emergency paramedic, community paramedic, rural healthcare technician or CAIP through tele-health. This class will provide an overview of the program as well as the results for the first 18 months after implementation. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

CAD to MEFIRS Interface with Jason Oko and Melissa Adams (Dispatch)

Dispatch has the information, and EMS wants it! Not all of it, of course (calm down IT Specialists), but accurate times and addressing from dispatch, as well as EMD data, filtered right to the Maine EMS and Fire Incident Reporting System (MEFIRS) can increase the quality of our statewide data and system programming as well as decrease reporting times for responders. Learn what **grant-funded** resources are available to support this Interface in your dispatch center now. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

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3:30 pm

~~IV Pumps Master Class with Oliver Mackenzie~~

~~Pumps 'master class'. This class will focus on pump use for paramedics. We will review the prehospital protocols that require the infusion pump, we will review setting up the pump and troubleshooting techniques. We will also discuss the using the pumps in an interfacility transfer setting. The goal of this class is to help build confidence when using the IV infusion pump. **Cancelled**~~

Impending Delivery with Marc Minkler

It's Coming Now! So, you are about to deliver a baby. What do you do? What do you need? What are some of the potential pitfalls? Let's review delivery skills for every license level. [CEU – OB/GYN Category 1 Hour](#)

Corrective Lenses - Heather McGlaufflin

How changing your perception of the world can help you be the best advocate for your patient in spite of the situations you find them in. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

You be the Caller with Laura Downing (Dispatch)

Instructions rattled off by dispatchers can become routine but how often do we stop to think about what it is like for those whom we expect to carry them out? What is it like to actually pull someone to the floor and do CPR for an average response time? This hands-on class will put those normally under the headset on the flipside, in the shoes of those facing situations encountered by everyday callers. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Protocol Pharmacology Update with Bethany Nash

Bethany Nash, Pharmacist, AEMT, and a member of the MDPB, will update you on upcoming medication changes to the protocols, as well as review previous changes. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

Sgarbossa: Finding the STEMI in your Patient with Left Bundle Branch Block with Tiffany Bombard, MD
Whoever taught you that STEMI is unrecognizable in patients with left bundle branch block or a paced rhythm was just plain, straight up wrong. This is exactly the situation for which the Sgarbossa criteria were made. This presentation will teach you to recognize STEMI every time, in an easily approachable, memorable way. You will leave the room with confidence, ready to teach others. [CEU – ABC Category 1 Hour](#)

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Saturday, November 11, 2023

8:00 am – KEYNOTE

Post Traumatic Growth with Daniel Sundahl

Post-traumatic growth is more than recovering; it is about reconfiguration and becoming a better person than you were before the mental injury occurred. My journey from battling my demons to purging my nightmares in artwork is shared through images based on calls I have attended as a paramedic and firefighter. I will share how my job nearly destroyed my life, and although this is my story, you may connect with them through your own experiences and realize you are not alone in how you are feeling. More importantly, I will share what I did and continue to build resiliency and recover from my mental stresses. If I can experience post-traumatic growth, then so can you. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

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9:15 AM

Intro to Community Paramedicine with Soliana Goldrich

Community Paramedicine: Past, Present and Future. This would be a walkthrough of what CP has looked like through the years in Maine as well as touching on National perspectives. The presentation would also touch on what CP looks like currently and where we are going in the future. The presentation will discuss what is currently in motion throughout the state and what we project CP may look like in the next 5 years. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Engaging Youth in EMS with Anna Masefski

In this class, we will discuss the rules governing youth involvement in EMS, clear up misinformation, and talk about Junior Programs and the EMS Explorer Program. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions, share best practices, and learn from how others approach youth engagement. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Developing MEFIRS CQI Cat with Jason Oko

Getting the most out of MEFIRS' CQI - Attendees will learn how to develop a CQI category that helps to address patient care quality. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Moulage with Billy Hawkes (2 Hours)

Moulage for Simulated patients. We will start with a brief overview of moulage basics then work into more complex methods. [CEU – Operations Category 2 Hours](#)

Suicide with Laurie Cyr-Martel

Why no one Talks about the Elephant in the room. The Fact is - no one ever really talks about this topic until we lose a friend or family member, or our colleagues in police, fire, EMS, and RCC. What are the options and strategies to assist the person of concern; what do we look for, how do we know? This brief discussion will provide suggestions on how to open up this tough conversation. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

Patient Refusals with Seth Ritter, MD

One of the highest medicolegal risk situations in EMS is the patient refusal of transport. Executing and documenting a proper patient refusal of transport is a critical skill that is carried out with varying degrees of thoroughness, which likely stems partially from minimal formal education on the topic. Dr, Ritter will walk your through the pitfalls of the patient refusal call and reinforce fundamental assessment and documentation goals. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

ALS Skills Stations (9:15am – 11:30am)

ALS Skills. [CEU – ALS Skills Category 1 Hour](#)

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10:30 am**NEMSIS 3.5 with Darren Davis**

An overview of the changes with the NEMSIS 3.5 data standard. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Saturday Morning with the MDPB

Join the members of the Medical Direction and Practice Board for an interactive session as they update you on the new protocols and other projects on which they are working. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Stroke Update for Maine with Avirag Goswami, MD

Dr. Goswami will update participants on the state of Stroke Care in Maine and Nationally, as well review any new advances in Stroke treatment. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

Moulage with Billy Hawkes (Continued)

During this 2-hours hands-on session, Billy will introduce basic moulage techniques and then move on to some more complex procedures to enhance your simulation training. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

CEH Class Administration with Marc Minkler

Create a CEH class in 1 hour Have you been asked to teach a CEH class? Do you want to teach a topic? Let's spend an hour and demonstrate how to develop an EMS class from nothing to full CEH approval that you can walk away with and use for your agency. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Servant Leaders with Rob McGraw

Not Leadership but Liaisonship! Servant leadership is more than just working for your staff. Leadership, especially executive level, is more of a liaison role than leadership. Working to support the crews who support the communities is being a department liaison. We eventually get promoted to a point that our "skills" are no longer the focus of our jobs, let's be in the right mindset for Liaisonship. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

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1:00 pm

New Employee Training with Oliver MacKenzie

~~Instructor coordinator course to discuss new employee training programs. In this course we will discuss common areas where training and onboarding programs often fail new employees and we will look at how agencies can develop programs to best support their staff while building confidence and competence.~~

Cancelled

Management of Dementia with Behavioral Disturbances with Rebecca Spear, MD

Patients with dementia have unique needs when receiving emergency medical services. This 1-hour presentation will briefly cover dementia stages and types before diving in to best practices around communication and management of behavioral disturbance.

[CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

Pediatric Case Reviews with Scott Smith

Oh No- It's a kid call!!! Join Scott for a case-study based class on interacting with our littlest patients and how to improve your general pediatric care. [CEU – OB/Peds Category 1 Hour](#)

Bradycardias & Blocks with Susan Torrey

Bradys and Blocks can be difficult to read, and even more difficult to thread the treatment needle. Dr. Torrey will take you through the identification process and increase your confidence when developing your treatment plan. [CEU – ABC Category 1 Hour](#)

Cases in Black and White: Life Saving Cases You Can't Afford to Miss with Tiffany Bombard, MD

Geared toward ALS and BLS providers, this presentation gives a fascinating look at common, critical case presentations using radiographic imaging. You will hone your recognition and treatment skills to help you save a life. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

OPTIONS Referral Program with Megan Salois

Overview of the OPTIONS Referral Program. program and pilot agencies, data collection and analysis, statewide expansion and collaboration with the Office of Behavioral Health OPTIONS Program. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Explosives and Ballistics with David Saquet, DO

Join Dr. Saquet as he provides you with an entertaining and informative presentation on explosives and Ballistics! You will be provided with the information needed to assess and develop a treatment plan for these growing numbers of patients. [CEU – Trauma Category 1 Hour](#)

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Lift Assist Calls with Paul Conley

The Risk of Lift Assist Calls. Falls among the aging population is a growing concern on a number of fronts, including injury to the patient and to the provider, documentation issues. No transport decisions are all encompassing resting on the provider. We will look at the growing stat's surrounding this type of call for service and how we might protect ourselves while providing optimal patient care. Having an injury prevention program can help with the increasing number of calls. [CEU – Operations Category .5 Hour; Assessment .5 Hour](#)

First Responder Mental Health and Resiliency with Jason Mills

This program explores the physiological effects of trauma and stress on first responders. Understanding these changes normalizes mental health and reduces stigma. Resiliency is explored through eight unique, yet inter-related areas of our lives, providing first responders the tools necessary to combat the impacts of repeated traumatic exposure.

[CEU- Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

Introduction to Supervision with Jessica Milliken (Dispatch)

Many talented personnel are promoted into a supervisory role with little or no preparation and training. In this session, Jessica will introduce you to basic supervision principles to get you started. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

National EMS Quality Alliance with Michael Redlener, MD

The National EMS Quality Alliance (NEMSQA): What it is and how can it help your agency improve patient care? This presentation will provide an overview of NEMSQA, a review the current measures and provide examples of how to implement the measures in your organization. Examples of improvements seen in agencies that are utilizing the measure will be presented. The presenter is the President of NEMSQA and has participated in the development and implementation of the measures. Describe the purpose of NEMSQA The learner will be able to describe the benefits of utilizing standardized quality measures across the Country lecture and examples Access and utilize the NEMSIS Cube provide an overview of the data available through the NEMSIS Cube demonstration Describe the current NEMSQA measures review of the measures and the resources available to utilize them in the learners' agencies.

[CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Women in EMS with Andi McGraw

As women in EMS, we often experience the world from a different vantage point than men. During this hour, we will be celebrating women in EMS. We will dig into some of the challenges women face. We will cheer on female and male advocates in and for EMS. We will take a journey through some of our history in the United States. We will review some laws that protect us from discrimination. And, we will encourage one another! [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

MEFIRS Report Writer with Darren Davis

Introduction to MEFIRS Report Writer - A review of the features and functionality of report writer in MEFIRS and how to get your data and make it useful. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

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EMD Protocol Review with Laura Downing (Dispatch)

Join Laura as she reviews new and existing EMD protocols. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Pulsepoint AED, tCPR & AED Registry with M. Adams and K. Erickson (Dispatch)

This session will introduce the participants to software designed to improve the response to person down scenarios. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Building Rapport & Effective 911 Call Transfers with Cory Golob (Dispatch)

It is important to have good communications with other agencies and have an understanding of their operations. The program will provide tips on how to build those important relationships. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Report Writer Workshop with Darren Davis

Report Writer Workshop (Would require internet access and students need to bring their own computer/tablet) A session where Jason Oko and/or I would be available to help users create and/or fine-tune their reports and dashboards. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Optimizing Provider Performance with Jack Lewis, MD

Join Dr. Lewis as he discusses the physiologic stress response and structured ways to mitigate that stress and combat human fallibility in the difficult prehospital environment. It draws from the work Michael Lauria has done but also includes going through the process of building tools for yourself like checklists to help cognitively offload difficult tasks to have more consistent high performance. [CEU – Medical 1 Hour](#)

Shake Rattle and Roll. Evaluation and treatment of seizure disorder in adults and pediatrics with Pete Tilney, MD

This class will review the diagnosis and management of seizures ranging from the new onset isolated

episode to the patient suffering from status epilepticus. As an out-of-hospital provider, it is imperative that EMS providers are able initiate appropriate management of the commonly encountered types of seizures in adults and children. Additionally, we will review the revised classification scheme of this disorder as well as discussing the diagnosis and treatment of less commonly encountered types of seizures including febrile, psychogenic non-epileptic seizures (PNES), and non-convulsive types. This is truly a class not to miss in this rapidly evolving area of clinical medicine. [CEU – Medical 1 Hour](#)

BLS Skills Stations (9:15am – 11:30am)

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HPS with Lifelight of Maine (Offered Friday and Saturday)

Come join Lifelight's simulation team running scenarios using their state-of-the-art simulation manikins. These programs are challenging, and have always received RAVE reviews from the participants! [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

Sunday, November 12, 2023

08:00 am KEYNOTE

EMS and Hospice/Palliative Care with Rebecca Spear, MD

In this 1 hour keynote presentation, we will be exploring the field of Hospice and Palliative medicine and how it intersects with Emergency Medical Services. Attendees will learn to differentiate hospice and palliative medicine as fields and be able to distinguish between a variety of advance directive documents. We will discuss hospice care and the ways in which the clinical care approach is expected to change on an EMS call for someone enrolled in hospice.

[CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

9:15 am

Classroom Ethics with Paul Conley

IC focused Class. Ethical primer for the IC. We will have a class discussion on the merits of ethics in the training room and on the apparatus floor during those spontaneous floor discussions that occur so often. [CEU – IC Category 1 Hour](#)

Empathy in EMS with Heather McGlaufflin

What would you do? - People don't call 911 because they are having their best day ever and they want to share it with the world. That number is called because someone is in trouble. As EMS providers we see people at their worst. We see them when they are the most broken, in body, mind, and spirit. We have a backstage pass into the dark places where people go and hide. Oftentimes, we are the only light in the darkness. Do you have it in you to be that light? Can you look past the uncomfortable situations we find them in. Come as we work through some very interesting and unique case studies and find out... What would you do? [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

SUD Ambassador Program with Megan Salois

Overview of the Maine EMS SUD Care Ambassador Program, data collection and analysis, scope of program impact, EMS culture change and future Ambassador programming. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

MEFIRS Q & A with Darren Davis

Interactive Session answering participants questions on MEFIRS. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Is Code 3 Necessary? with Michael Redlener, MD

An Evidence-based approach to improving EMS safety by reducing Lights and Siren use. The alarm bells have been sounded by a “Who’s Who” of EMS organizations. EMS uses lights and sirens much more than is safe or indicated. The National EMS Quality Alliance is leading a variety of associations and 50 EMS systems in the first nationwide performance improvement collaborative. The focus is on improving safety for patients, providers and the public in communities across the U.S. and Canada by reducing the percentage of 911 EMS responses and transports where lights and siren are used. A host of experts are involved in this initiative, including Joey Grover, MD, Jeff Jarvis, MD, Remle Crow, PhD, Rick Ferron, Bryan Wilson, MD, Jon Krohmer, MD, Jeff Clawson, MD, Doug Kupas, MD, Brooke Burton, Jeff Goodloe, MD, and Sheree Murphy, NEMSQA’s Executive Director. This presentation will include a discussion about why this initiative is needed and a how your agency implements changes to Lights and siren use. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

Street Drugs with David Saquet, DO

An overview of the current street drug epidemic in order to create awareness, orient to new drugs, and provide participants the tools to identify and treat patients. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

Capnography with Steve Smith

A capnograph is a medical device that rapidly measures respiratory health to assist health care providers to respond sooner when patients are not breathing normally. It measures the amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) in exhaled air and provides real-time data and graphical waveform readings. Steve will take you through reading capnography and how to use it when developing your treatment plan. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

10:30 am

Neuro Assessment with Scott Smith

Neuro Assessment- What, When, Why, and How. Neuro assessment is complex and often misunderstood. Depending on your education program, the depth you covered neuro assessment varied greatly between programs. Join Scott as we look at neuro assessment and how to perform it in the prehospital setting. This program will include information on stroke assessment including FAST-ED and the spinal assessment protocol to teach you the why's and how's of how to do a good neuro assessment.

[CEU – Assessment Category 1 Hour](#)

Needs:

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Comm. Paramedicine Application Process with Soliana Goldrich

Community Paramedicine Designation Workshop. This presentation would run through the current CP Designation application requirements and provide the opportunity to workshop ideas, discuss any questions on the process, and discuss what the statutory and rules requirements are for getting a designation. [CEU – Operations Category 1 Hour](#)

PEA is not a three-letter word with Tim Pieh, MD

Want to know how to win the PEA game? Do you have a hard time remembering 5 H’s and 5 T’s? Do you want to learn a simplified and action-oriented way to think through all 10+ of the possible causes of PEA cardiac arrest? We will dive into the details and answer all your questions. Come enjoy a lecture/discussion that will leave you feeling confident and ready to tackle these difficult cases. [CEU – ABC Category 1 Hour](#)

10 Things You Don't Know About Simulation but Should – Bruce Carleton

Join members of the Hannaford Simulation Center at Maine Medical Center as they talk about their simulation program and give attendees tips on how to improve your simulation experience. [CEU – IC Category 1 Hour](#)

Protocol Pharmacology Update with Bethany Nash

Bethany Nash, Pharmacist, AEMT, and a member of the MDPB, will update you on upcoming medication changes to the protocols, as well as review previous changes. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

Recurrent Themes in QA with David Saquet, DO

During this session, Dr. Saquet will review some of the reoccurring issues that we are picking up in Maine and why we need to be concerned about mission creep. [CEU – Medical Category 1 Hour](#)

Critical Errors in EMS with Rick Petrie, EMT-P

We often look at errors in EMS as isolated incidents. During this lecture, we will explore the attitudes that often lay the groundwork for critical errors. [CEU – Operations Category 1 hour](#)