

Prehospital Emergency Care (PEC)

Editor Report

- 2009 saw the completion of Volume 13 of *Prehospital Emergency Care*. The volume had 560 pages. The January issue contained a record number of abstracts, which were presented at the NAEMSP® Annual Meeting (135 abstracts).
- In April, the Spanish-language translation celebrated its first anniversary of publication. While PEC *Edicion Espanola* is presently only being distributed in Spain, plans to pursue distribution in other countries continue.
- In July PEC received its first **Impact Factor**, an impressive 1.248. This Impact Factor placed PEC as the 6th most off-cited Emergency Medicine journal out of the 13 that are rated by the ISI Web of Knowledge. PEC placed ahead of such well-established journals as *American Journal of Emergency Medicine*, *Journal of Emergency Medicine*, *Pediatric Emergency Medicine*, *Journal of Emergency Nursing*, and *Emergency Medicine Clinics of North America*. Our strategic plan is to move up one place in each of the next three years. In order to accomplish this, we will need the continued support of NAEMSP® members via submission of their best work to PEC.
- In September, PEC launched *iFirst* electronic publication ahead of print. This allows more rapid publication as a service to PEC authors and readership.
- As of this writing, PEC was on pace to receive a record number of submissions. The number of manuscripts submitted to PEC has increased every year since its inception. In terms of peer-review, PEC now boasts an **average time to first decision of 18 days**.

Some of the highlights of Volume 13 included:

Special Contributions

- Explosions and Radioactive Material: A Primer for Responders

Focus Sections

- Focus on STEMI
- Focus on the EMS Workforce
- Focus on Airway Management
- Focus on Cardiac Arrest (Twice)
- Focus on Trauma
- Focus on Helicopter EMS

Position Papers

- Equipment for Ambulances
- Expert Witness Qualifications and Ethical Guidelines for Issues Related to EMS Litigation

Collective Reviews

- The Hazards of Providing Care in Emergency Vehicles
- On-Site Helipads Resource Document
- Prehospital Resuscitated Cardiac Arrest Patients: Role for Induced Hypothermia

Case Conferences

For the first time in several years, each issue in the volume contained Case Conferences. This is a very nice forum for enabling prehospital providers and junior faculty to get published. We continue to encourage submissions to this section of the journal.

NAEMSP® News

Under the direction of Cai Glushak, MD, NAEMSP®'s bi-monthly newsletter provides members with timely information and updates. In 2009, NAEMSP® News began publishing strictly online. It is available for download through our website.

Emergency Medical Services: Clinical Practice and Systems Oversight

Senior Editors David Cone, Raymond Fowler, and Robert O'Connor presented NAEMSP®'s textbook "Prehospital Systems & Medical Oversight" debuting at the 2009 conference in Jacksonville. The new title for the text highlights the substantial increase in clinical material, while maintaining the focus of the prior three editions on medical oversight. The text consists of four separate volumes:

Volume 1: Clinical Aspects of Prehospital Medicine. Section Editors: Henry Wang, Brian Schwartz, Ritu Sahni, and Jon Krohmer. This volume highlights the unique clinical body of knowledge that makes up EMS, with several updated chapters from the third edition of the text, plus a number of entirely new chapters on clinical topics such as head injury, stroke, infectious diseases, and domestic violence.

Volume 2: Medical Oversight of EMS. Section Editors: Bob Bass, Ted Delbridge, Mic Gunderson, and Jane Brice. This volume contains updated material from many of the chapters in the third edition of PSMO, as well as a number of new chapters on topics such as provider wellness, ambulance safety and crashes, and education of the EMS physician.

Volume 3: Evaluating and Improving Quality in EMS. Editors: Bob Swor, Ron Pirrallo, Brooke Lerner, and Lynn White. This volume includes all of the material from the existing second edition of "Improving Quality in EMS" (edited by Swor and Pirrallo), updated material from the "Research in Prehospital Care" supplement to the April 2002 issue of *Prehospital Emergency Care* (edited by Lerner and White), and a new chapter on performance indicators.

Volume 4: Special Operations Medical Support. Editors: William Hauda, Craig DeAtley, Sandy Bogucki. This entirely new volume contains material regarding the medical support needed for a variety of special operations fields, such as mass gatherings, urban search and rescue missions, and hazardous materials operations.

The complete four-volume set is available through our publisher, and serves as the textbook for the NAEMSP® National EMS Medical Directors Course & Practicum®. A searchable CD-ROM is available with each volume.