

In September 2015, NAEMSP® completed a cooperative agreement by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to engage national EMS organizations in the development of a National Strategy on Prehospital Evidence-Based Guidelines (EBGs). This Strategy aimed to promote the development, implementation, and evaluation of prehospital EBGs and was published in *Prehospital Emergency Care* (2016;20:175-83).

The first action item of the Strategy was to create a Prehospital Guidelines Consortium that would facilitate the ongoing involvement of national EMS and related organizations in activities that support and promote prehospital EBGs. In January 2016, the Prehospital Guidelines Consortium had its first meeting in San Diego, CA and established itself as an organization of organizations with the common goal of promoting evidence-based medicine in prehospital care. NAEMSP® facilitated this initial meeting and has supported the creation of this new entity, which has the potential to facilitate the efforts of individual organizations who develop prehospital EBGs. Its own projects aim to improve research into EBGs, facilitate dissemination and implementation of EBGs, and promote education and funding for ongoing projects.

The Prehospital Guidelines Consortium is currently comprised of representatives from 34 member organizations and has liaisons with 8 additional Federal and research entities. Christian Martin-Gill, MD, MPH, serves as the Chair of the Consortium, with representatives of the following national organizations serving on its Executive Committee:

- Air Medical Physicians Association (AMPA)
- American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)
- American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS-COT)
- American Heart Association (AHA)
- National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP®)
- National Association of EMTs (NAEMT)
- National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO)
- National Registry of EMTs (NREMT)

The Consortium has 5 standing committees, which completed the following accomplishments in 2018, among other ongoing activities:

- A systematic review of all existing prehospital EBGs with ratings of the quality of evidence of each guideline
- Completion of an educational module on evidence-based medicine and evidence-based guidelines for EMS personnel
- Creation of public resources related to prehospital evidence-based guidelines available online.

The next meeting of the Prehospital Guidelines Consortium will be held on January 11, 2019 in concert with the 2019 NAEMSP® annual meeting. More information on the Consortium is available at www.prehospitalguidelines.org.