

EMS Medical Directors Workforce Assessment

In September 2016, NAEMSP® was awarded a cooperative agreement by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in the amount of \$172,822 that was originally scheduled to run through September 2019. NAEMSP has been approved for a no-cost extension that moves the completion date to September 2020. Christian Knutsen, MD, MPH, is serving as the Principal Investigator for this project.

The EMS Medical Director Workforce Assessment (EMS MDWA) will investigate and define key attributes of EMS medical directors across the United States to create a national picture of prehospital medical direction. No other detailed description of EMS medical directors at the local level has been previously created.

The EMS MDWA will survey state, regional, county, and local prehospital medical directors of EMS agencies, fire departments, air medical services, emergency medical

dispatch centers, and law enforcement departments with the goal of determining:

1. What are the professional qualifications, medical education history, and demographic background of these physicians?
2. What are the legal agreements and insurance protections extended to these physicians?
3. What is the compensation that medical directors receive for their work?
4. How many and what types of prehospital agencies do EMS physicians work with?

The survey was drafted with input from NAEMSP® members including review from the research and communication committees. The final draft of the survey has been submitted to the Office of Budget and Management for review and approval. Distribution is planned for early 2020.

