

Publications

Prehospital Emergency Care- Editor's Report 2019

2019 saw the completion of Volume 23 of *Prehospital Emergency Care* (PEC). The six-issue volume was published bimonthly in January, March, May, July, September and November. The January/February issue featured 212 abstracts which were presented at the 2019 NAEMSP Annual Scientific Assembly. There were an additional 18 abstracts published and presented in the Innovations in EMS Fellow Education session.

In July PEC received its 2018 Impact Factor, **which increased to 2.557**. As a measure of the journal's stability, the Five-Year Impact Factor remained rock steady at 2.598. PEC is currently ranked **6th of the 29 Emergency Medicine journals** that are currently rated by the ISI Web of Science. PEC ranked 60/185 in the Public, Environmental, & Occupational Health category (top one third in this broad category).

The ISI Impact Factor system is not the only measure of a journal's influence. There are other services that rank journals' impact as well. Scopus has created a new metric, the **Scopus CiteScore**. PEC currently ranks 5th out of 104 EM journals.

As of this writing, PEC was again on pace to receive a record number of submissions. At the going pace, there will be over 500 submissions. The number of manuscripts submitted to PEC has increased every year since its inception. In 2019 we received submissions from forty-nine different countries. In terms of peer-review, PEC has an **average time to first decision of 17 days**. The acceptance rate of papers submitted to PEC in 2019 was **19.4%**. This is indicative of the health of the journal quality-wise, as it remains difficult to get published in PEC (i.e. the bar for quality continues to be raised).

Some of the highlights of Volume 23 included:

Special Contributions

Evidence-Based Guidelines for EMS Administration of Naloxone

Focus Sections

- Education and Practice (5)
- Focus on Pediatric EMS (3)
- Focus on Trauma (3)
- Focus on Cardiac Arrest (2)
- Focus on Mass Casualty Incidents
- Focus on EMS Utilization
- Focus on EMS Personnel
- Focus on EMS Dispatch
- Military Medicine
- International EMS

Position Statements

NAEMSP Physician Oversight of Specialized Emergency Medical Services
 National Association of EMS Educators' Position Paper on the Critical Care Paramedic

NEMSMA, NAEMSE, and IAFCPP Joint Position Statement on Degree Requirements for Paramedics

Case Conferences

There were five Case Conferences published in this volume of PEC. This remains 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.

Abstracts

Abstracts for the 2019 NAEMSP Scientific Assembly
 NAEMSP Fellow Education Abstracts- Innovations in EMS Fellow Education

Peer Reviewers Needed: Additional peer reviewers are always needed. This is especially true in the areas of pediatrics, trauma, education, qualitative research, EMS operations, and air medical services. Those interested should send an email of interest (citing area of expertise with a CV attached) to Dr. Menegazzi at menegazz@pitt.edu.

