Massachusetts Chapter of NAEMSP Annual Update

The Massachusetts chapter has been working to support many of the EMS initiatives in the state. One of the major efforts is supporting legislation to improve outcomes of cardiac arrest through improved training for 911 dispatchers and improved instructions to callers to perform hands-only CPR. Dr. Sabato has led a tremendous multifaceted effort to teach large populations hands-only CPR and to increase the number of instructors who can provide ongoing education. The central region of Massachusetts will be giving empiric antibiotics for suspected sepsis patients to help decrease time to antibiotics for those critically ill patients. We have also supported the prehospital use of ketamine both for behavioral restraint as well as for analgesia with good results. Lastly, the EMS physicians in Massachusetts are working on several EMS programs ranging from prehospital vaccination programs to transport to alternative destinations.

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