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Emergency Medicine Organizations Collaborate on Spinal Motion Restriction Guidelines

OVERLAND PARK, KS (September 19, 2018) – The National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) is proud to announce the publication of a joint position statement on spinal motion restriction developed in collaboration with the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS-COT) and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). Published online in *Prehospital Emergency Care*, “Spinal Motion Restriction in the Trauma Patient – A Joint Position Statement” offers guidelines for using spinal motion restriction in trauma victims.

NAEMSP, ACS-COT and ACEP created the guidelines based on expert consensus. The joint position statement is not meant to be definitive, but rather a guide for EMS personnel, EMS medical directors, emergency physicians, trauma surgeons and nurses based on the available peer-reviewed, published evidence.

“While this document is not meant to be the ultimate authority on this topic, it represents a collaborative, peer-to-peer effort between NAEMSP, ACS-COT and ACEP to build a consensus around improving care for trauma patients,” says Brent Myers, NAEMSP president.

The statement has been endorsed by twelve organizations, including The American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST); The Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST); The Western Trauma Association (WTA); The National Association for State EMS Officials (NASEMSO); The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT); Emergency Medical Services for Children Innovation and Improvement Center; The Pediatric Trauma Society (PTS); The National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE); The American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA); The Society of Trauma Nurses (STN); The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and The Emergency Nurses Association (ENA).

NAEMSP is comprised of physicians and EMS professionals dedicated to providing leadership and fostering excellence in the subspecialty of EMS medicine and out-of-hospital care. NAEMSP is a leading healthcare advocate, most recently securing the passage of the Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act.

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About the National Association of Emergency Services Physicians (NAEMSP)

The National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) is an organization of physicians and other professionals partnering to provide leadership and foster excellence in the subspecialty of EMS medicine.

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