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President's Report

As the year draws to a close, it's the perfect time to reflect on what has been another remarkable year for NAEMSP. We've made strides that showcase our collective dedication, innovation, and commitment to advancing our mission. And as we look back, we also look forward to our highly anticipated annual meeting in San Diego –a momentous occasion that brings our community together, fosters the exchange of ideas and knowledge, and sets the stage for new initiatives that continue advancing our specialty.

This past year has been defined by our committees' active and impactful work across a range of projects. At our last annual meeting, I emphasized the crucial

role of EMS physicians and clinicians in taking on broader leadership roles to advance community care through innovative service delivery approaches. Many of our members continue to pioneer new strategies to support our most vulnerable populations.

This transformational work was in part showcased at the Behavioral Emergencies Summit earlier this year, where we collaborated with partner organizations, including the American Public Health Association (APHA). In addition, our journal is about to release in March 2025, a special issue dedicated to EMS's pivotal work in caring for patients affected by opioid use disorder. We have also continued to publish clinical statements that reinforce best practices in medicine, reaffirming our commitment to the highest standards of care.

This past year, we've also made significant strides in building leadership and continuity within our organization. We embedded succession planning into several of our flagship educational programs, ensuring a strong future for our association. On the advocacy front, we've maintained a robust presence in Washington, D.C., building strategic relationships and leading the charge on critical issues, such as addressing the chronic issue of medication shortages that continues to impact our patients.

Our membership growth-up by 5.2%-demonstrates the increasing engagement within our specialty. We're proud that our quality and safety course has seen another record-breaking year, solidifying its position as gold standard educational content in the field and pushing quality improvement to new heights.

As we celebrate the holiday season, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and every member of our community for your relentless dedication and service to our specialty and NAEMSP.

Congratulations to our new executive board members: Doug Kupas, incoming President, Kevin Mackey, President-Elect and Hawnwan Phil Moy, Secretary/Treasurer. I want to thank John Lyng and Wook Beltran who will be rotating off the Board and I welcome our new Board members Jeff Jarvis, Clayton Kazan and Melissa Kroll. Many thanks to the amazing work done by our board ex-officio members for the last 2 years: Diane Miller as Program Committee Chair, Chris Colwell, Standards and Practice Committee Chair and David Tan, Advocacy Committee Chair. As always, a huge shout out to our steadfast Executive Director, JerrieLynn Kind and our NAEMSP staff at Kellen for their tireless work on behalf of NAEMSP.

Together, we've accomplished so much, and with the support of our new board members, I'm excited for the opportunities the new year will bring.

Here's to a prosperous year ahead-see you all in San Diego!

José Cabañas, MD, MPH, FAEMS NAEMSP® President



Board of Directors

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Newly Elected by the NAEMSP Membership with terms through January 2027: Secretary/Treasurer Phil Moy, MD, FAEMS

Physician Members at Large: Clayton Kazan, MD, MS, FAEMS Jeff Jarvis, MD, MS, EMT-P Melissa Kroll, MD

Toni Gross, MD, MPH, FAEMS has been appointed to fulfill Phil Moy's one year vacancy as Physician Member at Large





Mission Statement

NAEMSP[®] is an organization of physicians and other professionals providing leadership and fostering excellence in EMS Medicine.



NAEMSP® Year in Review

During 2024, NAEMSP®:

- Held its January Annual Specialty Workshops, Scientific Assembly and Trade Show in person in Austin, Texas.
- We maintain the number of NAEMSP® state/regional chapters at 35.
- Recognized 66 new Fellows of the Academy of Emergency Medicine Services (FAEMS). There are 601 total FAEMS designees.
- Awarded the first NAEMSP[®]/Stryker EMS Medicine Early Career Medical Director Award to Michael Spigner, MD, EMT-P, FAEMS.
- Completed review of our finances and are currently in good standing.
- Published our 28th volume of Prehospital Emergency Care (PEC) exclusively online including eight issues.
- Approved six new position statements of varying topics all available in our on-line resource library:
- Provided liaisons and representative to dozens of organizations and EMS-related activities and conferences.
- Held its mid-year Board of Directors meeting in person in June in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Continued contract with Holland & Knight to provide exclusive governmental affairs efforts to the organization.
- Launched new NAEMSP website and new State Advocacy Legislative Action Center.
- Created two new awards: Nancy Caroline Education and Mentorship Award and EMS Physician Meritorious Award.

Executive Office Staff Listing

The NAEMSP® Staff is listed below. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

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Held January **Annual Specialty** Workshops and **Conference** in person in Austin. Texas





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NAEMSP® Year In Review

EMS Medicine Early Career Award

Provided ligisons and representative to dozens of organizations



Held **Board** of Directors Meeting in person in



Medical Director

June in San Juan, **Puerto Rico**

The following highlights just some of the important work completed or being pursued by NAEMSP®'s members through its committees:

Advocacy Committee

- The Advocacy Committee secured both Reps. Hudson and Dingell to lead on the bill currently being drafted at legislative counsel.
- The committee had a successful fly-in and GR Academy with good participation among the NAEMSP members and advocacy on the Hill.
- President Cabañas had multiple meetings on the DEA issue on Capitol Hill and DEA finally responded to the Rep. Hudson sign on letter saying the final rule will be forthcoming.
- The committee laid lots of foundation on Capitol Hill, including with the key Committees of jurisdiction, highlighting the need for EMS to have access to these essential medications.
- The committee plans to:
 - o Develop legislation to study medical direction compensation.
 - o Push to get DEA Final Rule Promulgated on Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications.
 - o Advance legislation to address Drug Shortages.

Air Medical Services Committee

- The Air Medical Services Committee plans to:
 - o Enhance optimization of HEMS Resources
 - o Expand and Maintain BASECAMP Protocol Repository
 - o Address Impact of Rural Emergency Hospital Closures on Air Medical Services
 - o Establish Canine Officer Transport Best Practices
 - o Promote Air Ambulance Safety Culture and Study Relaunch
 - o Monitor and Adapt to Evolving Federal Regulations (NSA and CMS)
 - o Power Solutions for Advanced Equipment (ECMO and High-Flow NC Transport)
 - o Promote Equity in EMS Workforce Compensation and Market Standards.
- The Air Medical Services Committee would like to provide the following progress report on previous goals:
- o Optimization of Helicopter EMS (HEMS) Resources
- o Created a Task Force for BASECAMP Repository
- o Impact of Rural Emergency Hospital Designation on Air Medical Services and updated findings
- o Collaborated and created Best Practices for K9 (Canine Officer) Transport in Medical/Veterinary Emergencies.

Committee on Advanced Practice Providers

- The Committee on Advanced Practice Providers became a formal committee.
- Identified goals for the next 12-24 months for new committee.
- Sent letters to support MIH/house bills for reimbursement for prehospital programs.
- The committee is working on a resource document on how to implement an APP in your EMS physician medical director team or EMS agency.
- The committee is attempting to partner with some similar agencies Emergency Nurse Practitioners SEMPA.

Communications and Social Media Committee

- The Communications and Social Media Committee reached over 5 million views from social media posts during the January 2024 annual meeting.
- The committee has remained one month ahead on all planned social media posts for committee review and input.
- The committee has designated a liaison for all other committees in order to promote the work and highlights of others throughout the organization.
- Committee leadership has supported NAEMSP Executive leadership and Communications staff to further build and support the Association's media profile with crafting and editing statements, editorials, and interview preparation.
- Amplified NAEMSP's authority as the subject matter expert with local and national media for all out-of-hospital care.
- Developed a stronger social media profile for the NAEMSP blog and the PEC journal to promote the academic writings of our members and EMS scientific community.
- Continue to assist in the development of the NAEMSP website to pool all resources into one main location, further setting NAEMSP apart as the central hub for the subspecialty of EMS medicine.
- Performed social media spotlights for multiple various NAEMSP members to personalize the membership experience in an attempt to market and draw others into the Association.
- Working with PR/Media Coordinator to begin developing a "Media Package" and stronger connections with national media outlets to have quick response times to requests as we establish NAEMSP as the go-to subject matter expert for any topics involving the practice of out-of-hospital medicine.
- Prominent social media presence and promotion during EMS Week (50th anniversary of EMS Week, 40th anniversary of NAEMSP); partnering with Prodigy EMS for strategic release of relevant content from 2024 NAEMSP conference and promote NAEMSP initiatives and work.

- Promoted the GRA and NAEMSP advocacy on the Hill with social media spotlights.
- Collaborated with AHA and looking to collaborate with CARES for a large bystander CPR public education social media campaign, targeting late 2024 or early 2025.
- Lots of webinars and town halls coming that are being advertised in advance, and then recorded and posted to webpage for archive.
- Working with Chapter Resources Committee to promote the new State Advocacy Action Center and grow the resource for chapter members.
- Branching out on social media with an Instagram account, mainly used by the PEC crew to promote article updates and brief summary videos. We'll closely monitor the metrics from this account to determine the value in making an association version of the account as well to promote content on Instagram, given the higher engagement there compared to Twitter/X and Facebook.
- Promoting the blog posts on social media and hosting to the webpage.
- Promoting the PEC podcast episodes and hosting to the webpage.
- Continuing to work with Kellen communications team to prep statements and serve as subject matter experts on hot media topics related to EMS advocacy, criminal convictions, "no surprise billing," and other items figuring to be of value during political debates during the upcoming campaign season.
- Dozens of different observances related to EMS, public health, emergency medicine, etc. that we are continuing to promote month-to-month.

Council of EMS Fellowship Directors (CEMSFD)

- The Council developed a repository of fellowship best practices/resources.
- Developed national educational events for fellows.
- Develop national educational events for EMS Faculty development.
- Grow the "EMS Fellowship" community page/list server for rapid communication and feedback of items/issues pertinent to EMS Fellowships.
- Continue with Council leadership succession plan/ election for Vice Chair based on feedback from members.
- Work with NAEMSP administrative staff to determine options for CEMSFD leadership to have real-time control to update fellowship contact list to allow more rapid change as needed and decrease administrative workload for staff.
- Submit conference and preconference ideas for NAEMSP 2025 based on membership feedback and specifically focusing on topics related to academic and EMS fellow education and faculty development.

- Work Groups:
- a. Resource Database Work Group
- b. Education Event Work Group
- c. Faculty Development Work Group
- d. Outreach Work Group

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

- Advocacy and Policy: We have continued our advocacy efforts through the creation of high quality position statements highlighting the need for equitable patient care. We have also advocated for and worked on larger scale projects with an impact beyond NAEMSP and the EMS community.
 - Collaborated on 2 position statements: 1) "Achieving Equity in EMS Care and Patient Outcomes Through Quality Management Systems: A Position Statement" a position statement and resource document surrounding the usage of equity-based measures in QA/QI processes. Published Summer 2024; 2) "Caring for Transgender and Gender Diverse Prehospital Patients: An NAEMSP Position Statement" a position statement and resource document that serves as education for prehospital clinicians, medical directors, and EMS leadership as it relates to appropriate and professional care for transgender or gender diverse patients. Accepted Fall 2024, publication in process.
 - Advocated for the Freedom House Congressional Gold Medal - drafted a bill with support from Representative Summer Lee. Currently awaits a cosponsor for introduction into congress.
 - Working on a CPR Challenge In efforts to boost bystander CPR rates for marginalized groups, the DEI committee proposed a national social media CPR challenge. The committee was unable to partner with AHA, however, we are in early stages of planning with American Red Cross with plans for our committee to meet at NAEMSP to create videos at our annual conference.
- Research: We have supported 2 topic-relevant projects proposed by members of the DEI committee. These projects have leveraged the infrastructure and expertise of the committee as well as provided a platform for interested members to engage in meaningful and impactful research and also receive mentorship from within the committee.
 - "Limited English Proficiency" and LGBTQ /NREMT study - currently working with NREMT to distribute a survey to NREMT members that assesses their prior education related to patients who do not use English as their primary language, frequency of engagement with these populations, their use of interpreters, and barriers to interpreter usage. The survey also asks about prior education and comfort surrounding working with LGBTQ patients. We hope results will inform education practices for EMS professionals in the future.

- "Limited English Proficiency"/NEMSIS study currently working with NEMSIS to assess records for patients who had language barriers, whether an interpreter was used, and whether health disparities were noted (when using an interpreter or not using an interpreter). We anticipate that interpreter usage leads to fewer barriers to care and if so, we hope results will inform policy as it relates to interpreter usage in the prehospital setting. The abstract from this research was accepted as a poster presentation for NAEMSP 2025.
- Education: We have continued to disseminate relevant education to the larger organization as well as beyond NAEMSP through multiple outlets:
 - o PEC Podcast with Chief John Moon Idea has been accepted by PEC podcast. Currently being scheduled with Phil Moy
 - PEC Podcast on "Achieving Equity in EMS Care and Patient Outcomes Through Quality Management Systems: A Position Statement" - Idea has been accepted by PEC podcast. Currently being scheduled with Phil Moy.
 - Town Hall on Research from a DEI lens speaker has been identified as Remle Crowe. Content description and objectives have been confirmed. Will reach out to Prodigy to see if they would be interested in hosting and coordinating with NAEMSP for a town hall.
 - NAEMSP 2024 Pre-conferences and Didactics:
 NAEMSP 2024 DEI-sponsored didactics accepted: 1)
 Social Determinants of Health in EMS; 2) Impact of Implicit Bias upon Safety & Patient Care
 - NAEMSP 2024 DEI-sponsored pre-conferences accepted: 1) Women in EMS and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership Preconference; 2) Empowering Leadership: Building Equity and Excellence into EMS Systems; 3) Treating Opioid Use Disorder in the Field
 - o DEI committee sponsored Keynote speaker for NAEMSP 2024
 - NAEMSP 2025 (upcoming) DEI- sponsored
 Preconference: "Empowering Leadership: Building
 Equity and Excellence into EMS Systems" will return
 - o NAEMSP 2025 Medical Directors Course: DEI panel introduced for NAEMSP 2025
 - o NAEMSP 2025 Didactics: 1) Transgender patient care; 2) DEI curriculum in paramedic schools
 - Recruitment/Retention/Partnership: We have continued to establish and build partnerships with external organizations and other NAEMSP committees.
 - o Textbook/Board questions early organization is complete. Currently awaiting the new editor to be announced to inquire about plans for a DEI chapter.

- Developed relationships with NAEMT, NEMSMA, NAEMSE, NREMT, CoAEMSP - shared approaches to DEI. We hope to continue this relationship and working jointly on projects that are relevant to both organizations. We also presented our committee outputs and an overview of our infrastructure to NAEMT in May 2024.
- Collaborated with the Quality and Safety
 Committee: 1) successfully worked together on the above position statement and 2) sent 4 DEI committee members to the virtual Quality and Safety Course where they participated in the first ever equity-focused subgroup.
- o Partnership with American Red Cross for the CPR challenge (as above).

Education Committee

- This year the Education Committee has advanced multiple education project initiatives including EMS Medical Control Education, EMS Education Content for Residency Programs, EMS Fellowship Podcast, and an EMS Education Program Medical Director preconference session. The committee continues to have active involvement from many NAEMSP members, and collaboration with other EMS education groups. We have not made progress on updating position statements this year, but there are several new positions statements the education committee is collaborating on.
- The committee plans to:
 - o Create education content for EMS and non-EMS audiences
 - o Update education-oriented position statements
 - o Actively involve additional members
 - o Collaborate with EMS education groups outside of NAEMSP.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

- The Emergency Preparedness Committee completed and submitted the NAEMSP Disaster Position Statement Revision and submitted to S&P.
- Crisis Standards of Care SBAR reviewed by S&P and being resubmitted.
- EMS wall times and handoffs SBAR approved.
- Hospital disaster plans-had originally thought to get varied hospital plans but cyber security concerns were brought up, instead compiling national recommendations for best practices.

International EMS Affairs Committee

- Provide awareness to the committee members and NAEMSP membership on events, opportunities, and activities that occur international on EMS - have added events to the shared calendar in basecamp that committee members are also free to add.
- Continue to build relationships with professional societies who focus on global emergency care as well as country EM societies - continues with SAEM. The MOU with the Pan American Health Organization is currently in a holding pattern.
- Develop international educational content for NAEMSP's 2025 Annual Meeting with a goal of submitting at least 5 international topics for NAEMSP – several international focused topics were submitted. On the program for NAEMSP this year will be:
 - o Grand Rounds Injuries at the US-Mexico Border: More Than Meets the Eye, Allison Berndtson, MD, FACS
 - Ten Second Triage The Science and Rationale behind the New UK NHS National Triage Scheme, Phil J. Cowburn, MBE, FRCS, FRCEM, DipIMC, DipHEPRR, DipMIM; John Lyng, MD, FAEMS
- Continue translation of NAEMSP position paper statements into Spanish and explore other language translation. The committee will develop a process for translation while leveraging AI to assist in translation. -This will need to be readdressed at NAEMSP to discuss other ways to make progress on this goal.
- Work to develop a consortium of global EMS professional organizations to provide a collective voice for EMS on the international stage - have had discussions and ideas on how to start this work. Will need to develop a work plan for the upcoming year with quarterly goals and targets to continue the progress.

Membership/Chapter Resources Committee

- The Membership/Chapter Resource Committee is verifying Committee and Sub-Committee Members for 2025
- Additional Subcommittee Activations: Wellness, Chapter Social Media, Liaison to Advocacy.
- Establishment of a Membership Committee Basecamp with qualified members.
- The Survey Sub-Committee has met and created a question set. The next action is to develop a survey tool and deploy.
- 80+ members Committee meeting scheduled at National - Working to establish two virtual Chapters, Zooms in late November or December.
- The committee has worked on:
 - o Restructure of Committee and Subcommittees
 - o FAEMS Selection Committee members selected and applications reviewed
- Subcommittee Status: FAEMS Review Committee - Active Members Survey Committee - Active Workplace Violence Taskforce - Active Membership Drive/Solicitation Committee - Pending Membership- Chapters Social Media Committee -Pending State Chapters Basecamp - Active Chapter Handbook Review/revision - Pending Wellness Committee - Pending Membership- Chapters Advocacy Committee - Pending

Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee/ Community Paramedicine

- The Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee/ Community Paramedicine Committee continues to collaborate with NAEMSP committees and will be partnering on a preconference MIH workshop for NAEMSP 2025.
- Position statement has been submitted and is in final stages of review by the Standards and Practice Committee.
- A resource document to accompany the MIH Position Statement is in draft form with plans for submission in 2025.
- The MIH committee continues to advocate for improved MIH funding and access both within the organization and with external stakeholders.



Operational EMS Committee

- Committed members will form a sub-committee to complete the Prehospital Care of the Operational K9 position statement and resource document for S&P review with the intention of publication in PEC in 2024. The sub-committee leading this charge hopes to have a draft submitted to S&P for comments and revisions.
- o The sub-committee has completed both the position statement and the resource document for the Prehospital care of the Operational K9 and the draft has been submitted to the S&P committee for review and comments. We look forward to their feedback soon.
- o Additionally, a sub-committee will be formed for those who are interested in legislation and continued advocacy on this matter.
- We are excited that three pre-conference activities are on the schedule for the 2025 Annual Meeting in January at San Diego!
- o Mon Jan 6: CONTOMS Medical Director Course
- o Tues Jan 7: Operational Canine Medical Care for EMS Medical Directors
- o Tues Jan 7: Transport and Management of Patients with High Consequence Infectious Diseases
- o At our upcoming meeting in January, we plan to discuss how to diversify and consider new ideas as well, which were also discussed in our last meeting in October.
- We considered the creation of a "database" for events that colleagues may have in their area, or that they know about that pertain to Operational EMS. It will be a live document in Basecamp, where folks can access a "calendar of events" such as the NYFD Search and Rescue Symposium, the dates of these events and links on how to register.
- o The start of this was attempted however given the breadth of activities that occur, most of the communications still stayed within Basecamp chat messages which appears to suffice.

Currently, there are multiple arms of action the interested task force would like to do: a) Review the current NFPA 1584 Standards (Standard on the Rehabilitation Process for Members during Emergency Operations and Training Exercises) and if necessary, consider a board approved joint statement by the committee to provide to NFPA to take into consideration the challenges of prolonged scene times with firefighting exercises pertaining to these fires; b) Propose the formation of a resource document that can help support/ augment emergency management standards and guidelines already in existence.

 We will review this again during the 2025 meeting to evaluate where we stand on this Standard and whether there is more interest given recent disaster events that have caught national attention at the end of this year. Suspect that dialogue will certainly be active on the discussion of prolonged scene time safety and rehab.

Pediatrics Committee

- The Pediatrics Committee continues to contribute pediatric knowledge to NAEMSP trauma compendium.
- The committee continues to collaborate with outside organizations on distributing prehospital pediatric research.
- Collaborated on the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP) to promote national participation.
- Assisted with the publication of EMS education series for PEM fellows and EM residents.
- The committee encourages growth in the field through mentorship of fellows and junior faculty.
- There has been publication of multiple manuscripts by committee members.
- The EMS education series is live on Prodigy EMS.
- The PPRP Assessment had excellent participation.



Program Committee

The Program Committee had the following goals for 2024:

- Increase number of student, resident, and fellow attendees.
- Increase number of first-time attendees.
- Increase number of first-time presenters.
- Implement preconference "tracks" to encourage participation in multiple preconference offerings.
- Say goodbye and thank you to our outgoing course directors and introduce new leadership and a new design of the popular, high-yield Medical Director's Course.
- Implement a host city concept.
- Explore new locations to meet the needs of our growing organization and annual meetings
- NAEMSP returned to Austin, TX for the 2024 Annual Meeting and a celebration of the 40th anniversary of our great organization. A wall-sized timeline brought our attendees on a trip down memory lane as it featured our organization's many accomplishments in advancing EMS. Attendees and followers world-wide were also able to view and share comments, pictures and more on live feeds of our social media sites.
- We experienced continued growth with record numbers of both attendees and exhibitors.
- The preconference sessions attracted 868 learners and featured a wide variety of topics including the always well-attended NAEMSP Medical Director's Course, Advanced Topics in Medical Direction Course, and NAEMSP Quality and Safety Course. Additional offerings included Hidden Forces: Impact of Money and Politics on EMS Medicine, Prehospital Pediatric Readiness, Mass Gathering Medicine, several MIH and alternative destination programs, and DEI courses.
- The Program Committee, led by Chair Dr. Diane Miller and Vice Chair Dr. Al Lulla, looks forward to breaking more records (and boundaries) in San Diego at the 2025 Annual Meeting!

Public Health Committee

- The Public Health Committee submitted the SBAR on CARES membership to S&P and awaiting feedback.
- Feedback received from S & P on Crisis Standards of Care. SBAR updated and resubmitted.
- Two SBAR's related to MOUD have been submitted. The SBAR's have been combined and a group from multiple committees is redrafting the SBAR and beginning work on a resource document.
- Human Trafficking Module was completed and posted to Prodigy.
- Symposium on Behavioral Health Emergencies was hosted in partnership with the APHA. 13 presenters offered 5 learning sessions and 3 case studies. 596 live attendees and almost 1000 registrants. President Cabañas was the Closing Speaker.

Quality and Safety Committee

Members of the Quality and Safety committee have been busy. We improved the poster review process, reviewing 57 submissions (resulting in almost 400 individual reviews thanks to our reviewers!) and accepting 27 for presentation at the Annual Meeting. We reached about 2/3 of all EMS Fellows for our annual Quality and Safety Fellows Course. Members of the DEI and Rural committee audited the course to aid in development of programs across our committees. The 2023-2024 Quality and Safety Year Long Course concluded with 77 learners completing the course, representing an almost 70% completion rate! The 2024-2025 Quality and Safety Year Long Course kicked off in September 2024 with 116 participants (representing 26 teams and 26 individual learners)! We look forward to more progress and sharing the message of improvement science in the years to come!

Research Committee

- Over the past year, the Research Committee continued its core mission of fostering and supporting EMS research.
 As in past years, much of the committee's efforts are in collaboration with the Program Committee to ensure the Annual Meeting highlights critical EMS scientific findings.
 For the upcoming 2025 Annual Meeting, the committee reviewed 346 research abstract submissions.
- The committee's strength was evident in the 72 volunteer members who collectively completed over 2,800 abstract reviews. Following this process, the top 30 abstracts were selected for oral presentation, with an additional 213 accepted for poster presentations. All submitting authors received formal notifications, and accepted abstracts were compiled for publication in Prehospital Emergency Care.
- The committee also managed other ongoing responsibilities assigned by the Board of Directors, primarily facilitating funding mechanisms such as the GMR Foundation/NAEMSP EMS Fellowship Research Grant and the Stryker/NAEMSP EMS Medicine Early Career Award.

Rural EMS Committee

- The Rural EMS Committee formed the Rural Quality Alliance, with a delegation of committee members attending the NAEMSP 2-Day Quality and Safety Course for professional development regarding quality assurance in rural, low-volume EMS agencies.
- Renewed MOU with Joint Committee on Rural
 Emergency Care.
- Continued Revisions of Proposed Telehealth Position Statement.

Wilderness EMS Committee

The Wildness Committee has the following updates on the 2024 goals:

- Produce a document outlining proposed quality metrics for use by wilderness EMS systems.
 - o SBAR has been reviewed by the S&P committee and will be presented to the Board. Project Lead, Jeff Thurman.
- Create a document outlining physician oversight of Wildland fire teams, highlighting the special needs outside of those highlighted in the existing special teams document.
 - We have a team of Wildland fire medical directors discussing the SBAR. We are also discussing the need to include other organizations in the creation of this document/resource. Project lead, Sarah Frances McClure.
- Create a document discussing the role of the medical oversight on a Wildland fire operation. This role is separate from the medical director of a specific team.
 - We have discussed this several times but plan to create a separate SBAR concurrently with the medical director of Wildland fire teams SBAR. Project lead, Michelle Curry with Sarah Frances McClure.

- Update or create a new document for the Alaska Cold Injury Guidelines
- o We have a project lead (Jen Dow) but have not yet started the SBAR for this process.
- Grow interest and membership
 - We have quite a bit of interest and involvement in meetings over the past 2 years. We have added several to Basecamp and look forward to continuing growth and hearing new ideas as we engage more and more wilderness EMS team medical directors.

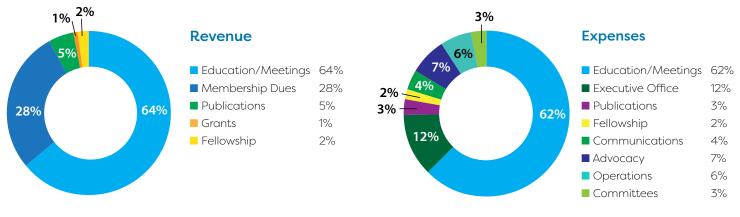
Women in EMS Committee:

- The Women in EMS Committee has had successful Women in EMS Member Spotlights.
- Hosted a successful EMS Fellowship Panel.
- SBAR acceptance for parental leave.
- Committee support for mentored projects and research grants.

Committee Member Participation

NAEMSP® values and understands the key roles our volunteers play in enabling us to grow year-round and create relationships with our members and partners. It is most important we continue to advance our services together, ensuring the best content programming, services and advancement in EMS. We are truly grateful for your continued support – without you, all that NAEMSP® does would not be possible. Please visit our directory and search on Committees to view all NAEMSP® committee rosters. Join us at an upcoming committee meeting – our committees are open to all.

Finances



Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2024 and 2023 Assets		
Current Assets:	2024	2023
Cash and Cash equivalents	\$1,081,782	\$988,475
Investments	\$1,508,467	\$1,489,163
Accounts receivable - general	\$94,129	\$16,491
Inventory	\$O	\$1,413
Prepaid expenses	\$14,019	\$24,365
Certificate of Deposit	\$102,612	\$100,271
Total Current Assets	\$2,801,009	\$2,510,907
Property and Equipment:		
Website/LMS Development costs	\$167,708	\$132,708
Office equipment	\$11,646	\$11,646
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(122,965)</u>	<u>(109,353)</u>
Net Property and Equipment	0	0
Other Assets:		
Intangibles: Trademarks	863	863
Total Assets	\$2,858,261	\$2,546,770



Finances

Financial Report: 2023-24 Fiscal Year

I am proud to present to you the National Association of EMS Physicians annual financial report for fiscal year 2023-2024. First let me extend to the membership my personal thanks and appreciation for entrusting me with the role of secretary/treasurer. Thanks to the hard working staff of the association, and the talent and experience of the board of directors, the work of the treasurer is very manageable. I consider myself very fortunate.

The annual financial report for the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) for the fiscal year 2023-2024 highlights a significant \$400,000 **positive** budget. Most of this surplus is due to anticipated membership growth, continued growth of our tremendously successful annual meeting, and the expansion of the quality improvement collaborative, despite the fact that a board review course (which traditionally generates revenue) is not due to run in the fiscal year. This surplus allows the association to expand its operations and increase its impact on the field of prehospital emergency care.

The expenses in the coming fiscal year will be impacted the most at the annual conference. San Diego is traditionally the most expensive location for our annual meeting. We will also see a small rise in expenses under our administrative budget as we continue to grow our presence at national meetings (AAEM, EMS World, and SAEM are all being looked at) with the expressed intent of increasing our exposure to EMS clinicians in all roles, including research, field operations, and expanding our exposure to other member organizations for emergency medicine.

Key financial developments include:

- 1. **Positive Budget Surplus:** The \$400,000 surplus enables NAEMSP to explore new initiatives aimed at professional development, training, and research in the EMS field.
- 2. **Expansion Plans:** With the additional funds, the association plans to grow its membership base, invest in educational programs, and enhance networking opportunities for EMS professionals.
- 3. **Investment Strategy:** To ensure long-term financial stability, NAEMSP has opened highinterest-earning money market accounts. This move aims to generate steady returns on reserves while maintaining liquidity to fund future projects.

This financial strength positions NAEMSP to continue playing a leading role in advancing prehospital care and improving outcomes for patients through research, education, and policy advocacy.

Wishing you all a wonderful year! Please reach out to me with questions.

See you in San Diego!

Thank you, Kevin Mackey, MD, FAEMS 2023-25 Secretary/Treasurer



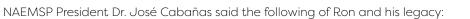


In Memoriam

NAEMSP Remembers Ronald D. Stewart, M.D., FAEMS

In November, NAEMSP and Prodigy put on a very special webinar with over 300 attendees to celebrate Ron's life - see the **video of the webinar here.**

NAEMSP is profoundly affected by the news of Dr. Ron Stewart's death on October 21 after a prolonged illness. Ron was legendary in emergency medicine and a founding member of NAEMSP, serving as its very first president after its inception in 1984. Throughout his storied career, Ron was a guiding light for the organization, and even after passing his innumerable contributions to emergency medicine will continue to inspire and inform the work of the organization and the advancement of EMS as a whole.



"Let us honor and remember Ron Stewart, a remarkable pioneer in the field of Emergency Medicine and EMS, whose visionary spirit and unwavering dedication laid the foundation for a specialty that has grown to be the largest subspecialty in emergency medicine, with many EMS Physicians revolutionizing healthcare delivery for their patients across numerous communities. His profound influence extended beyond his work as a clinician, as he inspired countless individuals with his teaching, leadership, and compassion, leaving a permanent mark on all who knew him. Ron's public service extended beyond his transformational work in Emergency Medicine and EMS; he also served as Minister of Health for Nova Scotia and as an elected official. His legacy as the founding President of NAEMSP will always be cherished and remembered, continuing to shape current and future for generations to come."

Ron's career in EMS began in his home of Nova Scotia, where he graduated from Dalhousie University with his medical degree and took up a rural practice following his graduation. Shortly thereafter, Ron moved across the continent to Los Angeles County, beginning a residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of Southern California. He remained in Los Angeles for six years, serving as the first medical director of the paramedic program in LA before being recruited to join the University of Pittsburgh in 1978.

At Pitt's School of Medicine, Ron led the establishment of academic emergency medicine. He began as Medical Director of the City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Safety Bureau of EMS, and with the support of the University founded the Center for Emergency Medicine of Western Pennsylvania to advance emergency care, research and training. As the first program of its kind, the department would quickly receive national prominence under Ron's tutelage.

Less than a decade after moving across the United States to Pennsylvania, Ron would find himself in a room with national EMS leaders with whom he founded what is today the National Association of EMS Physicians. Even among these leaders, Ron was regarded with particular prestige – in 2022, he recalled an eventful trip to the washroom that day: "I went into the bathroom, came out and had been elected the inaugural President of the National Association of EMS Physicians." With that, the organization was born with Ron as its leader.

In the nearly four decades since that day, Ron continued to radically transform and develop emergency medicine into what it is today. Earlier this year, Ron was recognized with the Companion of the Order of Canada, the country's highest honor, awarded for exceptional achievement and service to Canada or humanity. Only 500 Canadians have had this honor bestowed upon them.

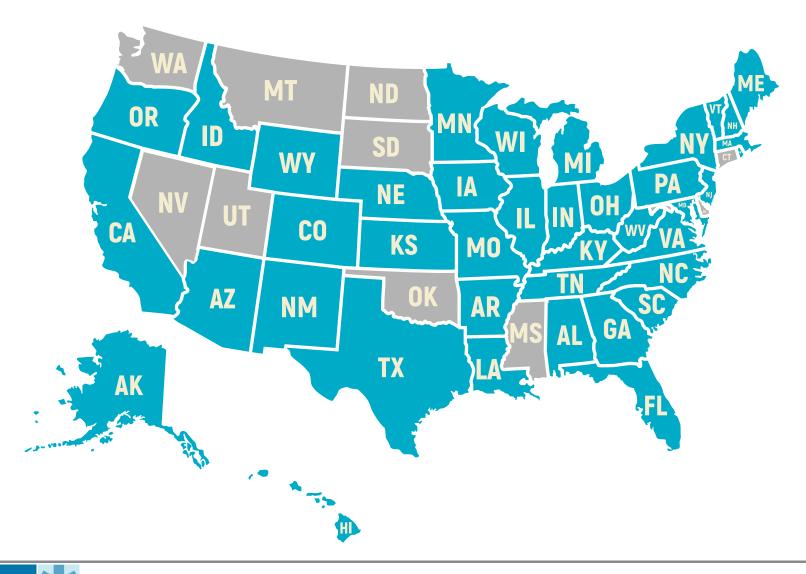
Without his intelligence and stewardship, it is hard to imagine what the subspecialty would look like in the modern day, integral as he is to its inception and continued evolution. The legacy Dr. Ron Stewart leaves behind would be difficult to encapsulate in a textbook, let alone a few paragraphs. NAEMSP will remember Ron with gratitude and reverence.

Chapter Reports

NAEMSP® currently has chartered 35 chapters, and one other is in the process of meeting charter requirements. Annual reports from each of the chapters from the 2023/24 fiscal year can be found on their respective webpages.

Alabama Chapter Alaska/Hawaii Chapter Arizona Chapter Arkansas Chapter California Chapter Colorado Chapter Florida Chapter Georgia Chapter Great Plains Chapter Idaho Chapter Illinois Chapter

- Indiana Chapter Kentucky Chapter Louisiana Chapter Maryland Chapter Massachusetts Chapter Michigan Chapter Military and Federal Agency Chapter Minnesota Chapter New Jersey Chapter New Mexico Chapter New York Chapter North Carolina Chapter
- Northern New England Chapter
 Ohio Chapter
 Oregon Chapter
 Pennsylvania Chapter
 Rhode Island
 South Carolina Chapter
 Tennessee Chapter
 Texas Chapter
 Virginia Chapter
 West Virginia Chapter
 Wisconsin Chapter
 Wyoming Chapter



Publications

Prehospital Emergency Care - Editor's Report 2024



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Calendar Year 2024 saw the completion of Volume 28 of Prehospital Emergency Care (PEC), which was the second volume to include 8 total issues. In total, Volume 28 included 8 issues, 1 supplement, and 1,069 total pages published. Supplement 1 featured 246 Menegazzi Scientific Sessions Research Abstracts, 6 "Innovations in Education" abstracts, and 6 "Quality Improvement and Safety" abstracts that were presented at the January 2024 NAEMSP Annual Meeting. In collaboration with the Prehospital Care Research Forum, 37 abstracts presented at the International Scientific EMS Symposium in September 2023 were published in the supplement. NAEMSP thanks Stryker for their generous, which made the supplemental issue freely available for wide dissemination.

2024 Focused Sections:

- Focus on Cardiac Arrest (20 papers)
- Focus on Mobile Integrated Health (3 papers)
- Focus on Airway (11 papers)
- Focus on Pediatrics (5 papers)
- Focus on Workforce (14 papers)
- Focus on Trauma (4 papers)
- Trauma Compendium (1 paper)
- Focus on Shock (3 papers)
- Focus on Operations (8 papers)
- Focus on Fluids and Access (5 papers)
- Focus on Stroke (3 papers)
- Focus on Research (4 papers)
- Focus on Coronary Artery Disease (6 papers)
- Focus on Social Issues (4 papers)

2024 Position Statements

- Expert Witness Qualifications and Ethical Guidelines for Emergency Medical Services Litigation
- Achieving Equity in EMS Care and Patient Outcomes Through Quality Management Systems: A Position Statement
- Consensus Statement of the National Association of EMS Physicians International Association of Fire Chiefs and International Association of Chiefs of Police: Best Practices for Collaboration Between Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services During Acute Behavioral Emergencies
- Prehospital Antibiotic Administration for Suspected Open Fractures: Joint COT/OTA/ACEP/NAEMSP/ NAEMT Position Statement
- Joint Position Statement on EMS Performance Measures Beyond Response Times

Regarding Calendar Year 2024 and Volume 28, as of November 10, 2024, the PEC Journal has received 611 submissions with 58.4% originating from outside the United States. The acceptance rate was 21.5%, which indicates the desire of authors to publish their research in the PEC Journal. Editors are pleased to report that the PEC Journal most accept/reject decisions occur within 29 days. The average number of days to first decision was 13. The average number of days to final decision was 32. The average number of days from post-review decision to online publication was 22.

The PEC Journal's 2024 impact factor was 2.1, the 5-year impact factor was 2.5, and CiteScore was 4.3; all represent measures of the Journal's impact. Of all peer-reviewed journals indexed/categorized as Emergency Medicine, the PEC Journal's ranks 15 out of 54. The PEC Journal also ranks 204 out of 408 peer-reviewed journals categorized as Public, Environmental & Occupational Health. The PEC Journal saw its highest number of downloads and views in its history with 422,000 total.



Some exciting news about the future: Two Special Issues in Progress:

- Enhancing Prehospital Care for Patients with Substance Use Disorder
- The Prehospital Trauma Compendium

The Editors encourage authors to submit Case Conferences, which represent opportunities for EMS clinicians to share unique and challenging patient care experiences, and describe the care provided in the prehospital environment. In total, the PEC Journal published 5 Case Conferences in 2024 / Volume 28.

A Special Thanks and The Future

The Editors would like to thank all Associate Editors for their hard work and dedication to the PEC Journal. Without their service and commitment, the work of our Journal would not be possible. A special thanks goes to our reviewers, who provide their time, expertise, and feedback to authors from across the globe. The future of the PEC Journal is bright. We will continue to publish novel research germane to out of hospital emergency care and the clinicians who provide that care, numerous special contributions and special issues, which we believe will educate and enlighten our stakeholders, broaden the Journal's audience, and have a high impact on prehospital emergency care worldwide.

For information on how to donate to the E. Brooke Lerner Research Fund please visit https://naemsp.org/e-brooke-lerner-research-fund-2



The NAEMSP PAC https://naemsp.org/naemsp-pac/







Abstracts

Click here to access Abstracts for the 2024 NAEMSP Annual Meeting.

Meetings

2024 Annual Meeting

As they say in Texas, "Go big or go home." NAEMSP certainly went big. A record number of over 1550 NAEMSP attendees started off the new year celebrating NAEMSP's 40th anniversary in Austin, Texas at the JW Marriott.

The 2024 conference committee headed by chair Dr. Diane Miller and co-chair Dr. Al Lulla worked with the NAEMSP team to produce an amazing 40th anniversary celebration.

Eighteen preconference workshops taught over 800 attendees before the main conference began during the first three days of this historic week. Among our flagship threeday NAEMSP National EMS Medical Directors Course and Practicum; NAEMSP Advanced Topics in Medical Direction and Quality and Safety courses and the ever-popular All Things Airway and Cadaver Lab, we added some new offerings including Hidden Forces: The Impact of Money and Politics on EMS Medicine, Prehospital Pediatric readiness, Driving Change: How to Build a Mobile Integrated Health Program that Transforms Your Entire Healthcare System and many others.

President José Cabañas opened the conference with a special **40 Years of Excellence in EMS video** celebrating the uniqueness of NAEMSP and its value to the EMS community.

The general session opened with a truly inspiring presentation by one of the founders of EMS, Chief John Moon from the Freedom House Ambulance Service in Pittsburgh. He shared his experience creating the first paramedic ambulance service as well as the challenges he faced breaking barriers as a minority. This was followed by a unique exploration into the world of Artificial Intelligence offered by Dr. Freddy Lippert.

These fascinating presentations paved the way for a packed three days of talks on a variety of topics including provider wellness, medical oversight, legal issues, quality and safety considerations, behavioral emergencies, special populations, special operations, education, DEI, MIH, and research. The New Speakers Forum was also a fantastic opportunity for first time attendees and newer members to discuss their projects and gain experience presenting on a national scale.

With the 40th anniversary as a theme to the week, NAEMSP debuted a timeline detailing the history of NAEMSP and its leadership along with other events along the way.



Our attendees experienced an astounding three days of general sessions and tracks including: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Education & Quality; Leadership; Behavioral; Research; Pediatrics; Substance Use Disorders; Special Ops and Air Medical; and General EMS talks. Oral and Poster Abstracts were top notch as always and we were treated to a great New Speaker Series session. Our exhibit hall was filled to capacity with vendors showcasing all aspects of EMS. The networking and gathering of colleagues and friends is always special and we were pleased to have many founding members and past presidents walking the halls.

The last day of the conference began with a presentation from Drs. Debra Perina and Doug Kupas with special guest via video, NAEMSP founding president, Dr. Ronald D. Stewart. We enjoyed Ron's wit and laughed along with him as he recalled his life changing trip to the bathroom resulting in his appointment to NAEMSP president. We ended the meeting celebrating our own with our annual awards ceremony, and we applaud all of our award winners. (See page 19 for our 2024 winners)

Future NAEMSP Annual Meetings

January 26-31, 2026

JW Marriott Tampa Water Street & Marriott Tampa Water Street Tampa, Florida **January 11-16, 2027** JW Marriott Austin Austin, Texas

January 10-15, 2028 Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, California



2024 Award Winners

Ronald D. Stewart Award Greg Mears, MD

Keith Neely Outstanding Contribution to NAEMSP Award Mike Taigman, MS, FAEMS

EMS Meritorious Service Award Jason McMullan, MD, FAEMS Woods Curry, MD, NRP, FAEMS

President's Award Beth Adams, MA, BSN, RN, NRP, FAEMS Amber Rice, MD, FAEMS Robert Swor, DO, FAEMS, FACEP



NAEMSP/Stryker EMS Medicine Physician Early Career Award Michael Spigner, MD, NRP, FAEMS

Nancy Caroline Award for Education and Mentorship Jane Brice, MPH, MD, FAEMS

Friends of EMS Award American Ambulance Association

NAEMSP® Annual Awards

2024 Award Winners

The National Association of EMS Physicians® (NAEMSP®) and Stryker, one of the world's leading medical technology companies, announced **Michael Spigner, MD, NRP, FAEMS,** as the winner of the NAEMSP® / Stryker EMS Medicine Medical Director Fellowship.

This year's winner, Dr. Michael Spigner, will complete the fellowship at the (New info here.)

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NAEMSP® recognized the following individual at our awards in January 2024:

NAEMSP Professional Awards

The Ronald D. Stewart Award honors a person who has made a lasting, major contribution to the national EMS community.

Winner: **Greg Mears, MD,** for his dedication and commitment to the development of quality emergency medical services throughout the world.

The Keith Neely Outstanding Contribution to EMS Award

honors an active or past member of NAEMSP who has provided significant leadership to the association. Winner: **Mike Taigman, MS,** for his leadership and commitment to advancing the science of the EMS subspecialty. **The Friends of EMS Award** honors an individual or organization furthering NAEMSP's mission by helping to influence or implement national public policy. Winner: **American Ambulance Association,** for its dedication and efforts to the EMS community.

The Nancy Caroline Award for Mentorship and Education

honors a NAEMSP member who, through their actions, has demonstrated a relentless commitment to the mentorship of others within the specialty of EMS. Winner: **Jane Brice, MPH, MD, FAEMS.**

The EMS Meritorious Service Award honors an NAEMSP member for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements in a field response setting, large scale event, or disaster. Winners: Jason McMullan, MD, FAEMS and Woods Curry, MD, FAEMS.

The President's Award honors members of NAEMSP who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the organization by creating new initiatives or furthering the work of the organization. This year's recipients are being recognized for their tireless leadership and dedication. Winners: Beth Adams, MA, BSN, RN, NRP, FAEMS, Amber Rice, MD, FAEMS, and Robert Swor, DO, FAEMS, FACEP.

2024 New Speaker Series Award honors new and emerging voices in the EMS community! This coveted speaking opportunity is for NAEMSP members who have never presented at a national meeting. Winners: **Andres Camacho, MD and Dominique Diggs, MD.**



NAEMSP® Annual Awards (continued)



2024 Ronald D. Stewart Award Greg Mears, MD



2024 Keith Neely Outstanding Contribution to NAEMSP Award Mike Taigman, MS, FAEMS

2024 Friends of EMS Award American Ambulance Association



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2024 NAEMSP/Stryker Early Career Award Michael Spigner, MD, NRP, FAEMS



2024 President's Award Amber Rice - President's Award



2024 President's Award Bob Swor, DO, FAEMS and Beth Adams, MA, BSN, NRP, FAEMS

2024 New Speaker Series Winners Andres Camacho, MD Dominique Diggs, MD

NAEMSP® Research Awards

Best Scientific Presentation

Longitudinal Trends in Prehospital Advanced Airway Management in the United States

Henry E. Wang, Mengda Yu, Remle Crowe, Michelle Nassal, Alexander Ulintz, Christopher Gage, Jonathan Powell, J. Madison Hyer, Lai Wei, Travis Sharkey, Ashish Panchal *The Ohio State University, ESO, Inc.*

Best Student/Resident/Fellow Presentation

Gender and Racial Differences between Simulated and Clinical Encounters in Initial EMS Educational Program Conor Narovec, Chris Gage, Lakeisha Logan, Ashish R.

Panchal, Jonathan Powell, Shea Van Den Bergh Ohio State University Medical Center, NREMT, OSUMC

Best EMS Professional Research Presentation

Characteristics of 9-1-1 Calls Associated with an Increased Risk of Violence Against Paramedics in a Single Canadian Site

Justin Mausz, Mandy Johnston, Alan Batt, Walter Tavares, Elizabeth A. Donnelly

Peel Regional Paramedic Services, University of Toronto, University of Windsor

Best Poster Abstract Presentation

Effect of Overturning Roe vs. Wade on Obstetric Emergencies in the Prehospital Setting

Morgan K. Anderson, Alyssa M. Green, Jonathan Powell, Megan Marino, Emily M. Nichols ImageTrend Clinical & Research Services, The Ohio State University College of Public Health, New Orleans EMS, Ochsner Medical Center

Best Cardiac Arrest Presentation

Recovery of Arterial Blood Pressure after Pauses in Mechanical Chest Compressions for Patients with Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest

Rose T. Yin, Per Olav Berve, Andoni Elola, Tore Skaalhegg, Tyson G. Taylor, Rob Walker, Elisabete Aramendi, Fred Chapman, Lars Wik

Stryker Emergency Care, University of Oslo, University of the Basque Country, Oslo University Hospital

Best Pediatric Research

EMS Transport of Pediatric Patients Meeting Termination of Resuscitation Criteria

William P. Cebulskie, Remle P. Crowe, Danielle DiCesare, Jeffery Rollman, Lynne Singelton, Casey Smith, Lynn White Pleasant Gap Fire Company EMS, ESO, Orange County EMS, UT Health Science Center, Texas Children's Hospital, Manatee County EMS



Specialty Workshops, Scientific Assembly & Trade Show



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