



# Preconference Classes

November 20, 21 and 22

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## Friday / Saturday / Sunday

### National Association of EMS

#### Educators Instructor Course:

\$425; Friday, 11/20, and Saturday, 11/21; 8 am–5:30 pm; Sunday, 11/22; 8 am–6 pm; lunch on own; Omni Fort Worth; CE:

*Additional.* NAEMSE presents the EMS Instructor Course, which has been designed and developed by the same individuals who produced the DOT/NHTSA 2002 National Guidelines for Educating EMS Instructors. The NAEMSE Instructor Course represents the didactic component and practical application of the beginning education process to become an EMS instructor. The content of this 24-hour course aligns the NAEMSE developed modules with the curriculum objectives of the 2002 National Guidelines. NAEMSE recognizes that the development of a professional EMS educator requires many components, including formalized education in all aspects of the educational process, practical experience in teaching and mentoring by other members of the educational team to foster personal growth and development. This course does not include all these components, but it does offer the beginning steps of the process. Enrollment will be limited to 100 participants. Individuals must complete a 24-hour online course *before* attending the class. Information about the online course will be sent after registration.

Individuals who attend the entire

course and pass the post test will receive a Certificate of Course Completion from NAEMSE and will be eligible for Texas instructor certification. Continuing education hours have been applied for through NAEMSE, which is accredited by the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS). For more information on course content, contact Laura Krawchyk at [laura.krawchyk@naemse.org](mailto:laura.krawchyk@naemse.org) or (412) 920-4775.

## Saturday / Sunday

### Basic Basic EKGs for the Basic

EMT: \$200; Saturday, 11/21, and Sunday 11/22; 8 am–5:30 pm;

*lunch on own; Omni Fort Worth; CE: Medical.* As paramedics increasingly work closely with EMT-basic partners, it becomes essential that EMT-basics have a basic understanding of everything a paramedic will be asked to do. During this 16-hour course, participants will learn the anatomy and physiology of the heart, understand pathophysiology of the conduction system, and understand sinus, atrial, junctional and ventricular EKGs. This class will be taught from the basic point of view; it's great for students, basic EMTs or paramedics who want a refresher on EKG recognition practices. For more information on course content, contact Chris Cebollero at (817) 632-0524 or [ccebollero@medstar911.org](mailto:ccebollero@medstar911.org).

**High Angle Rescue:** \$250, Saturday, 11/21, and Sunday, 11/22; 8 am–5 pm; *off-site (meet at Omni Fort Worth at 7:15 am for bus transport); CE: 4-Preparatory, 4-Patient Assessment, 8-Trauma.* This fun, 16-hour course covers basic equipment used in high-angle rescue, rappelling, belays, simple hauls and lowers, and it also teaches self-rescue techniques, patient assessment and patient packaging. Students must bring sturdy boots, rugged clothing, harness (provided if you do not have one), helmet (firefighting, wilderness or industrial style), leather gloves (non-firefighting or hazmat) and canteen or water bottle. Lunch is provided. For more information on course content, contact John Green at [john@texasroperescue.com](mailto:john@texasroperescue.com).

**Advanced Medical Life Support:** \$285; Saturday, 11/21, and Sunday, 11/22; 8 am–5:30 pm; *1½ hours for lunch on own; Omni Fort Worth; CE: Medical.* AMLS is a 16-hour, two-day program with interactive lectures, teaching and evaluation stations. The interactive/case-based lectures include the following topics: patient assessment, airway management, assessment of the shock patient, dyspnea/respiratory failure, chest pain, altered mental status and abdominal pain. Skills stations follow the lectures each day. For more information on course content, contact Micol L. Konvicka, NREMT-P, coordinator for AMLS Affiliate Faculty at (830)

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460-1531 or micolkonvicka@hotmail.com.

**Coordinator Course:** \$500; Saturday, 11/21, 8 am–5:30 pm; and Sunday, 11/22, 8 am–6 pm; lunch provided both days; Omni Fort Worth; course limited to 25 attendees. **No CE.** Exam on Monday at the Fort Worth Convention Center. This 16-hour course is intended to train Texas EMS course coordinators. Participants will be selected through a competitive application process. To apply, complete and mail the course application along with the required documentation and a letter detailing justification for your enrollment. Do not complete a state certification application at this time. The course application and screening criteria can be found at [www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/09CoordinatorCourse.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/09CoordinatorCourse.shtm). Course applications must be postmarked on or before July 10, 2009. Do not submit a fee until you receive an invoice for payment and an acceptance letter detailing additional steps of the process. Mail the completed course application, *without payment*, to Phil Lockwood, Texas EMS Conference, PO Box 142694, Austin, TX 78714. Attendees will be selected by August 25, 2009, and notified by US mail shortly afterward. Upon receipt of an acceptance letter, you will have until September 30, 2009, to submit payments for

the preconference coordinator course and the state coordinator certification application and fees. For more information on course content, contact Phil Lockwood at [phil.lockwood@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:phil.lockwood@dshs.state.tx.us) or (512) 834-6700 x2032.

## Saturday

**Don't Play in Traffic: Roadway Safety for Emergency Services:** \$95; Saturday, 11/21; 1–4 pm; Omni Fort Worth; CE: *Clinically Related Operations*. Emergency service organizations respond to a wide variety of incidents involving operations near highways and roads. These operations pose special risks to personnel performing fire, rescue and EMS functions, and every year a significant number of emergency service personnel are killed or injured while operating near moving traffic. This class will provide the knowledge, understanding and applicable safety principles and practices that can protect you at roadway-related incidents. For more information on course content, contact David A. Bradley at (717) 487-0170 or at [dbradley@vfis.com](mailto:dbradley@vfis.com).

## PEARS: Pediatric Emergency Assessment Recognition

**Stabilization:** \$150; Saturday 11/21; 8 am–5:30 pm; lunch on own; Omni Fort Worth; CE: *Pediatric; Airway*. The PEARs class (AHA certification course) is intended for health care providers and others who infrequently see

critically ill children and are not required to have a PALS course completion card. The PEARs course helps build the foundation for core assessment and recognition knowledge, including how to identify a pediatric victim at risk of severe cardiopulmonary distress. It will enable the health care provider to recognize the signs of impending respiratory failure or shock and initiate the appropriate treatment, intervene early to stabilize the child and contact the next level of care. The course is intended for health care providers who do not specialize in pediatrics, such as nurses, prehospital providers, in-hospital health care providers outside of critical-care areas, outpatient clinic staff and school-based providers. For more information on course content, contact Melynda Hutchings at (903) 737-3823 or [melynda.hutchings@parisrhc.com](mailto:melynda.hutchings@parisrhc.com).

## Multi-Lead Medics 12-Lead ECG

**Interpretation:** \$175 (see below for special pricing for attending both multi-lead classes); Saturday, 11/21; 8 am–5:30 pm; lunch on own; Omni Fort Worth; CE: *Medical*. If anyone told you that you could take a 12-lead class and have fun, would you believe them? Presented by Bob Page, author of the book "12-Lead ECG for Acute and Critical Care Providers," this eight-hour, highly motivating, nonstop interactive course includes proper lead placement, axis and hemiblock determination, bundle



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branch blocks, differentiating wide complex tachycardia and myocardial infarction recognition. Also included is the use of a 15-lead ECG. The course includes a workbook with practice problems and handy charts for rapid use in the field. Participants will read approximately 200 12-lead ECGs, gaining both experience and confidence. There is also website support for participants through continual competency and feedback from the instructor. The class is delivered as a state-of-the-art computer presentation enhanced with sound, graphics, animation, music and video clips. This course picks up where ACLS and experienced provider courses leave off! For more information on course content, contact Bob Page at (417) 766-6562 or edutainment@mac.com. **Sign up for both this class and the Enhanced Multi-Lead on Sunday and save \$25! Only \$250 for two classes (includes one book).**

## Sunday

### **Patient Care Documentation:**

*\$95; Sunday 11/22; 1–4 pm; Omni Fort Worth; CE: Clinically Related Operations.* Learn the documentation skills that will set you apart from the crowd! The patient care report (PCR) is a single document that holds all of the facts related to a call that is written after the treatment and transport are complete. This document can be taken for granted and is often

seen as just another form to fill out. The instructor will explain the intricacies and demonstrate the importance of completing an accurate and comprehensive PCR. For more information on course content, contact David A. Bradley at (717) 487-0170 or at dbradley@vfis.com.

### **Cardiac Arrest Management for EMTs:**

*\$175; Sunday 11/22; 8 am–5:30 pm; lunch on own; Fort Worth Convention Center; CE: 2-Airway, 2-Patient Assessment, 4-Medical.* This eight-hour class is designed for all emergency providers who participate in out-of-hospital resuscitation attempts on cardiac arrest patients. This course will emphasize the importance of basic life support interventions, the integration of those interventions with advanced care and the importance of effective team interaction and communication during the resuscitation attempt. This course will also review the latest science updates on resuscitation. Participation enables EMS personnel at all levels to improve the quality of care provided to adult victims of cardiac arrest. For more information, contact Kenneth Navarro at (214) 648-6877 or kenneth.navarro@utsouthwestern.edu.

**Enhanced Multi-Lead Medics 12 Lead ECG Interpretation:** *\$100 (see below for special pricing for attending both multi-lead classes);*

*Sunday 11/22; 8 am–12 pm; Omni Fort Worth; CE: Medical.* This class is a continuation of the Multi-Lead Medics 12-Lead class. The enhanced course is designed to show acute care providers how to get extra information from a 12- or 15-lead ECG allowing greater insight into the pathophysiology behind the patient with cardiac or other problems. Included in the course is criteria for discovering an acute MI in a LBBB, hypertrophy, drug and electrolyte changes and pericarditis. The course is designed for those who have already taken the multi-lead medics course with a strong knowledge and high level of comfort with the basic concepts taught in that course. Participants should also be experienced in caring for cardiac patients in an emergency or critical care environment. For more information on course content, contact Bob Page at (417) 766-6562 or edutainment@mac.com. **Sign up for both this class and the Basic Multi-Lead on Saturday and save \$25! Only \$250 for two classes (includes one book).**

### **SLAM Emergency Airway**

**Provider Course:** *\$395; Sunday, 11/22; 8 am–6 pm; pm (meet at medical school approximately three miles from the convention center); CE: 2-Trauma, 2-Patient Assessment, 2-Special Considerations, 3-Airway.* This 10-hour course features lectures and hands-on instruction covering

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all aspects of emergency airway management, and includes a SLAM textbook. The morning will begin with lectures on airway anatomy and assessment, rescue ventilation, emergency intubation techniques, RSI and airway pharmacology and confirmation of tracheal intubation. The afternoon will consist of hands-on stations using both cadavers and realistic manikins. Each participant will be oriented on safe techniques for rescue ventilation using various supraglottic airways and emergency intubation techniques using both video laryngoscopy techniques as well as direct laryngoscopy. Simple techniques to overcome difficult laryngoscopy and difficult intubation, such as bimanual laryngoscopy, head-elevated laryngoscopy position and external laryngeal manipulation will be emphasized. The class will also include a one-hour pig cricothyrotomy workshop featuring realistic hands-on instruction in the application of surgical airway management including, trans-tracheal jet ventilation, percutaneous dilational cricothyrotomy and surgical placement of an endotracheal tube. The course is approved for 10 CECBEMS CE's and Category I AMA credit. For more information on course content, contact Sarah Cherrone at [sarah.slamairway@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.slamairway@gmail.com) or call (972) 325-4464.

**SLAM Human Airway Cadaver Workshop:** \$100; Sunday, 11/22; Session one — 8 to 10 am; Session 2— 10 to 12 pm; and Session 3 — 12 to 2 pm; off-site (meet at medical school approximately three miles from the convention center); CE: Preparatory. This is a workshop on rescue ventilation and emergency tracheal intubation. It is approved for two hours of CECBEMS CE's. Participants will be able to review and learn the proper technique of bag-valve mask ventilation, video laryngoscopy assisted intubation using the Glide Scope and the Airtraq. Rescue ventilation options using various supraglottic airways will also be taught. Needle cricothrotomy using transtracheal jet ventilation will also be part of this lab. Workshops are limited to 40 participants at each session. For more information on course content, contact Sarah Cherrone at [sarah.slamairway@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.slamairway@gmail.com) or call (972) 325-4464.

**REP—Radiological Emergency Preparedness:** No cost; Sunday, 11/22; 8 am–5:30 pm; 1 1/2 hours for lunch on own; Fort Worth convention Center; CE: 1-Patient Assessment, 2-Medical, 2-Clinically Related Operations, 3-Special Considerations. This eight-hour, performance-based course is designed for emergency first responders who may respond to a radiological incident (awareness level). For more information on course content, contact Chris

Amaro at (512) 834-6688 x2020 or [chris.amaro@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:chris.amaro@dshs.state.tx.us).

**Slap the Cap! Real Use for Capnography in EMS:** \$85; Sunday, 11/22; 1 pm–5 pm; Omni-Fort Worth; CE: Medical. You've had your introduction, heard about it, read about it, now it's time to get down to it. Capnography represents an important upgrade for your clinical assessment skills. In this four-hour, non-stop session, participants will perform real waveform analysis of actual cases along with some pretty incredible real-time video of capnography. Come and see how the tool can be an incredible asset for the intubated and non-intubated patient. For more information on course content, contact Bob Page at [edutainment@mac.com](mailto:edutainment@mac.com).

**Turn to page 12 for information on the latest addition to the preconference class line-up.**

## Memorandums of Agreement for Disaster Response



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