



# Texas EMS Conference

Fort Worth

November 24-27, 2019

## Exhibit Hall

Check out the latest in EMS services, supplies, equipment and vehicles in our 200,000-square-foot exhibit hall!

**Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm**

**Monday 9 am to 4 pm**

## Education

Attend Texas EMS Conference 2019 and earn up to 15 hours of the best education available! Choose from more than 100 lectures, hands-on workshops or preconference classes covering all the topics you want to know about!

## Lunches and snacks – included!

Buffet lunch on Monday; Awards Luncheon on Tuesday; afternoon snacks on Monday; and coffee on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. And join us for a Welcome Reception on Sunday afternoon in the Exhibit Hall.

## Bring a Friend!

Exhibit Hall passes can be purchased for non-attendees – \$10 online and \$15 onsite.

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
as low as \$225

## Great Pricing!

Choose from several pricing options this year for full conference registration! One-day rates and preconference-only still available. All conference registrations and preconference registration include admittance to the Texas EMS Exhibit Hall.

## Early Bird

\$225 (to 7/31)

## Regular

\$250 (8/1 to 10/4)

## Late

\$300 (beginning 10/5)

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# Schedule At-A-Glance

## Saturday, November 23

7:00 am–6:00 pm Exhibitor registration

7:00 am–6:00 pm Attendee registration

## Sunday, November 24

7:00 am–6:00 pm Registration

12:00 pm–5:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open

3:00 pm–5:00 pm Welcome Reception

## Monday, November 25

7:00 am–6:00 pm Registration

8:00 am–9:15 am Opening Session

9:00 am–4:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open

9:30 am–10:30 am Education Sessions

10:30 am–11:15 am Coffee Break Exhibit Hall

11:15 am–12:15 pm Education Sessions

12:15 pm–1:30 pm Lunch in Exhibit Hall

1:30 pm–2:30 pm Education Sessions

2:30 pm–3:30 pm Snack break in EH

3:30 pm–4:30 pm Education Sessions

4:30 pm–5:30 pm Education Sessions

## Tuesday, November 26

7:00 am–2:00 pm Registration

8:00 am–11:30 am Education Sessions

11:45 am–1:30 pm Awards Luncheon

2:00 pm–5:30 pm Education Sessions

## Wednesday, November 27

8:30 am–10:45 am Education Sessions

11:00 am–Noon Closing Session



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817-535-6664

### **Hilton**

815 Main St.

817-870-2100

### **Sheraton**

1701 Commerce

817-335-7000

### **Blackstone Marriott**

601 Main St.

817-885-8700

### **Embassy Suites**

601 Commerce

817-332-6900

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## Friday - Saturday - Sunday

### National Association of EMS Educators Instructor Course, Level I

*Early rate \$595; after 10/4/19 \$650; Friday, 11/22, 8:00 am–5:30 pm; Saturday, 11/23, 8:00 am–5:30 pm; and Sunday, 11/24, 8:00 am–5:30 pm; 1½ hours for lunch on own; Fort Worth Convention Center; CE: Additional, 24 hours.* Ready to take your dream of becoming an EMS educator to the next level? 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 and practical application components needed to become an EMS instructor. The content of this 40-hour course (16 hours online) aligns NAEMSE developed modules with the curriculum objectives of the 2002 National Guidelines and complies with EMS rules for lead instructors in more than 40 states, including Texas. This course provides an introduction to a broad span of educational theory that is heavily reliant on brain-based learning and evidence-based best practices for all levels of experience as an EMS educator. Individuals who attend the entire course and pass the post-test receive a Certificate of Course Completion from NAEMSE and are 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 class content, contact Laurie Davin at [Laurie.Davin@naemse.org](mailto:Laurie.Davin@naemse.org) or 412-343-4775.

## Saturday - Sunday

### Tactical Emergency Casualty Care

*Early rate \$525; after 10/4/19 \$600; Saturday, 11/23, 8:00 am–6:30 pm; and Sunday, 11/24, 8:00 am–5:30 pm; 1½ hours for lunch on own; Fort Worth Convention Center; CE: Special considerations and trauma, 16 hours.* Hurry! This class fills fast and is capped at 50 attendees! The Tactical Emergency Casualty Care course introduces evidence-based, life-saving

techniques and strategies for providing the best trauma care in hostile environments. The program meets the guidelines established by the Committee on Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (CTECC). Classroom, hands-on and scenario-based exercises are included in this interactive, fast-paced workshop. Any EMS practitioner called upon to respond to a mass casualty or active shooter event will benefit from this course. Upon completion attendees will receive a NAEMT Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) certification good for four years, and extra material will be covered so you will

be able to sit before the Tactical Paramedic or Tactical Responder Certification Tests provided by the IBSC (tests are being offered in conjunction with the conference separate from the TECC Course). Students receive a Tactical Paramedic or Tactical Responder Certificate worth 16 CEs. This very popular class sold out quickly last year. For more information on class content, visit ([911TacMed.com](http://911TacMed.com) or <https://www.911tacmed.com/tactical-paramedic.html>); FB or IG @911tamced, or contact Matthew Kinney at [911tacmed@gmail.com](mailto:911tacmed@gmail.com).



### Disaster and Wilderness Medicine for EMS

*Early rate \$450; after 10/4/19 \$525; Saturday, 11/23, 8:00 am–5:30 pm; and Sunday, 11/24, 8:00 am–5:30 pm; 1½ hours for lunch on own; Fort Worth Convention Center; CE: Medical, 4 hours; Pt Assess, 4 hours; Trauma, 4 hours; Airway, 4 hours.*

There are miles and miles of

Texas—much of it classified as rural and frontier. Are you prepared to provide emergency care when your resources are severely limited, either because you're in the middle of nowhere or in the middle of a disaster? Do you provide EMS in the backcountry or during disaster settings? Are you trying to plan ahead for best response for the next disaster in your area? If so, this rapid-fire course is for you. It will take you beyond the EMT or paramedic course you attended and prepare you to provide medical care with minimal equipment while in the wilderness or disaster setting. From wound care to medical emergencies, we will cover many common problems that occur in the backcountry and how treat them. New for this year will be a section on dealing with

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remote medical emergencies and a special section on “Jams & Pretzels” that you won’t want to miss. This course will involve spending time outdoors and some physical activity, so come prepared. Join Capt. Kirk and his staff as they get you ready for those calls and times when you have very little equipment and a long way to go. For more information about class content, contact Kirk Mittelman at [kmittelman@gmail.com](mailto:kmittelman@gmail.com).

## Advanced Medical Life Support

*Early rate \$375; after 10/4/19 \$425; Saturday, 11/23, 8:00 am–5:30 pm; and Sunday, 11/24, 8:00 am–5:30 pm; 1½ hours for lunch on own; Fort Worth Convention Center; CE: Medical, 16 hours.* AMLS is a two-day program that consists of interactive lectures, teaching and evaluation stations. The interactive/case-based lectures include the following topics: altered mental status and neurological disorders; respiratory dysfunction; shock; chest discomfort; endocrine, metabolic, and environmental disorders; abdominal discomfort; infectious disease and toxicological emergencies; hazardous materials; and weapons of mass destruction. Teaching stations follow the associated lectures each day. This AMLS course is endorsed by the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP). It is accredited by the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) and is recognized by the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT). Students who successfully complete the AMLS course will receive a certificate of completion valid for four years. Price includes textbook and AMLS card. For information on course content, contact Macara Trusty at [mtrusty@medstar911.org](mailto:mtrusty@medstar911.org).

## Saturday

### Critical Care Skills 2019: The Procedural Anatomy Cadaver Course

*Early rate \$295; after 10/4/19 \$350; Saturday, 11/23, 7:30 am–5:30 pm; lunch included; off-site (meet at Omni Fort Worth by 7:00 am for bus transportation to UTSW anatomy facilities); CE: Preparatory, 8 hours. Limited to 48 participants (course always fills quickly—please sign up early).* The Critical Care Skills course, also known as The Procedural Anatomy Program, is a nationally recognized offering like no other. Our program specifically focuses on evidence-based emergent interventions and the patients that require them. Participants engage in a comprehensive hands-on experience that gracefully blends fresh (non-fixed) human specimens, highly experienced medical professionals, and the most demanding procedures (with just the right dose of reservation) for your next patient. This course is orchestrated to dissect, explain, and train through: bleeding control (digital; wound-packing; tourniquets; junctional bleeding, and

REBOA), airway and ventilation management (BLS; ALS – video and direct laryngoscopy, bronchoscopy, and cricothyroidotomy) vascular access (IV - peripheral, cut-down, and exchange; IO – manual, powered; and central venous access), thoracic injury management (anterior and lateral needle decompression, simple thoracostomy, chest tube placement, pericardiocentesis, and resuscitative thoracotomy), fundamental suturing and securing, ultrasound usage and more as time permits. Participants actively locate, visualize, mobilize, and explore the freshly dissected anatomy of the neck, chest, abdomen and extremities to better appreciate the efficacy and impact of interventions on the human body (while simultaneously defining the common medical and traumatic disease processes we frequently encounter). The goal of this course is to improve indication and anatomic recognition while simultaneously offering hands-on experience where it matters most. What should you wear? Suggested attire includes scrubs and running shoes but “professionally comfortable” clothing is certainly fine. Participants are not permitted to wear shorts or open toed shoes. Who should register for this exciting preconference course? Paramedics, EMTs, nurses, mid-levels, physicians and medical educators. This program is hands-on and involves human specimens—all PPE is provided. NOTE: This course involves a full day of active engagement and a tremendous amount of standing, moving, and skills refinement. Participants should expect to be intellectually stimulated, yet physically exhausted at the course’s conclusion. This program consistently receives THE highest evaluation scores for content, instruction, and value. Participants are strongly encouraged to come well rested and prepared to learn. As a bonus, each participant will receive the 2019 Critical Care Skills Procedural Anatomy Course memory stick full of the latest images, videos, PowerPoints and information. Participants are REQUIRED to ride on the provided bus and be escorted to the lab . . . sorry, no exceptions. For information on the course, contact Ashley Hoppe at [ashley.hoppe@hiscentre.com](mailto:ashley.hoppe@hiscentre.com).

### Certified Ambulance Documentation Specialist (CADS)

*Early rate \$200; after 10/4/19 \$250; Saturday, 11/23, 9:00 am–4:30 pm; 1½ hours for lunch on own; Fort Worth Convention Center; CE: AOR or additional, 6 hours.* Why become a Certified Ambulance Documentation Specialist? High-quality patient care reports (PCRs) can keep your service out of trouble! Poor PCRs can expose providers to liability in court, decrease revenues and create compliance problems. Developed by the National Academy of Ambulance Compliance, this dynamic, interactive course with real-world scenarios will keep your attention while you learn key concepts. Topics addressed include documenting medical necessity, writing effective clinical narrative that supports proper ICD coding, addressing special challenges for non-emergency and repetitive

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patient documentation, identifying proper methods of modifying or amending PCRs and reducing medical malpractice liability. CADS content is geared specifically to EMS personnel such as EMTs and paramedics, and is appropriate for QA/QI personnel, supervisors/managers, compliance officers, billers and anyone else involved in EMS. For more information on course content, call the National Academy of Ambulance Compliance at 877-765-6222 or visit <https://www.ambulancecompliance.com/content/about-certified-ambulance-documentation-specialist-cads>.

## **Hands-On Anatomy: Basic Cadaver Laboratory**

Early \$125, after 10/4/19, \$175; Saturday, 11/23; two classes to choose from: 8:00 am–12:00 pm or 1:00–5:00 pm; off-site (meet at medical school approximately three miles from convention center); CE: Preparatory, 4 hours. Class limited to 50 people per session. Even though anatomy is the basis of all medicine, most of us learned anatomy from books and pictures. Few ever get the chance to spend time with actual cadavers. Each four-hour class will review the anatomy of prosected cadavers in small groups, examining anatomy of the airway, the respiratory system and the organs in the abdomen. The class will be held on the campus of the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth. For more information on class content, contact Jeff Beeson at [jeffrey.beeson@unthsc.edu](mailto:jeffrey.beeson@unthsc.edu).

## **Pediatric Assessment Course**

Early rate \$225; after 10/4/19 \$275; Saturday, 11/23, 8:00 am–5:30 pm; 1½ hours for lunch on own; Fort Worth Convention Center; CE: Pediatric. PALS, PEPP, PITLS, APLS, PCC, NRP, PEARS, are all names in the pediatric course library. Each one has its merits. What if you could take a class that highlighted the best of all courses along with some assessment techniques not seen in any of them? Join Bob Page for a class that makes sense of the different pediatric information out there. Page is joined by dynamic pediatric educator Dusty Lynn from the University of Virginia to present an exciting course of hands-on and interactive case studies designed to help you hone your pediatric assessment skills. Plan on spending an amazing day with two passionate educators as they explore pediatric assessment pearls and give you the feedback you need for success. For more information on class content, contact Bob Page at [lead2noclue@me.com](mailto:lead2noclue@me.com).

## **High Angle Rescue – Basic**

Early \$250, after 10/4/19 \$300; Saturday, 11/23, 8:00 am–5:30 pm; lunch included; off-site (meet at Omni at 7:15 am for bus transport); CE: Patient assessment - 4, trauma - 4. This eight-hour class covers basic equipment used in high-angle rescue, repelling, belays and simple

hauls/lowers. It will also teach 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 a canteen or water bottle. For information about class content, contact John Green, EMT-P, at [john@texasoperescue.com](mailto:john@texasoperescue.com).

## **Sunday**

### **The Human Factor: A Cadaver-Based Anatomy Course for Emergency Medicine**

Early rate \$185; after 10/4/19 \$230; Sunday, 11/24, 7:30 am–2:30 pm (includes transport time); off-site (meet at Omni Fort Worth for 7:00 am bus transportation to UTSW anatomy facilities); CE: Preparatory; 5 hours. Limited to 48 participants (course always fills quickly—please sign up early). This half-day, keenly focused, human anatomy program promises to turn your medical education and training inside out with fresh, non-fixed human specimens as your personal guide. Participants in this class actively locate, visualize, mobilize, and explore the anatomy of the head, neck, chest, abdomen and extremities to appreciate the medical and traumatic disease processes we frequently encounter. Participants will assess the impact of life (medical and traumatic processes) on human systems, while we compare and contrast today's medical efforts with the science and truth of our own mortality. Engaging in this hands-on experience will completely immerse you in human anatomy with highly experienced medical professionals by your side. What should you wear? Suggested attire includes scrubs and running shoes but “professionally comfortable” clothing is certainly fine. Who should register for this exciting preconference course? Paramedics, EMTs, nurses, mid-levels, physicians and medical educators. This program is a hands-on effort involving human specimen—all PPE is provided. NOTE: This course involves a half day of active engagement with a tremendous amount of standing, moving and skills refinement. There is no breakfast or lunch provided, but there will be refreshments for the bus ride back. Participants should expect to be intellectually stimulated, yet physically exhausted at the conclusion. This course, like our Critical Care Skills Program, consistently receives THE highest evaluation scores for content, instruction, and value. With that in mind, participants are strongly encouraged to come well rested and prepared to learn. As a bonus, each participant receives the 2019 Procedural Anatomy Program memory stick full of the latest images, videos, PowerPoints, and information. Participants are REQUIRED to ride on the provided bus and be escorted to the lab—no exceptions. For information on course content, contact Ashley Hoppe at [ashley.hoppe@hiscentre.com](mailto:ashley.hoppe@hiscentre.com).

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## Advanced Administrator of Record Course

Early rate \$200; after 10/4/19 \$250; Sunday, 11/24, 8:30 am–5:00 pm; 1½ hours for lunch on own; Omni Fort Worth; CE: Administrator or CRO, 7 hours. New year, new topics! This year we've got nationally known billing expert Maggie Adams to take you through how to maximize billing for non-emergency calls using a mixture of facility interaction, provider education and quality billing that leads to proper non-emergency reimbursement. We discuss what providers can do to better work with our facility customers who do not understand our regulatory requirements, how to get the forms we need completed properly (Physician Certification Statements, beneficiary signatures) and what kind of questions should our dispatch center ask of facility callers. In the afternoon, attorney Steve Wirth of Page, Wolfberg and Wirth, one of the most well-known names in EMS law in the U.S., will talk about case studies, aka, what not to do, in documentation, social media and other hot topics. This is a tremendous opportunity to hear two of the most experienced administrative minds in EMS—and ask them questions. Come ready to listen to the voices of experience who will provide engaging information designed for real-time application in your own services. Administrators and all others are welcome. For more information on course content, contact Joe Schmider at [joseph.schmider@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:joseph.schmider@dshs.texas.gov).

## Bob and Dusty's Basic Arrhythmia Class

Early rate \$225; after 10/4/19 \$275; Sunday, 11/24, 8:30 am–5:00 pm; 1½ hours for lunch on own; Omni Fort Worth; CE: Medical, 8 hours. **A new class offered by Bob Page for 2019!** In Lead 2, you got no clue! Anyone that has had Bob Page's 12-lead class knows that catchy phrase! After years of relentless requests, Page has developed a basic arrhythmia course designed to take anyone from startup to comfort in lead-2 ECG interpretation. To add to the intrigue, Dusty Lynn will also present pediatric ECG interpretation—there are differences! Participants can expect to see, hear and even dance their way to ECG rhythms recognition. This is a fun, interactive class that is fast-paced and designed to maximize learning for all levels. By the end of the course, you will have read more than 200 rhythms! Come for a great review, come to learn it for the first time, come to see how husband and wife, Page and Lynn are going to pull this off! Come to get ideas to teach it yourself! But come to the class! For more information on course content, contact Bob Page at [lead2noclue@me.com](mailto:lead2noclue@me.com).

## Follow My Lead: Navigating the Multi-Lead ECG

Early rate \$150; after 10/4/19 \$190; Sunday, 11/24, 8:30 am–5:00 pm; 1½ hours for lunch on own; Omni Fort Worth; CE: Medical, 8 hours. Join paramedic and

popular EMS conference presenter Stephen Rahm for this engaging program specifically developed for providers who are either new to reading a multi-lead ECG, or for those savvy providers seeking to further enhance their diagnostic yield. This program introduces and defines the many facets of multi-lead ECG interpretation and how this knowledge directly impacts the care of your next patient. Components of the program include: anatomy and physiology review of the heart and its conduction system; basic electrocardiography review; waveforms, complexes, intervals, and segments; proper lead placement (12- and 15-lead, right-sided ECG); cardiac axis determination (multiple methods); atrial and ventricular hypertrophy; bundle branch blocks and fascicular blocks; STEMI recognition (including STEMI equivalents and imposters); Brugada syndrome; and hyperkalemia. For information on course content, contact Stephen Rahm at [stephen.rahm@hiscentre.com](mailto:stephen.rahm@hiscentre.com).

## RockStar Pathophysiology University

Early rate \$250; after 10/4/19 \$295; Sunday, 11/24, 8:30 am–5:00 pm; 1½ hours for lunch on own; Omni Fort Worth; CE: Preparatory, 8 hours. The best EMS clinicians don't just know what to do, they know why to do it. A solid clinical foundation begins with an in-depth understanding of the underlying pathophysiology. Come to RockStar U and let our masters show you the ways of the "Force," — the life force that is. You'll split your time between lectures and hands-on time, and pathophysiology and anatomy discussion to help tie the lectures together with clinical application. For information on course content, contact Reuben Farnsworth at [rockstareducation@gmail.com](mailto:rockstareducation@gmail.com).

## RAID (Resuscitation Airway and Internal Dynamics)

Early rate \$200; after 10/4/19 \$240; Sunday, 11/24, 8:30 am–5:00 pm; 1½ hours for lunch on own; Omni Fort Worth; CE: Airway, 8 hours. A true team approach to the management of advanced airways and, most importantly, our own human performance under pressure. The biggest risk factor to our patients is us; the human factor can affect us in multiple ways, making a critical patient even more challenging. We will give you the tools to understand and overcome stressful environments while managing critical airways. In this 8-hour course students learn to master internal stressors that affect how we perform during critical tasks. We use a dynamic learning environment meant to challenge students with real-life patient scenarios, taking a pit-crew approach to difficult critical patients requiring airways. Through understanding and planning, we can overcome our biggest risk factor—human performance under stress. For information on course content, contact Juan Mejias at [juanmejias91@gmail.com](mailto:juanmejias91@gmail.com).