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## PCRf Oral Presentations Highlight EMS Today

One of the finest traditions at the EMS Today Conference is the Oral Presenter's Luncheon to showcase the top six abstracts received during the Prehospital Care Research Forum Annual Call for Abstracts. This year was no exception and anticipation for the presentation began early in the week.

Even before the conference opened its doors the complimentary tickets to the event were no longer available. By the time the first oral presentation began, every seat was taken and nearly 100 more people were standing around the room. Each presentation lasted about 10 minutes and was

followed by questions and answers. Oral presenters included Chris Thos. Ryther, Roseville, Calif., *The Changing Pattern of Prehospital Morphine Administration*; Michael Osur, Riverside, Calif., *Airway Management and Glasgow Coma Scale in Pediatric Patients*; Karen Donnahie, Yellowstone National Park, Wy., *Prehospital Administration of Aspirin in Acute Coronary Syndrome in High Altitude Wilderness National Parks*; Daniel Ellis, Chicago, Ill., *Medical Complaints During 24-Hour Shifts*; Michele Plorde, Seattle, Wash., *Kent Fire Department*

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## Abstracts Poster Exhibit Draw Record Crowds

Fifteen research projects were selected for poster presentation at the EMS Today Conference from the many submitted to the Prehospital Care Research Forum Call for Abstracts 2001. Identified through a peer review process, these exceptional posters reflected the hard work of many people and systems dedicated to prehospital research. Conference attendees were invited to participate in question and answer sessions at the poster exhibit area. This exchange of ideas and research methods was an invigorating part of the week.

In addition to the oral presenters listed above, poster presenters included Harold Cohen, Cantonsville, Maryland; Robert Woisard, Daytona Beach,

Florida; John O'Brien, St. Paul, Minnesota; Aaron Patterson, Silver Creek, New York; Louise Reynolds, Adelaide, South Australia; Lauren Pipas, Syracuse, New York; Jeffrey Lindsey, Largo, Florida; Karen Kellner, Towson, Maryland; Stephen Donaldson, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Lalena Amiotte, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; and John Murray, Seattle, Washington. Congratulations and thank you to all who participated in this year's Call for Abstracts!

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## EMS Today Conference Most Successful to Date

Even before day one of the 19<sup>th</sup> annual EMS Today Conference held March 14, activities were already underway at the Baltimore Convention Center in Maryland. Leading up to the largest EMS event held in the United States, hundreds of enthusiastic EMS professionals participated in several pre-conference events including workshops and clinics. For the seventh consecutive year the Prehospital Care Research Forum offered a two-day preconference workshop, *Demystifying Prehospital Care Research, Managing Data to Improve Everything You Do*. Twenty novice researchers explored

research methodologies including data collection and analysis. Creating a hypothetical research scenario, small groups worked to “demystify research” and discover the value of strong research techniques.

This year’s conference drew more than 2,200 people from around the world, making it the most successful EMS Today Conference in JEMS’ history. Participants chose from a wide range of lectures and clinics during the three-day conference on topics ranging from *Critical Thinking in Technical Rescue* to *Web-based CE*. Hundreds of new and innovative products were introduced in the exhibit area where vendors demonstrated state-of-the art equipment and offered product samples.

## PCRF and NAEMSE Affiliation Finalized

The Prehospital Care Research Forum and the National Association of EMS Educators are pleased to announce a formal agreement to work together in an effort to promote awareness and research in EMS. “While we have enjoyed a supportive relationship for quite some time, this agreement solidifies our mutual commitment to work together for the future of prehospital care education in EMS. We look forward to the on-going exchange of ideas and collaborative ventures,” said PCRF Managing Director Todd LeGassick,

This association has brought with it the opportunity for a second venue for authors submitting research to the PCRF Call for Abstracts. While traditionally all winning abstracts were showcased at the EMS Today

Conference, for the last two years select abstracts in the area of education have been invited to present at the annual NAEMSE Conference each September. The 2002 PCRF Call for Abstracts continues this arrangement with the addition of a separate deadline more in tune with the timing of the NAEMSE Conference.

Authors interested in submitting abstracts in the area of education for presentation at the upcoming NAEMSE Conference Sept. 13-15, 2002, in Portland, Ore., must have their research in by March 29, 2002. For more information on the Prehospital Care Research Forum Call for Abstracts 2002 please visit our Web site at [www.pcrf.mednet.ucla.edu](http://www.pcrf.mednet.ucla.edu) or contact Edith Pryor at (310) 794-8535.



## Prehospital Care Research Forum 2002 Call for Abstracts

The Prehospital Care Research Forum is accepting abstracts in the categories of clinical, systems, management and personnel for presentation at EMS Today in Kansas City, Mo., March 12-16, 2002. Abstracts in the category of education will be presented at the National Association of EMS Educators Conference in Portland, Ore., Sept. 3-6, 2002.

All submissions will be evaluated and ranked according to a peer review process by experts in prehospital emergency medicine. Authors of those studies representing the most original scientifically based work of greatest impact to prehospital emergency medicine will be invited to present their material during the conference. Submissions not selected for oral presentation will be considered for poster presentation.

Notable abstracts will be published in the Prehospital Care Research Forum publication in March 2002. In addition all authors will receive a critique of their submissions.

For more information contact the Prehospital Care Research Forum at (310) 794-8798, 924 Westwood Blvd., Suite 720, Los Angeles, CA 90095, or visit our Web site at [pcrf.mednet.ucla.edu](http://pcrf.mednet.ucla.edu).

### **New Associates Welcomed**

The Prehospital Care Research Forum is pleased to welcome Jeremy Wilkinson, BS, NREMT-P, Assistant Medical Dept. Officer Community Manager, US Navy, Washington, DC; Louise Reynolds, BHS, Project Officer, SA Ambulance Service, Adelaide, South Australia; Todd LeDuc, NREMT-P, Public Information Director, Broward County Fire Rescue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; and Thomas Raithby, BS, EMT-2, Consultant, Atlantic Health Sciences Corporation, New Brunswick, as Associate members. During their first year

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### **PCRF Addresses National Research Agenda**

The new National Research Agenda was recently introduced to the EMS community. Because this comprehensive outline will guide the future of EMS and prehospital care for many years to come, the Prehospital Care Research Forum called on its membership to comment on the contents of the agenda. PCRF Board member Liz Criss compiled the feedback and presented it as an official statement on behalf of our organization. Thank you to those who participated in this important project.

***For more information about the Prehospital Care Research Forum***  
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### Oral Presentations

and King County EMS: *Appropriate Destination and Patient Treatment (ADAPT) Project*; Jennifer Hauler, Athens, Ohio, *Time to Deliver Initial ALS Care to Patients Presenting with Chest Pain and Suspected AMI*; and Bruce Barton (for Kelley Horn), Riverside, Calif., *Pediatric Injuries Related to Nonusage of Vehicle Restraints*.

PCRf is pleased to honor these exceptional people and their research projects. For information on the Prehospital Care Research Forum Call for Abstracts 2002 please visit our web site at [pcrf.mednet.ucla.edu](http://pcrf.mednet.ucla.edu) or contact Edith Pryor at (310) 794-8535.

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### New Associates

with the Forum these new Associates will participate on the In their second and in subsequent years they will be invited to join other committee groups if they care to do so. We welcome these fine EMS professionals and look forward to working with them.

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