

March 4-8

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Hazardous Materials Specialist Course. Contact: CHMR, 320 William Pitt Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15238; 412/826-5320.

March 5

Long Beach, California

California EMS Issues. Contact: The Conference Corporation, P.O. Box 2400, Carlsbad, CA 92018; 619/431-8088.

March 6-9

Long Beach, California

Ninth Annual EMS Today Conference and Exposition. Contact: The Conference Corporation, P.O. Box 2400, Carlsbad, CA 92018; 619/431-8088.

March 7-12

Anaheim, California

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Annual Meeting. Contact: Lois J. Stratemeier, Director of Convention and Meeting Services, 222 S. Prospect Ave., Burr Ridge, IL 60068; 708/823-7186.

March 8-9

Cromwell, Connecticut

Connecticut EMS: A System of Challenge and Change. Contact: Paul Winfield Smith, Education and Training Section, State of Connecticut Department of Health Services, 150 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106; 203/566-7336.

March 9-10

Bethesda, Maryland

Women in the Fire Service Seminar: Human Issues in Emergency Services. Contact: Mary Beth Michos, Montgomery County Department of Fire & Rescue Services, 101 Monroe St., 12th Floor, Rockville, MD 20850; 301/217-2099; Fax 301/217-2443.

March 10-15

Park City, Utah

Emergencies in Medicine. Contact: Robert Wilson, Department of Surgery, Detroit Receiving Hospital, 4201 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI 48201; 313/745-3484.

March 11-14

Syracuse, New York

Aircraft Incident Management Seminar. Contact: Williams Training Associates, P.O. Box 750781, Memphis, TN 38175-0781; 901/757-2609.

March 11-15

Washington, D.C.

Media Relations and Public Education Course. Contact: George Washington University, EMS Degree Program, 2300 K St. N.W., Suite 107, Washington, D.C. 20037; 202/994-4372

March 13-15

Baltimore, Maryland

Sixth National Traumatic Brain Injury Symposium. Contact: Roberta Schwartz, MIEMSS, 22 S. Greene St., Baltimore, MD 21201; 301/328-6101.

March 14-15

New York, New York

Stroke Prevention: Critical Assessment of Today's Strategies. Contact: NYU Medical Center, Post-Graduate Medical School, 550 First Ave., New York, NY 10016; 212/340-5295.

March 15-17

Tampa, Florida

1991 Southeastern Conference on Emergency Medicine. Contact: American Safety Video, 1185 Eighth St. S., Naples, FL 33940; 800/722-2572, 813/263-2203.

March 16

Cable, Wisconsin

Ninth Annual Emergency Service Conference. Contact: Lee Cooper, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, 1019 S. Knowles Ave., New Richmond, WI 54017-1766; 715/246-6561, Ext. 4208.

March 16

Washington, D.C.

Seventh Annual MedSTAR Trauma Symposium: Trauma Resuscitation Guidelines and Pitfalls. Contact: Ann Barletta, 110 Irving St. N.W., Suite 4B-46, Washington, D.C. 20010; 202/877-7759.

March 18-20

Central New Jersey

Environmental Risk Assessment of Chemicals Course. Contact: The Center for Professional Advancement, P.O. Box H, East Brunswick, NJ 08816-0257; 908/613-4535.

March 19-22

Rockville, Maryland

Fifth Annual Emergency Information System Conference. Contact: Mary Peters, 966 Hungerford Drive, Suite 1, Rockville, MD 20850; 800/999-5009.

March 21-23

Cedar City, Utah

EMS Seminar. Contact: Jolene Witney, Bureau of EMS, P.O. Box 16660, Salt Lake City, UT 84116-0660; 801/538-6292.

March 21-23

Baltimore, Maryland

13th National Trauma Symposium. Contact: The Office of International Development, MIEMSS, 11 S. Paca St., Suite 303, Baltimore, MD 21201; 301/328-2399.

March 22-24

Champion, Pennsylvania

EMS Update '91. Contact: Marilyn Harhai, Emergency Medical Service Institute, 4240 Greensburg Pike, Pittsburgh, PA 15221; 412/351-6604.

March 25-28

Maui, Hawaii

ACEP Winter Symposium. Contact: Dana McGee, American College of Emergency Physicians, Box 619911, Dallas, TX 75261; 214/550-0911.

April 3-5

Rosemont, Illinois

Emergency Response Conference and Exhibition. Contact: Tower Conference Management Co., 800 Roosevelt Road, Building E, Suite 408, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-5835; 708/469-3373; Fax 708/469-7477.

April 3-5

Rosemont, Illinois

Hazardous Materials Management Conference and Exhibition. Contact: Tower Conference Management Co., 800 Roosevelt Road, Building E, Suite 408, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-5835; 708/469-3373; Fax 708/469-7477.

April 3-6

San Antonio, Texas

Professional Aeromedical Transport Association Annual Meeting and Seminar. Contact: Andy Yates, PATA, P.O. Box 7519, Alexandria, VA 22307; 703/660-9200, 800/541-7517; Fax 703/765-4822.

April 3-6

San Francisco, California

Seventh Annual Advances in Emergency Medicine 1991. Contact: Postgraduate Programs, 521 Parnassus, C-405, San Francisco, CA 94143-0656; 415/476-5208.

April 5-7

Jackson, Wyoming

Midwinter Trauma Conference. Contact: Rusty Palmer, Office of EMS, Hathaway Building 527, Cheyenne, WY 82002; 307/733-4732.

April 10-14

Baltimore, Maryland

First World Congress on Stress, Trauma and Coping in the Emergency Service Professions. Contact: American Critical Incident Stress Foundation, P.O. Box 204, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

April 12-16

La Jolla, California

Essential Topics in Emergency Medicine. Contact: Dana McGee, American College of Emergency Physicians, Box 619911, Dallas, TX 75261; 214/550-0911.

April 19-20

Binghamton, New York

Setting the Pace 1991. Contact: Gwen Williams, New York State Council of the ENA, 83 N. Park Drive, Rochester, NY 14612-3913; 716/663-0563.

April 19-20

Bismarck, North Dakota

16th Annual North Dakota Emergency Care Conference. Contact: Dawn Botsford, University of North Dakota, Department of Conferences and Institutes, Box 8277, University Station, Grand Forks, ND 58202; 701/777-3633.

April 19-21

Baltimore, Maryland

EMS Quality Assurance and Risk Management. Contact: Dana McGee, American College of Emergency Physicians, P.O. Box 619911, Dallas, TX 75261; 214/550-0911.

April 23-25

Portland, Oregon

The Basics and Beyond: Aeromedical Concepts Program. Contact: Jeff Hamilton, ATS Inc., 368 Denbigh Village Centre, Suite 153, Newport News, VA 23602; 804/874-4030.

April 25-28

Clearwater Beach, Florida

Emergency '91 Seminar. Contact: Medical Education Department, Sun Coast Hospital, P.O. Box 2025, Largo, FL 34649-2025.

April 25-28

Bethesda, Maryland

1991 International Conference for Hazardous Materials Response Teams: A Standard Approach. Contact: Mary Beth Michos, Montgomery County Department of Fire & Rescue Services, 101 Monroe St., 12th Floor, Rockville, MD 20850; 301/217-2099; Fax 301/217-2443.

April 30

Washington, D.C. and Sacramento, California
Third Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner. Contact: Karen Cook, Congressional Fire Services Institute, 900 Second St. N.E., Suite 207, Washington, D.C. 20002; 202/371-1277.

May 2-5

Baltimore, Maryland
Fourth Annual Trauma Anesthesia and Critical Care Symposium. Contact: MIEMSS, Office of International Development, 11 S. Poca St., Suite 303, Baltimore, MD 21201; 301/328-2399, 301/328-8514.

May 3-4

Kansas City, Missouri
Effective Quality Improvement Conference. Contact: The Conference Corporation, P.O. Box 2400, Carlsbad, CA 92018; 619/431-8088.

May 5-7

Toronto, Canada
Quality Assurance. Contact: Dana McGee, American College of Emergency Physicians, Box 619911, Dallas, TX 75261; 214/550-0911.

May 7-9

Chicago, Illinois
Medcomp '91. Contact: Charlene Meyers, International Trade Exposition Company, 1004

E. Steger Road, Suite A-3, Lincolnshire Commons II, Crete, IL 60417; 708/672-4100; Fax 708/672-4241.

May 8-9

Toronto, Canada
Risk Management. Contact: Dana McGee, American College of Emergency Physicians, Box 619911, Dallas, TX 75261; 214/550-0911.

May 8-10

Arlington, Virginia
American Trauma Society Annual Meeting and Trade Show. Contact: Meeting Coordinator, American Trauma Society, 1400 Mercantile Lane, Suite 188, Landover, MD 20785; 301/925-8811.

May 11-14

Washington, D.C.
Society for Advancement of Emergency Medicine. Contact: Mary Ann Schropp, 900 W. Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48915; 517/485-5484.

May 12-15

Washington, D.C.
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting. Contact: Mary Ann Schropp, Executive Director, Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, 900 W. Ottawa St., Lansing, MI 48915; 517/485-5484.

May 13-16

Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Seventh World Congress on Emergency and Disaster Medicine. Contact: Ursula Schwarz, 16 Four Seasons Place, Suite 210, Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada M9B 6E5; 416/621-5663.

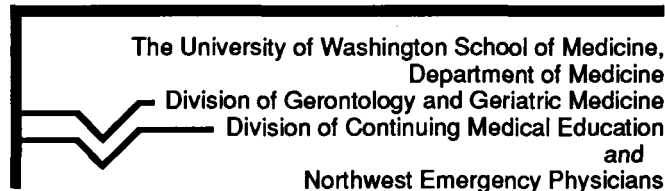
May 17-19

Portland, Maine
Celebrate EMS. Contact: Julie L-Heureux, Southern Maine EMS Office, 100 Industrial Way, Portland, ME 04101; 207/878-9210.

May 22-26

Washington, D.C.
Society of Critical Care Medicine 20th Annual Educational and Scientific Symposium. Contact: James Daggett, Society of Critical Care Medicine, 251 E. Imperial Highway, Suite 480, Fullerton, CA 92632; 714/449-8700.

Calendar selections are based on space availability, national appeal and appropriateness to our audience. *Prehospital and Disaster Medicine* welcomes information about continuing education programs that are designed to help emergency and trauma physicians, nurses and paramedics in the management of critically ill or injured patients. To list a meeting, send the details at least four months in advance to: PDM, Jems Communications, P.O. Box 2789, Carlsbad, CA 92018.



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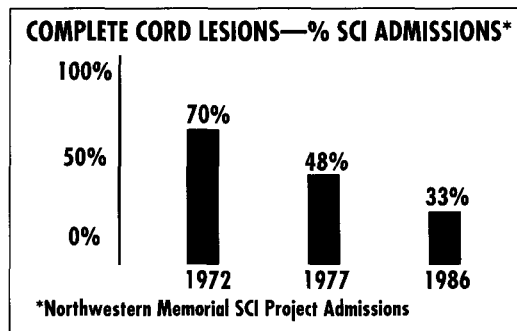
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