

EMS Update

Shortage Updates

We continue to endure shortages in supplies, specifically IV fluids and Dextrose. Plans will go into effect during January to start addressing further anticipated shortages. Please note any postings at resupply locations as well as watch for notices forwarded to your agency contacts.

License Renewal Information

From time to time, Illinois law updates require additional, specific training for EMS providers. This does not always align with our yearly training plans and as such we need to catch up as soon as possible. For all renewals January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2028, documentation of 1.0 hour of training in the care of Alzheimer's and dementia patients will be required. There is training available on HealthStream that will meet this mandate. If a provider has already completed this training, we will utilize those records to meet this requirement.

Additionally, a very recent law requiring that EMS providers complete 1.0 hour of training on how to access emergency information from cellphones was just passed. We do not have the specifics from IDPH at this time, so we will move forward with that requirement once we have those specifics and training options to provide.

Education

January 15, 1100 (Virtual), Topic: Cold Weather Emergencies.

January 16, 1500 (Virtual), EMS Case Review.

Sign-up: [HealthStream](#) or use the QR code here.

See page 2 and 3 for more Education News



Upcoming EMS Licensure Courses

EMT	Lincoln Land Community College	Jan 13, 2025	Lincoln Land Community College
EMT	Richland Community College	Jan 13, 2025	richland.edu
AEMT	Lincoln Land Community College	Jan 13, 2025	Lincoln Land Community College



Exciting NEW Opportunities of Learning for EMS in 2025

In 2025, Memorial EMS will be offering four different options to experience learning. The hours being provided are increasing!

1. The third Wednesday of each month at 1100 we will continue to offer the traditional PPT/lecture option with our **EMS Monthly Protocol Review CE lecture**. EMS physicians will instruct on various topics and then review MEMS system protocols that apply to that topic.

The third Thursday of each month at 1500, one of the following will occur. These will rotate with one of each being offered each quarter whenever possible.

2. The **EMS Case Review** is offered virtually and is the first in the rotating series on Jan. 16. This hour-long session will consist of review and discussion of EMS cases selected by MEMS physicians and shared to participants. Each session participants will discuss the care rendered and the critical thinking process of each specific case. Through these sessions, providers can develop their own critical-thinking skills and become more confident in administering medical care.
3. The **EMS Journal Club** sessions will be offered in-person and virtually starting on Feb. 20. Each month EMS physicians will select two to three EMS-related articles with cutting-edge research that directly influences care being given today. These articles will be provided to participants in advance so they can review and be prepared to discuss during the live session. Participants will receive CE credit for the average time it should take to read the articles plus the actual session.
4. The **EMS Skills Labs** will be in-person starting June 20. Skills labs will allow providers to come together and learn new skills and/or practice current skills to be proficient and confident when performing skills during patient care.

Providers in the MEMS system will still enroll through HealthStream. Please see class registration on HealthStream for location and times of in-person event options. [Welcome to HealthStream](#)

Providers outside of our system can participate in our virtual events using the applicable link below for the educational opportunities in which they choose to engage.

Non-MEMS Providers – Save the link and join on the applicable day and time for a chosen session.

[EMS Monthly Protocol Review CE Link](#)

[EMS Case Review Link](#)

[EMS Journal Club Link](#)

2025 EMS Calendar of Events

January 15	Cold Weather Emergencies at 1100 (virtual)
January 16	EMS Case Review at 1500 (virtual)
February 19	Sepsis at 1100 (virtual)
February 20	EMS Journal Club at 1500 in person in MLC room 2D or virtual
March 19	Blunt Trauma at 1100 (virtual)
April 16	Airway Confirmation at 1100 (virtual)
April 17	EMS Case Review at 1500 (virtual)
May 21	Neonatal Resuscitation at 1100
May 15	EMS Journal Club at 1500 in person at DMH
June 18	Acute Coronary Syndrome at 1100 (virtual)
June 19	EMS Skills Lab at 1500, Memorial Learning Center (MLC) - Room 3D, 333 & 336
July 16	Allergic Reactions at 1100 (virtual)
July 17	EMS Case Review at 1500 (virtual)
August 20	Penetrating Trauma at 1100 (virtual)
August 21	EMS Journal Club at 1500 (in person) at Memorial Learning Center (MLC) Room 2E or virtual
September 17	EMS Transport Upgrades and Intercepts at 1100
October 15	Stroke at 1100 (virtual)
October 16	EMS Case Review at 1500 (virtual)
November 19	Pediatric Airway and Respiratory Emergencies at 1100 (virtual)
November 20	EMS Journal Club at 1500 (in person) at DMH
December 17	No Lecture, EMS Olympics will be the only education in December
December 18	EMS Skills Lab - EMS Olympics at 1500 Memorial Learning Center (MLC) Room 3D, 333 & 336