

## **State EMS Medical Director's News**

We have been observing individuals not necessarily following cardiac care protocols. Many individuals are continuing to use atropine for asystole. Cardiac arrest protocol treatment states "Epinephrine 1mg IV/IO every 3-5 minutes, Vasopressin (may be substituted for 1st or 2nd dose of Epinephrine) 40 units IV/IO. Consider sodium bicarbonate particularly in prolonged cardiac arrest, and consider calcium chloride particularly in renal failure." Please keep this in mind when managing cardiac arrests.

On a more personal note, we need to take a moment to reflect on the disaster that our state experienced one year ago. Many areas and people are still recovering and the people affected by these storms will be forever changed.

I still hear stories of heroism involving our Emergency Medical Service Personnel (EMSP) as well as the medical community in general. Let me take this opportunity to personally thank all in the EMS community who sacrifice daily to insure that the citizens and visitors of our great state receive the best and most compassionate care possible. My hat goes off to all of you!

**William Crawford, M.D.**

# National Registry Amnesty

## Reinstatement of National EMS Certification for Alabama EMS Licensure

Instructions for the Alabama/NREMT – Mark King Initiative

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### Follow These Simple Steps to Apply: (2012 Alabama State License Renewals ONLY):

- Create an account on the NREMT website.
- Go to [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org), click on 'Create New Account' located near the upper left corner and follow the instructions. Request User role of: 'National certified EMS professional.'
- Login with the User name and Password you created – follow the prompts to 'Manage your NREMT profile' by completing the requested information (name, address, etc.).
- When your profile is complete, click on 'CBT Candidates.'
- Locate the 'Mark King Initiative' section in the center of the screen. Use the drop down field to select 'Alabama', click Submit.
- The system will process your request to determine your eligibility (if you are not eligible and believe you should be, please contact the Alabama Office of EMS and Trauma).
- Pay the current National Registry Recertification application fee (EMT-Basic and Intermediate: \$15.00; Paramedic: \$20).
- The NREMT will issue you a National EMS Certification card and provide you with recertification requirements.
- You will continue to recertify with the NREMT throughout your EMS career as a requirement of your Alabama State License.

**Deadline to Apply – December 31, 2012**

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*National Registry Amnesty Info. continued*

Alabama EMS providers who renewed their Alabama state license in 2012 have until December 31, 2012 to create an account and apply for reinstatement. You must have your registry card to renew your license in 2014.

Failure to do so will disqualify you for reinstatement and you will need to re-enter the National Registry following the current entry requirements (proof of state licensure, documentation of a refresher, verification of skills and successful completion of the current National EMS Certification examination).

Alabama EMS providers who have NEVER been Nationally Registered will have to complete the same continuing education requirements as everyone else and will need to have their hours available for renewal, but will NOT have to provide a Registry card.

Mr. Mark E. King (1953-2006) was the State EMS Director for West Virginia, a former NREMT Board member and an EMS provider for over 25 years. It was a vision of his to see States move to requiring EMS providers to maintain their National EMS Certification as a part of moving the EMS profession forward and promoting National EMS Standards. It is in recognition of his vision and contributions to the EMS Community that this initiative is named in his honor.

Participation in the Mark King Initiative is authorized by State EMS Agencies who require EMS providers to maintain their National EMS Certification as a condition of their continued state certification/licensure.

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## Licensure Update

- There is no longer an inactive status for Alabama licensed EMS personnel.
  - Any Intermediate that has not attended a medication course, your license will be re-classed to an EMT level.
  - Services are only able to use the new medication formulary after **ALL** Intermediates have attended the medication course.
  - National Registry Amnesty will be available for 2012 renewals from June 1-December 31, 2012.
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### REMINDER

The Office of EMS & Trauma would like to request that you comply with the requests for information from your regional office. Some Directors are still having issues receiving information and data as requested by the state office. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation and compliance.

**PLEASE NOTE:*****Do you have questions for the OEMS&T Staff?***

*This is another reminder to those of you calling our Office (334-206-5383):*

*Complaints, Investigations - Call Mark Jackson*

*Service Inspections or Service Licenses - Call Hugh Hollon or Kem Thomas*

*Individual Training, Testing or Individual Licenses - Call Gary Mackey or Stephanie Smith*

*EMS for Children, Grants, Contracts, Equipment Orders – Call Katherine Hert*

**Newsletter Reminder**

- The newsletter is free to anyone as long as they have internet access to our web page [www.adph.org/ems](http://www.adph.org/ems). The newsletters can be found under the Notices and Events link found in the menu bar or to all Alabama licensed EMS personnel who have a **valid** email address. Our licensure database is used to store your last submitted valid email address, but cannot accommodate unlicensed people. They will have to visit our web site to view or download the newsletter.
- If you are not getting our newsletter via email it is either because the email address was sent to us in an illegible or incorrect format or you changed it and did not update it through our office. You can email any changes via [emsinquiry@adph.state.al.us](mailto:emsinquiry@adph.state.al.us) or call office staff at 334-206-5383.
- Also, you may have a spam blocker set up on your email. Our office has no way to manually or automatically address this issue. Multitudes of emails are "kicked back" to our office email system with message asking us to complete a number of tasks to be allowed to send you an email. As long as you have this set up on your pc, you will not be able to receive our newsletter.

**Brunswick Woodmere Lanes Wants to Thank Montgomery and River Region EMS Providers**

Brunswick Woodmere Lanes is very excited to have the opportunity to thank our Emergency Medical Service providers in Montgomery and the River Region area. Emergency Medical Technicians and all first responders save lives every day and Brunswick Woodmere Lanes would like to say a big, "Thank You!" Your discounted rate of 10% off bowling (\*excluding: food, beverages, Pro Shop and Arcade) will begin this holiday season and continue throughout the entire year. We will also have future events specifically for our EMT, Fire Department, Police Department Sheriff Department and Military. You will be required to provide appropriate identification in order to receive the discounted rate. Check the Office of EMS and Trauma website often for future events and discounts available at Brunswick Woodmere Lanes.

## Provider Service News

Provider service license renewals continue for services in Region I (North), Region III (BREMSS), and Region IV (West). The current license and ALS authorization for these agencies expire June 30, 2012. Renewal reminders have been sent to all agencies renewing. Important reminder: please make sure your off-line medical director has current credentials and your service is submitting e-pcr's as required by EMS rules.

OEMS Stroke and Trauma staff continues to monitor e-pcr submissions. If your agency is not submitting data as required, you will be receiving email notices and phone calls questioning why reports are not being submitted. OEMS Stroke and Trauma IT staff is available to help with questions you may have regarding e-pcr submissions.

Equipment lists for all provider levels can be found at the following OEMS Stroke and Trauma website: <http://www.adph.org/ems/Default.asp?id=5567>, these new lists will be effective June 2012.

At the last State Emergency Medical Control Committee (SEMCC) meeting, the SEMCC made a decision that affects ALS Non-Transport providers. The SEMCC is postponing the requirement of Wave Form Capnography and 12-Lead ECG for Non-Transport ALS Level One (Paramedic) and ALS Level Three (Intermediate) services. This is a temporary postponement due to the cost involved with these items. SEMCC will look at adding these items back to the equipment lists at a later date.

## “Know the Flow!” Open House

On behalf of Children’s Hospital of Alabama we are excited to announce our plan for the opening of the new **Benjamin Russell Hospital for Children**. In order for us to ensure a successful opening, please be advised of some very important dates:

- The existing Emergency Department will remain OPEN until 5:00 AM, Saturday August 4th.
- The NEW ED on the corner of 5th Ave South and 16th Street will OPEN at 5:01 AM that same day, Saturday August 4th.
- The entire Expansion Facility will officially open Saturday August 4th.

Prior to August 4th, there will be NO access to the NEW Emergency Department. However, Children’s of Alabama would like to invite all EMSP to an Open House of our state-of-the-art ED to ensure they are fully aware of our new patient flow pattern.

### “Know the Flow!” Open House

July 19th 9 AM – 11 AM & 1 PM – 3PM

July 20th 9 AM – 11 AM & 1 PM – 3PM

July 24th 9 AM – 11 AM & 1 PM – 3PM

You will receive an invitation and a map and refreshments will be provided. We will be happy to answer any and all of your questions at this event and we plan to make you feel comfortable in our new environment.

### Jennifer Denard Brown, RN-BC

Emergency Department Director

Children’s of Alabama



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## Pediatric Summer Safety Tips

Keep children safe this summer by following these tips on sun and water safety:

**Sun Exposure:** Infants < 6 months should avoid sun exposure when possible and dress in lightweight long pants and shirts with wide brimmed hats when sun avoidance is not possible. For children > 6 months stay in the shade or limit sun exposure between peak intensity hours – 10am to 4pm. Use sunscreen with at least 15 SPF. Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours or after swimming or sweating.

**Pool Safety:** Never leave children alone in or near a pool. Install a gated fence of at least 4 feet around all pools. Avoid inflatable toys such as “floaties”. They can give children a false sense of security and are not a suitable substitute for life vests. Whenever infants or toddlers are in or around water an adult who knows how to swim should be within arms length of the child.

Do not swim in a pool that has missing or broken drain covers.

**Boating Safety:** Children should always wear life jackets when on boats. Ensure that the life jacket is appropriately sized and worn correctly. Teenagers should be warned of the dangers of boating while intoxicated.

**Open Water Swimming:** Children should never swim alone. Instruct children to never dive in shallow water. Do not allow children to swim in canals or any fast moving body of water. Ocean swimming should be done under the supervision of a lifeguard.

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