Announcements & Highlights:

- We are using the MS Teams platform for the weekly EMS COVID-19 Update + Eagles Webinar. This is a reoccurring meeting- calendar invite attached. See below for additional meeting details and link to join. Please note: we will no longer be using the GoTo Meeting link previously provided.

- Quarterly Meeting/Webinar Recording – Wednesday, July 8th; 8-10 am
We had a great meeting on Wednesday and covered a lot of material. Our new officers are reviewing goals, projects, and subcommittees that were discussed during the meeting. The meeting agenda and slide decks are attached. A complete meeting summary will be shared next week.
A recording is available for 30 days – access it here - http://cc.readytalk.com/play?id=ars2fx

- We will be distributing a member survey next week – please keep an eye on your inbox! The survey will include important questions regarding association goals, projects, committees, and facilitate voting on a couple of discussion items.

- Remember to share member announcements and updates from your area/county – please email to mkeahey@emlrc.org for inclusion in this newsletter.

- The voting period for 2020 Officer Elections closed on June 30th at 11:59 pm. New officers were announced during our meeting on Wednesday. Keep reading for a complete list of officers!

- FREE: Improving Patient Safety & Communication During EMS to ED Handoffs Course – provides 1 hr CE Course info and registration details below.

- As part of the CLINCON 2020 virtual program, Dr. Paul Pepe, MD, MPH, FAEMS, MCCM will be hosting a session titled 2020 Vision from the Gathering of the Seagles: the Florida EMS Medical Directors Virtual Roundtable on Monday, July 27th, 8 am – 12 pm.
  Registration is open – details below!
Weekly EMS COVID-19 Update + Eagles Rebroadcast Webinar (Tuesday)

EMS COVID-19 Update + Eagles Webinar
Scheduled: July 14, 2020 at 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

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The weekly EMS COVID-19 Update + Eagles webinars are a valuable time for information/resource sharing and discussion as related to COVID-19. The first 30 minutes includes updates from EMS medical directors around the State and then from 11:30-12:30 we join the Eagle’s Webinar on COVID-19 with input from international EMS leaders.

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CLINCON 2020 Virtual Conference - July 27-31, 2020

In consideration of all circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, including public health guidance from state and federal governments and the CDC, CLINCON 2020 is going virtual! There will be a variety of ways to learn and connect with speakers, exhibitors, and friends.

All CME sessions will be offered in a virtual format with a mixture of live, semi-live, an on-demand sessions. There is no need for any special software or hardware to view these sessions. Participants must use a device (desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone) with an Internet connection sufficient to watch HD videos and the ability to click a link and view/listen to streaming content.

Scholarships and discounts available – please share with your agencies and providers.
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Join us for a week full of activities!
Five days of virtual CE offering up to 17 CEH/CEU credits.

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To inquire about Active Military, 3 or More from One Agency, and Medical Directors discounts, please email us at registration@emlrc.org

For up-to-date information regarding CLINCON 2020 visit us at emlrc.org/clincon-2020. For any questions regarding the event please contact us at registration@emlrc.org.

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*NEW* Improving Patient Safety & Communication During EMS to ED Handoffs Course- Provides 1 hour of free continuing education

EMS personnel are often the only providers with accurate knowledge about what happened at the scene of an injury, at the transferring emergency department (ED) or in the patient’s home. Key EMS information can become changed or lost after multiple “tellings” of the patient story to dispatch and ED personnel.

Handoffs and transitions of care in general rank as a top national patient safety area of focus. Effective communication during patient handoffs between EMS and ED personnel is critical to patient safety and the prevention of medical errors.

This one credit hour course includes information on:
The importance of effective communication during the patient handoff
The risks and consequences of ineffective handoffs
Barriers to successful and safe handoffs
Real-life before and after adult, pediatric, medical and trauma case scenarios
Standardized handoff tools and strategies

This course was developed by the University of Florida College of Medicine – Jacksonville Department of Emergency Medicine. Funding provided by University of Florida Self Insurance Program W. Martin Smith Interdisciplinary Patient Safety Award.

Visit the [website](#) to learn more and register for the course or download materials.

*Course works best when using Google Chrome or Firefox browser. For questions email [emresearch@jax.ufl.edu](mailto:emresearch@jax.ufl.edu) or call 904-244-4986.

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HEROS Program

Greetings,

This email is to inform you and your constituency group about the 2020 funding cycle of the Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program at the Florida Department of Health (DOH). This program was developed to respond to the nationwide opioid epidemic, and DOH has been appropriated $5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the purchase of emergency opioid antagonists to be made available to emergency responders. Eligible applicants are all Florida agencies that employ emergency responders. Emergency responder means a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, a paramedic, a correctional officer, and correctional probation officer.

In order to accelerate the process to ship naloxone to Emergency Responder Agencies, the HEROS program will establish monthly rounds. Our goal is to review applications the first week after each round, determine successful applicants, and ship naloxone based on available funding and applicants meeting HEROS Program requirements.

- **Application Period:** July 1, 2019 to Jul 31, 2020
- **Anticipated Award Notification:** August 2020

![HEROS Program Image](https://example.com/heros-image.png)

The Florida Department of Health wants to help you carry the Naloxone you need to save lives.

Please visit the [Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program Web Page](#) for more information.
Florida Department of Children and Families Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Overdose Prevention Program

Overview

The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) Overdose Prevention Program (OPP) is designed to reduce opioid overdose deaths by providing access to FDA-approved emergency opioid antagonists (naloxone), as defined in s. 381.887(1)(d), F.S., to organizations that serve individuals at risk of witnessing or experiencing an opioid overdose. NARCAN Nasal Spray is the naloxone product DCF currently purchases and makes available to eligible organizations. The OPP has 2 primary goals:

1. Provide overdose recognition and response training to organizations and individuals who may witness or experience an overdose; and
2. Distribute free naloxone kits to individuals at risk of experiencing an opioid overdose, as well as to friends and family members who may witness an overdose.

See attached enrollment packet for eligibility information.
FCEP MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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- Search & Rescue

For up-to-date information regarding CLINCON 2020 visit us at https://emlrc.org/project/clincon-2020/. For any questions regarding the event please contact us at registration@emlrc.org.

Written Consent for Pelvic Exams — Important Legislation That May Impact You
Effective July 1, 2020, Senate Bill 698 requires a healthcare practitioner, a medical student, or any other student who is receiving training as a healthcare practitioner to obtain the written consent of a patient or a patient's representative before performing a pelvic exam. Written consent for the pelvic exam is not required if a court orders the exam to collect evidence or if the exam is necessary to avert a serious risk of irreversible impairment.
of a major bodily function of the patient.

Click here for more information about the provisions in Senate Bill 698. Full text of SB 698.

Emergency Physicians Urge Americans to Continue Covering Their Faces in Public

As regions of the country are seeing rebounding rates of COVID-19, the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) reminds everyone that practicing social distancing and continuing to cover your face when in public is the best recourse to slow the spread of the virus. Click here for full statement.

Revised 2020 FCEP Bylaws — VOTE TODAY!

Every four years, our bylaws are reviewed, and amendments are made to be consistent with the College’s bylaws. The Board of Directors is presenting you with changes to our current Bylaws for your approval. Please note your approval of the revised Bylaws by voting via the link below. Voting closes on July 22, 2020, and is limited to one vote per eligible member.

Click here to see the changes and to vote!

*An eligible member constitutes a regular member in good standing of the Florida Chapter.

Florida COVID-19 Numbers as of Tuesday

By The News Service of Florida & Florida Department of Health

COVID-19 in Florida as of yesterday at noon:

- 213,794: Total number of cases (increase of 7,347 cases since Monday)
  - 50,461: Cases in Miami-Dade, the largest in the state
- 3,841: Deaths of Florida residents
  - 9.4% positive testing rate
  - 1,980: Deaths of residents or staff members of long-term care facilities (as of Monday)
- 16,425 Hospitalizations

Around the State

Hillsborough Patient Has Rare Brain-Eating Amoeba
Florida Orders Public Schools to Reopen 5 Days A Week In August

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Newly Released or Discovered COVID-19 Resources:

- **WHO COVID-19 Situation Report — 169** (July 7)
- **Experts Identify Steps to Expand and Improve Antibody Tests in COVID-19 Response** (June 23)
- **NIH Clinical Trial Evaluating Hydroxychloroquine and Azithromycin for COVID-19 Closes Early** (June 20)
- **Using Telehealth to Expand Access to Essential Health Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic** (June 9)
- **ACEP COVID-19 Resources**

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**MISSED AN ISSUE OF THE FCEP EMNEWS? VISIT AND SEARCH THE ARCHIVE TODAY.**

**NATIONAL EM NEWS**

**44 Florida hospitals at ICU capacity**

Becker's Hospital Review

The following hospitals had 0% adult bed availability in their intensive care units as of July 6, according to data from the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration. [READ MORE](#)

**Providers in early hot spots rest and prepare for what's next**

AAMC

As she wrapped up an online town hall with staff at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) recently, Physician-in-Chief Katrina Armstrong, MD, decided to confront a personnel problem: Staff were exhausted from the COVID-19 surge that engulfed MGH in the spring, but now during the post-crisis lull, many workers just kept working. They were not taking time off to recharge, and Armstrong felt that was not healthy. [READ MORE](#)
Detecting suicidal patients in the ED can be difficult
Emergency Medicine News
Often individuals will readily disclose that suicide is in their thoughts, but many times they come to the ED with unusual injuries, drug ingestions, or other complaints, and the reason is uncovered in the ED. It is a somewhat formidable task for the emergency physician to identify potentially suicidal patients, and it is even more difficult to figure out what to do with them. READ MORE

ER doctor on US pandemic approach: 'Pushing responsibility out to local jurisdictions' not enough
MSNBC
Dr. Mario Ramirez, an emergency room physician treating COVID-19 patients, joins Andrea Mitchell to discuss the "concerning" news of the pandemic's rise in the Southwest region, saying he is "hopeful that things will get better" in Texas after Gov. Greg Abbott instituted a statewide mask order, but also telling Andrea the failure of the U.S. to implement a national coordinated strategy has impacted the country's ability to control the pandemic's spread. READ MORE

Preparing for fall's 2nd wave — and then some
MedPage Today (opinion)
Fred N. Pelzman, MD, writes, "Trying serial treatments for a non-life-threatening illness is a reasonable option we have all pursued ('Let's try treatment A for a week, and if that does not do it we can switch to treatment B and see how that goes'). But throwing everything and the kitchen sink never seems to clear things up; instead, it just muddies the waters." READ MORE

Physician leaders' perspectives about balancing clinical and leadership responsibilities
AJMC
Physician leaders represent diverse career interests, clinical specialties, and leadership types. Despite the perceived value of their clinical perspectives, little is known about how physician leaders balance patient care and leadership responsibilities or how that balance varies by clinical specialty or leadership type. READ MORE

Study: Latinx people more vulnerable to COVID-19
Medical News Today
An analysis of COVID-19 testing in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area of the United States found that Latinx people were around three times as likely to test positive, compared with any other ethnic or racial group. The researchers who carried out the study believe that crowded living conditions and the economic necessity to continue working outside the home during the outbreak have contributed to higher rates of infection among Latinx communities. They also note that Latinx people in the U.S. are less likely than those of other racial or ethnic groups to have health insurance. READ MORE

Recommendations for hospitals to provide equitable care during pandemic resource allocation
News-Medical
If some regions become hot spots and hospitals reach maximum capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic, hospitals have plans for how to decide who gets critical care resources, such as a bed in the intensive care unit...
or a respirator. Many hospitals recommend distributing resources to the healthiest patients who are most likely to survive. However, Johns Hopkins Medicine physicians and bioethicists say that using this kind of selection method preferentially chooses people who are white or affluent over patients who are Black, Latino or from the inner city. READ MORE

Vaping-related lung injuries still happening — and may look like COVID-19
HealthDay News
Reports of serious, even deadly, vaping-linked lung injuries dominated the headlines late last year, then COVID-19 took over the news. But those lung injuries haven't gone away, and signs of e-cigarette or vaping product use-associated lung injury (EVALI) can look a lot like a COVID-19 infection, federal and state health officials warn. READ MORE

Study: ED clinicians hesitant to prescribe buprenorphine for treating opioid dependency
By Chelsea Adams
Despite the fact that 2 million Americans are diagnosed with opioid use disorder (OUD) each year, evidence-based medications aren't often prescribed, especially in the ED setting. It's estimated that only a third of those diagnosed with OUD are given methadone, buprenorphine/naloxone or naltrexone for substance abuse treatment. A new study from Yale University seems to confirm that assumption. Researchers surveyed some 400 clinicians at four urban academic emergency departments. READ MORE

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