



## National Heatstroke Prevention Day is July 31st

Join NHTSA and Safe Kids Worldwide for a Summer of Social Media Conversation -- *By acting fast, you can save a young life.*

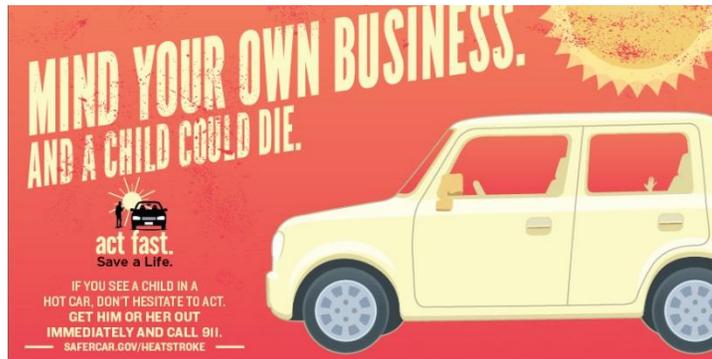
A child dies from heatstroke about once every 10 days from being unattended in a hot vehicle. In fact, heatstroke is the leading cause of non-crash vehicle fatality for kids 14 and younger. In more than half of these deaths, the caregiver forgot the child was in the car or the child climbed into an unlocked car to play and couldn't get themselves out. These tragedies are 100% preventable.

NHTSA and Safe Kids Worldwide are asking you to help raise awareness about the danger of heatstroke to kids in cars through social media conversation this summer. We are reaching out to our safety partners to get the conversation started and keep the momentum going on Twitter on July 31.

**On July 31, 2017**, every 30 minutes starting at 7 a.m. EDT, @NHTSAgov will be using the hashtags **#heatstrokekills** and **#checkforbaby** on all its social media posts and asks you to help them take action!

Later this Summer, please join another Tweetup on August 9 using the same hashtags. As the temperatures rise, the dangers for kids left in hot vehicles increase exponentially.

For reference materials and social media templates go to: [Safer Car](#), [Traffic Safety Marketing](#) and the [U. S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety](#) for a flyer.



## EMSC 5-Year Roadmap Released Online

Since October 2016, the EMSC Program engaged in a necessary and routine strategy development process to ensure continuous improvement and build upon its past successes in improving pediatric care along the entire continuum of emergency care. The EMSC program, with the support of the Atlas Research, engaged a wide variety of EMSC stakeholders to inform the development of the EMSC 5-Year Roadmap.

This Roadmap presents the aggregation of stakeholder perspectives on how the EMSC program can use its finite resources to remain relevant in a changing healthcare landscape, further demonstrate impact on its mission, and advance pediatric outcomes throughout the emergency medical system of the future. The draft and final EMSC 5-year Roadmap were shared with contributors this summer for final review. The Roadmap can now be found on the EIIC website at: <http://bit.ly/2txh43i>

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## Save the Dates!

- We look forward to seeing all EMSC Grantees at the **EMSC Quality Transformation Meeting: Moving Forward with the Mission!** The meeting will be held in Arlington, VA on **August 15-17, 2017** with a pre-meeting August 14 & early on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The updated agenda is located on the EIIIC [website](#). Hotel and Conference registrations are closed.



- Updates to the [Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to States Program: Guidance and Forms for the Title V Application/Annual Report](#) are open for public comment until August 8, 2017. Find more [here](#).
- NEDARC has scheduled a **Scientific Grant Writing Workshop** for **August 23-25, 2017** in Chicago. This is a hands-on workshop for new grant writers and those who want to improve their skills. It is designed for those submitting a proposal to the NIH or other funding agency. See [link](#) for details.
- Two follow up webinars to update the nation on the upcoming EMSC Quality Improvement Collaborative --**Pediatric Readiness Quality Collaborative** are scheduled for August 28, 2017 | 4-5pm ET / 3-4pm CT ([Register here](#)) AND August 29, 2017 | 4-5pm ET / 3-4pm CT ([Register here](#)). See [the PRQC website](#) for more information.
- **Advanced Pediatric Life Support: The Pediatric Emergency Medicine Course.** Are you prepared to assess and manage a critically ill or injured child during the first hours in the emergency department or office setting? Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 16, 2017 and plan to participate in the APLS: The Pediatric Emergency Medicine Course to be held in conjunction with the 2017 AAP National Conference and Exhibition. To register and learn more about the program schedule, visit [www.aapexperience.org/conference-registration/](http://www.aapexperience.org/conference-registration/). Questions? Contact [apls@aap.org](mailto:apls@aap.org).
- HRSA will hold a **FREE Virtual Behavioral Health Workforce Development Conference** on Sept. 13, 2017. The conference aims to showcase innovative academic and training approaches used by behavioral health grantees to expand the distribution of a skilled workforce focused on underserved populations and communities in need. To register or for more information, click [here](#).
- Registration is open for two symposia presented by the [National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health](#) (NCDMPH). **Crisis Leadership in Disasters Symposium** on September 6th, 2017 and the **Disaster Health Education Symposium: Advancing the State of the Art** on September 7, 2017. Both will be held in Bethesda, Maryland.
- Every 33 seconds, one child under the age of 13 is involved in a crash. Many times deaths and injuries can be prevented by proper use of car seats, boosters, and seat belts. **Child Passenger Safety Week** is September 17-23, 2017 and National Seat Check Saturday is September 23, 2017. Get your [campaign materials](#) now!

## Resources Available

### Resources to Prepare for Dangerous Summer Heat from the National Library of Medicine

Check the “Extreme Heat Events and Health” page from the National Library of Medicine to learn best practices for preparing and responding to dangerously hot summer weather:

<https://go.usa.gov/xN76d>

Please be sure to watch out for items of interest to the EMSC Community including **national projects, webinars, and opportunities to support EMS for Children** on the [EIIIC Facebook page](#) and [Twitter](#). We use these channels to announce items on short notice.

### Are you, or do you know of any new EMSC personnel?

If so, please forward name, position, and contact information to [HRSAEMSC@hrsa.gov](mailto:HRSAEMSC@hrsa.gov) so the program can keep information up to date. Don't forget to update the [Interactive Database](#) too!

### Massachusetts is seeking a Director of the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program

Duties will include developing, coordinating, and monitoring the EMSC Program activities in order to ensure effective operations and compliance with established standards.

The position is within the Division of Violence and Injury Prevention (DVIP) Unit at the MDPH Headquarters, Boston, MA.

The link for the posting is <https://massanf.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=17000350>.

## Taking a Strategic and Regional Approach to Critical Medication Shortages

Access to medications is a problem plaguing healthcare providers across the United States, and EMS systems have not been immune. From dextrose to epinephrine to sodium bicarbonate, many of the common drugs found on an ambulance have been on short supply the last few years, forcing agencies to adjust protocols and find alternatives.

In a recent webinar co-hosted by the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), experts discussed issues faced by communities and health systems confronting these shortages, including ethical considerations and the need for regional, collaborative discussions. Access the recording of the webinar, *Clinicians and Coalitions: A Conversation about Finding Solutions for Medication Shortages*, [here](#). You will be asked to enter your name and email address prior to accessing the recording. The PowerPoint also can be accessed on [ASPR TRACIE](#). The title page of the PowerPoint presentation has a link to the facilitated discussion and follow-up questions.

## Applications Are Now Being Accepted For The Future Trauma Leaders Program



Committee  
on Trauma

The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (COT) is offering a unique in-depth training and mentoring opportunity for junior trauma and acute care surgeons (those who are less than five years out from fellowship completion). **The ideal candidate is one who will best benefit from a mentoring relationship with an established surgeon and opportunities for learning and leadership that they have not yet experienced.**

### How will the candidates be selected?

- Applications will be accepted by the Membership Committee, and candidates will provide:
- Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the division chief (the division chief letter must state support for the time commitment for the candidate to attend all required meetings)
- Current CV
- An essay on why the candidate would like to participate in the FTL program and what he or she hopes to gain from participation
- Application form

### How will participants benefit?

- Participants will be assigned to a special research/quality improvement project and will present work product reports throughout the program's two-year period.
- Participants will also be assigned to a COT committee within their area of interest and be encouraged to be actively involved in committee projects.

- Participants will be encouraged to become engaged in their State and Regional Committees and develop an understanding of the practice and advocacy issues facing their regional trauma system.
- Participants will be assigned a mentor within the COT to enhance their career development.

### What are the participants' responsibilities and requirements?

- The COT will support the travel expenses for the participants to attend these meetings.
- To be eligible for the program, participants must commit to attending all events in the two-year program period. Participants must attend the annual March and October COT meetings, the TQIP Annual Meeting and Scientific Training, and the Annual Spring Advocacy Day in Washington, DC.
- Participants must attend at least 75 percent of committee meetings to which they have been assigned.
- Participants must complete special project assignments.
- Participants must maintain regular touch points with their mentors.

**\*\*\* Applications will close on Monday August 31, 2017.**

For more information and to complete an application, visit [www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/mets/ftl](http://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/mets/ftl)

Please email your completed Application Form, current CV, 2 Letters of Recommendation and essay, to **Jené Britton** at [COT@facs.org](mailto:COT@facs.org)

## EMSC Article of Interest

Genovesi et al. [Transitions of Care: The Presence of Written Interfacility Transfer Guidelines and Agreements for Pediatric Patients](#). *Pediatric Emergency Care*, E-Pub ahead of Print. [doi: 10.1097/PEC.0000000000001210](https://doi.org/10.1097/PEC.0000000000001210)