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**EMS CONFERENCE**  
**FEBRUARY 20-22, 2025**  
**REGISTRATION BROCHURE**

41 Lakefront Hotel  
Geneva, NY

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# ***Hotel Information***



## **CONFERENCE LOCATION:**

### **41 Lakefront Hotel by Wyndham**

41 Lakefront Drive, Geneva, NY 14456  
(315) 789-0400 / 41lakefront.com

\*\*Conference Rates are available for  
overnight accommodations.\*\*

## **RESERVATION PROCEDURE:**

Guests can make their own reservations by  
Direct calling (315) 789 - 0400 Ext 2101  
Please provide  
Booking online using Group Code: FL EMS  
(General Block)

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## **OTHER AREA HOTELS:**

### **Hampton Inn Geneva**

43 Lake Street, Geneva, NY 14456  
(315) 781-2035

### **Holiday Inn Express & Suites**

530 Hamilton Street, Geneva, NY 14456  
(315) 787-0530

### **Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott**

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(315) 789-2900



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# New in 2025

- ▶ **1** Two Pre-Conference Track Options
- ▶ **2** Room Block Available
- ▶ **3** Regional Awards Banquet with music afterwards
- ▶ **4** Silent Auction
- ▶ **5** Door Prizes
- ▶ **6** Phone / Tablet Charging Station



Vendors will be set up throughout the day on Friday and Saturday. Be sure to bring your BINGO card when you're visiting vendors during breaks and lunch, so they can stamp your card. Once you have your card full, simply place your name and email on the back and drop it in the basket at the front table. You'll be entered for a chance to win a free registration for the 2026 Conference.







# THURSDAY **Preconference - Track A**

<b>Leadership - Preconference - Thursday – February 20, 2025</b>		
<b>Time</b>		
3:00p – 3:30p	Registration/Welcome	
3:30p – 4:30p	The Image We Project: How Professionalism Guides the Future of EMS Dan Batsie	1hr
4:30p – 5:30p	Bullies, Bigmouths and Braggarts: Why a Culture of Intimidation is Holding your EMS Service Back Dan Batsie	1hr
5:30 – 5:45p	Break	
5:45p – 6:45p	How Not to be Wrong When Everything is on the Line: Critical Thinking and Decision Making in EMS Dan Batsie	1hr
6:45p – 7:45p	Take Action Today: Leadership through Strategic Self Accountability Dan Batsie	1hr







# THURSDAY **Preconference - Track B**

Critical Care Transport - Preconference - Thursday – February 20, 2025		
Time		
3:00p – 3:30p	Registration/Welcome	
3:30p – 4:30p	The Asthmatic Trap – Mechanical ventilation in the Dying Asthma Patient Shane O'Donnell	1hr
4:30p – 5:30p	What is this thing? Invasive Monitoring Joe Wlostowski	1hr
5:30p – 5:45p	Break	
5:45p – 6:45p	Airway Management in the Dying Patient Shane O'Donnell	1hr
6:45p – 7:45p	Word Scrabble- Lab Values for the Critical Care Clinician Joe Wlostowski	1hr





# FRIDAY

## *Conference Line Up*

Friday – February 21, 2025			
Time	Track A	Track B	
7:30a - 8:00a	Registration/Welcome		
8:00a - 9:00a	The Battle Within: Autoimmune Diseases Chris Ebright	Behind the Sirens: Recognizing and Treating PTS by Building a Supportive EMS Community Matthew Yelton	1hr
9:20a -10:20a	Invisible Injuries: The Impacts of Trauma on the Body Paula Walters	Pre-Hospital Treatment for Withdrawal (Alcohol, Benzodiazepine, Opioid, Stimulants) Mandee Nann	1hr
10:20a – 10:40a	Break		
10:40a -11:40a	Human Trafficking for EMS Paula Walters	Bridging Cultures: Enhancing Patient Care Through Cultural Competence in EMS Jena Curtis	1hr
11:40a - 12:40p	Lunch		
12:40p - 1:40p	Are They Out of the Woods Yet? An Average EMT's Guide to Managing Patients following Environmental Rescue Dan Batsie	Documentation in EMS: Why You Need to Give a Second Thought Melissa Brook	1hr
1:40p – 2:00p	Break		
2:00p - 3:00p	Behind Those Angel Eyes Paula Walters	Asthma: Beyond Albuterol Melissa Brook	1hr
3:20p - 4:20p	Until All the Pieces Fit Chris Ebright	Tik Tok Toxicology Sara Gruver	1hr
5:30p – 9:30p	Regional Awards and Banquet with DJ		



# SATURDAY Conference Line Up

Saturday – February 22, 2025			
Time	Track A	Track B	
7:30a - 8:00a	Registration/Welcome		
8:00a - 9:00a	Insights on Treatments and the Amish <a href="#">Robert Mackenzie</a>	Best Practice: Pre-Hospital Pain Management for Patients on Medication for Opioids use Disorder <a href="#">Mandee Nann</a>	1hr
9:20a -10:20a	Understanding the Elderly - Part 1 <a href="#">Doug Wildermuth</a>	The Complacency Cascade & How it's Killing Your Agency <a href="#">Samantha Greene</a>	1hr
10:20a – 10:40a	Break		
10:40a -11:40a	Understanding the Elderly - Part 2 <a href="#">Doug Wildermuth</a>	Protect Your Patients, Protect Your Back <a href="#">Brandon Minogue</a>	1hr
11:40a - 12:40p	Lunch		
12:40p - 1:40p	It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Pediatric Mental Health Emergencies <a href="#">Sara Gruver</a>	Don't go Breaking My Heart: Navigating Takotsubo Syndrome in EMS <a href="#">Samantha Greene</a>	1hr
1:40p – 2:00p	Break		
2:00p - 3:00p	Pediatric Sepsis <a href="#">Mike Kapas</a>	Mandated Reporter: EMS Recognition and Reporting of Child Abuse <a href="#">Brandon Minogue</a>	1hr
3:20p - 4:20p	More Patients than Resources: An EMT's Guide to Managing a Multi-Casualty Event <a href="#">Dan Batsie</a>	New Kids on the Shock: A Comprehensive Approach to Recognition and Management of Shock States in EMS <a href="#">Samantha Greene</a>	1hr
4:20p- 4:30p	Closing Remarks (If Any)		



MEET

# Our Speakers



## Matthew Yelton

*Clinical Supervisor/ Flight Paramedic*

Matthew Yelton has more than 12 years of experience in pre-hospital emergency medicine as a Paramedic, 8 of which as a Flight Paramedic for Mercy Flight Central. Most recently he completed certification as an EMS Instructor and has returned to college to complete his Associates Degree in Paramedicine. Matthew hails from the recreational vehicle capital of NYS, the Tug Hill Plateau, where during his spare time he volunteers as the EMS Captain for Constableville Ambulance Inc.



## Dan Batsie

*Deputy Commissioner of Vermont Department of Public Safety*

Dan Batsie is the Deputy Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Public Safety. He has been a paramedic in New York, Maine and now Vermont for more than 30 years. Over his career Dan has worked hard to elevate the profession of prehospital medicine and demonstrated a particular passion for high quality EMS education. Dan has directed two accredited paramedic programs, authored two EMS textbooks, and lectured both nationally and internationally on current EMS topics. In addition to his work at the state level, Dan is active in numerous national EMS projects and committees.



## Doug Wildermuth

*Director of EMS - Clarkson University*

Doug is currently employed by Clarkson University as its first Director of EMS. After 20 years of being a New York State Trooper, Doug retired in the Spring of 2022 to better utilize his EMS expertise for Clarkson University and the St. Lawrence County area. His passion for EMS education started in 1992 when his college advisor encouraged him to take an instructor course for every EMS course he took. Today he continues to instruct emergency medical services courses in EMT, Advanced Life Support, Basic Life Support and EMS leadership at Clarkson University. While maintaining his Nationally Registered paramedic skills on several local ambulance services in the region, he also continues his EMS ambitions by leading E5 Support Services, LLC. E5 has been supporting local ambulance agencies in staffing, training, and consulting for over 13 years. Doug has been happily married for the past 22 years and resides in Canton, NY with his 3 kids, 18 chickens, 5 ducks, 3 dogs, and 2 horses.

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# Our Speakers



## Mandee Nann

*Opioid Overdose Outreach Training Coordinator*

Mandee Nann is a passionate public speaker and educator known for her ability to inspire and educate audiences with her engaging presentation style. As the Opioid Overdose Training Coordinator for the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), Mandee instructs people across NYS on how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose.

Mandee also works as a paramedic for Clifton Park Halfmoon EMS (CPHM EMS). She has taken a leading role in implementing a naloxone leave-behind & harm reduction program at CPHM EMS as well as creating and initiating a set of protocols designed to guide provider's care of patients experiencing withdrawal from a variety of substances. Mandee earned a bachelor's degree from Hobart & William Smith Colleges and received her paramedic certification through Hudson Valley Community College. She also recently became credentialed as a Community Paramedic through IBSC.



## Chris Ebright

*Instructor*

Chris Ebright is the Lead Instructor for The University of Toledo EMS Program, where he provides all aspects of primary EMS education in-house, as well as continuing education for numerous EMS services within Toledo and Northwest Ohio. Chris has been a Nationally Registered paramedic for 29 years, providing primary EMS response and critical care transportation. He has educated hundreds of first responders, EMT's, paramedics, and nurses with his trademark whiteboard sessions, including students from the Cayman Islands, India, and Australia. Chris is also a recurring article contributor to the Limmer Education website, and has been a featured presenter at numerous local, state, and national EMS conferences over the past 17 years.



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# ***Our Speakers***



## **Paula Walter**

***Paramedic / Speaker***

Paula Walters is a paramedic of over 20 years. She is a dedicated advocate, speaker, and survivor who draws on her own painful journey through the medical system and the lasting impacts of child abuse, domestic violence, and trauma on her mental and physical health. Through her social media platforms, blog and podcast, "The Courageous Survivor," Paula shares her story of resilience and healing, offering hope and inspiration to fellow survivors. Her work emphasizes the critical need for systems to work together, fostering a collaborative approach to support survivors on their path to recovery. Paula's mission is to transform her experiences into a source of strength and to encourage first responders, healthcare professionals, and advocates, and victim support systems to create trauma-informed environments that prioritize the well-being of those they serve.



## **Melissa Brooks**

***Paramedic / EMS Educator***

Melissa Brook is an EMS educator and paramedic in North Country, NY. She works as the Clinical Coordinator and Paramedic Instructor with the Elizabethtown Paramedic Program and as the Director of Operations at Gouverneur Rescue. She has experience in urban, rural, and critical care ground and flight EMS. She is a New York State, Nationally Registered, and Certified Flight Paramedic.





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## **Sara Gruver**

***Paramedic CIC***

Sara Gruver has almost two decades of experience in EMS and fire, from volunteer firefighter to critical care paramedic. Sara is currently the paramedic program director for Arnot Health in Elmira, NY. She speaks nationally on topics such as autism, therapeutic communication, and pediatric psychiatric emergencies. Sara holds a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction and spends her spare time with her three children.



## **Robert Mackenzie**

***NRP***

Robert MacKenzie is a life long resident of Lewis County and has been a paramedic since 2007. He is credentialed in both Midstate and North Country EMS Systems. He is the Director of Fire and Emergency Management in Lewis County and is an Instructor for the Department of Homeland Security.



## **Samantha Greene**

***NRP***

Samantha Greene, NRP has been a ground paramedic and educator for the last 10 years in the EMS industry with a thirst for knowledge and helping both patients and peers alike. Samantha is also deeply passionate about fostering a conducive learning environment both on and off the truck while also advocating for first responder safety, including provider mental health. Prior to her career in EMS, Samantha held various leadership and mentor positions over the course of several years before finding her calling in emergency medicine. When she isn't working on the truck or in the classroom, Sam can be found behind her camera following her other love of photography or spending time with family, friends and her dogs, Lucy and Dolly.



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## **Brandon Minogue**

### ***Paramedic***

Brandon Minogue is a New York State and Nationally Registered Paramedic, bringing with him 15 years of EMS experience serving Clinton, Essex, and Warren counties of the Mountain Lakes Region of New York. Currently working for EMT of CVPH, part of the University of Vermont Health Network, in Plattsburgh, NY, and serving as the agency's Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator, Brandon speaks on several important pediatric issues, such as safe transport of pediatric patients, pediatric preparedness, and recognition of child abuse. In addition to the many pediatric related topics, Brandon has a passion for improving EMS, including first responder mental health, safety in moving and transferring patients, and scene safety. Currently, Brandon is working towards a Bachelor's Degree in Biomedical Sciences from SUNY Plattsburgh, as well as working in EMS full time, and dedicating himself to helping educate fellow EMS providers.



## **Mike Kapas**

### ***Flight Paramedic***

Mike has spent 23 years in prehospital medicine, the past 14 years as a flight paramedic currently serving with LNNY Seneca Falls. Mike began his critical care career with Akron Children's Hospital Critical Care Transport team (2011 – 2016), and ever since has had an intense passion of caring for and providing prehospital pediatric education. In his off-time Mike is a certified personal trainer through the ISSA, and competitive classic physique bodybuilder. His other hobbies include home remodeling, playing guitar, collecting vintage vinyl records, and attending all the concerts he and his wife can. Mike is married with 5 children ranging from 14 yrs old to 23 yrs old and enjoys all the family time he can.



MEET

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## **Jena Curtis**

***Professor***

Jena Nicols Curtis, Ed.D. (she/they) is a Professor of Health at SUNY Cortland and a third-generation first responder. Jena has been the faculty advisor for SUNY Cortland EMS for nearly 20 years. Jena teaches about and conducts research on gender, sexuality, and mental health.



## **Shane O' Donnell**

***Flight Paramedic / Educator***

Shane O'Donnell is a Flight Paramedic and Educator from Upstate, NY. He holds an associate's degree in Paramedicine as well as certifications as a Flight Paramedic, National Registry Paramedic and in Neonatal Pediatric Transport. He has experience in urban, suburban, and rural 911/critical care. When not flying, you can often find him teaching for FOAMfrat, providing education to prehospital clinicians across the globe. Outside of work he enjoys spending time with his wife, 3 children and incredibly energetic dog .



## **Joe Wlostowski**

***Flight Nurse / Paramedic***

Joe Wlostowski is a Flight Nurse/Paramedic and the clinical educator for Mercy Flight Central, Inc. He started his career as a volunteer EMT at Union Volunteer Emergency Squad and completed his Paramedic education at the Center for Emergency Medicine. He moved to Rochester, NY where he has remained and worked at urban, suburban, and rural EMS agencies. After working as a flight paramedic for 10 years, he returned to school to complete his nursing education. He is faculty with Finger Lakes Community College, coordinating and teaching the CCEMTP course and is also a Critical Care Clinical Resource Nurse for University of Rochester Medical Center - Strong Memorial Hospital. When he is not busy with the aforementioned activities, you can find him building or remodeling something with his wife and 2 daughters at their home in Pittsford, NY.





# Preconference Critical Care Transport

## Session

**The Asthmatic Trap-Mechanical ventilation in the dying asthma patient** - You arrive at the sending facility and find an intubation 18 year old male. The vent is alarming, SPO2 is low and the RT is barely able to squeeze in the BVM. This talk will review the challenges of mechanical ventilation in this incredibly sick patient population.

## Session

**What is this thing? Invasive monitoring** - Invasive monitoring is a diverse subject, from arterial and central lines to swan-ganz catheters. Given the low exposure for EMS clinicians, these can be easily overwhelming. This discussion will review the different types of invasive lines and what to keep an eye on for the transport.

## Session

**Airway management in the dying patient** - There is a difference between intubating a patient and owning their airway. This course will reveal tips and tricks to manage all the scary badness that can happen with an airway, from hypoxia, hypotension to contaminated airways.

## Session

**Word scramble-lab values for the critical care clinician** - Everyone has been handed the confusing paper of numbers and letters. What should the K be again? Is the sodium of 124 something I need to fix now? What in the world is BUN? This hour long talk will discuss critical lab values and the common pitfalls transport clinicians find themselves in.





# Preconference Leadership

## Session

**The Image We Project: How Professionalism Guides the Future of EMS** - How does the average person view EMS? Do they think of us as untrained hobbyists or true professionals dedicated to self-improvement? Do our medical partners consider us colleagues or look down their noses in smug disrespect? Do governmental officials recognize the true value that EMS offers not only to public safety response but also public health? These questions are exceptionally important as we look ahead to the future of our profession but even more important because the answers are determined by the actions and behaviors of each individual among us. The stark truth is that our profession is judged by the behaviors of our weakest participants. This class will define professionalism in the context of modern civic perception and describe the link between personal professionalism and the status of EMS as a fully acknowledged health care partner. We will discuss common challenges and detail the responsibility that each of us share.

## Session

**Bullies, Bigmouths and Braggarts: Why a Culture of Intimidation is Holding your EMS Service Back** - Are we doing our best to recruit and retain qualified people? Are we maximizing relationships that are vital to organized multi-agency response? Do our hospital partners see us as colleagues in the world of public health? Far too often the answer to these questions is no and although it is convenient to point the finger of blame outward, perhaps it is time we recognized that our own culture of intimidation is pushing others away. Whether it be an "us against the world" attitude that prevents us from recognizing our own shortcomings or the outright bullying of our own personnel that leads to isolation, attrition, and suicide, too often our relationships are founded in mistrust, jealousy, and venom. This class will discuss how changing that culture leads to service and system level progress. Specific discussions will include arrogance, overconfidence, and errors; interpersonal EMS relationships and the value of positive mentoring; and self-assessment, quality management and the importance of active humility. Most importantly, we will describe specific strategies used by high performing systems to change the culture of intimidation. Come take part in an active discussion on how to change our world.





# Preconference Leadership

## Session

**How Not to be Wrong When Everything is on the Line: Critical Thinking and Decision Making in EMS** - Safety, assessment, patient care...the success of an EMS practitioner is judged on the quality of their critical decisions. Every day EMTs are forced to critically think their way through complicated operational and care related situations under the worst possible circumstances, often with life threatening consequences. Making good decisions is more than just relying upon luck. Strategies exist to improve mental performance under stress. This scenario-based class will discuss the limitations of cognition when faced with situational challenges. More importantly, it will describe specific practices to improve decision making and enhance mental performance under stress. All levels are welcome.

## Session

**Take Action Today: Leadership through Strategic Self Accountability** - Public safety leadership is a challenging proposition. Our chiefs and supervisors manage urgent operational decisions while existing in organizations filled with bureaucracy and red tape. As leaders, we are asked to simultaneously accomplish transformational change but at the same time not rock the boat too much. Too often this conflict leads to complacency and risk aversion. This class will discuss action. We will describe how best to develop a strategic process for making incremental change toward both self and organizational improvement. Key areas of focus will include the science of change management, forging change allies, and administrative accountability. We will discuss real-world situations and describe examples of success.







## SESSION

# *Descriptions*

### Session

**Documentation in EMS Why You Need to Give a S...econd Thought:** - Is patient care documentation “just another annoying part of your job”? Join us as we explore the importance of documentation in EMS. We will go through three different perspectives: How documentation saves your patients, your organization, and yourself as a provider. Appropriate for all levels of care

### Session

**Behind the Sirens: Recognizing and Treating PTS by Building a Supportive EMS Community** - This presentation will cover the prevalence of PTSD among EMS professionals, the specific stressors they encounter, and common symptoms. We'll also address the stigma around mental health, barriers to seeking help, and the impact of untreated PTSD. Finally, we'll explore prevention strategies, including resilience training, peer support, and fostering a supportive work environment. Understanding and addressing PTSD is essential for the well-being of EMS responders.

### Session

**Unmasking Sepsis...the real world application of Pediatric Sepsis Care** - This presentation will expand the prehospital providers view on sepsis identification. Based around a known missed pediatric sepsis case that resulted in the death of the patient, this education dives into the elements that resulted in this medical care failure, and how the prehospital provider can increase their index of suspicion for sepsis without having full SOFA or Phoenix Sepsis Score capabilities available in the field.



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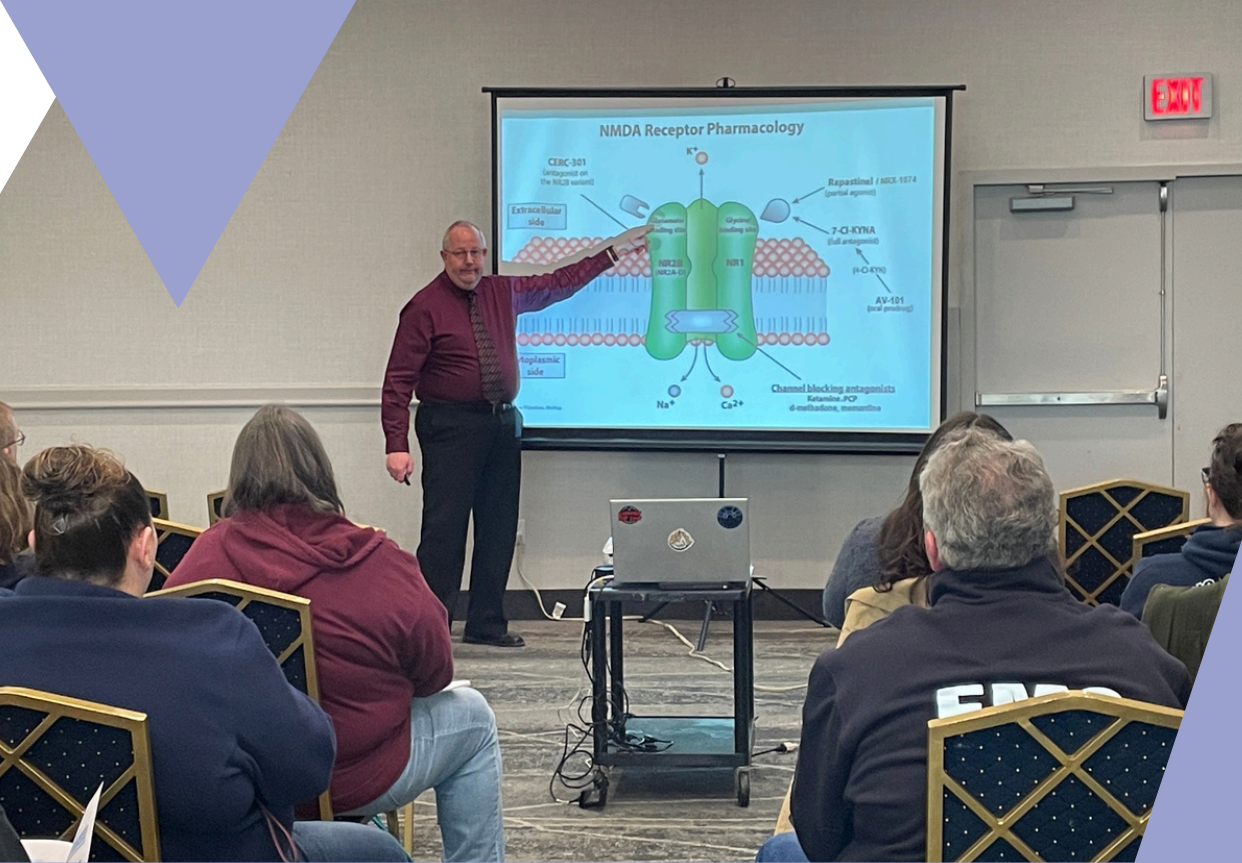
## Session

**New Kids on the Shock: A Comprehensive Approach to Recognition and Management of Shock States In EMS** - In this lecture we are going to spend time dissecting all the different forms of shock we could encounter in the field to have a better understanding of the different factors contributing to different phases of shock, the physiology and the evolution of different shock states and how to correct them. While we often think of shock occurring in our trauma patients, ultimately that trauma patient needs a surgeon to fix the problem, but that patient also needs EMTs and Paramedics to effectively manage their shock states enroute to what they ultimately need: A cold table, bright lights and a trauma surgeon. So please join me as we dive into evidenced based research, cases and all the stages and phases of shock like we are all the New Kids on the Shock.

## Session

**Bridging Cultures: Enhancing Patient Care Through Cultural Competence in EMS** - This interactive session explores the critical role of cultural competence and cultural humility in pre-hospital emergency medicine. Participants will explore the multifaceted nature of culture and its profound impact on health beliefs, behaviors, and interactions with healthcare providers. The session will highlight how cultural factors can influence everything from a patient's description of symptoms to their acceptance of treatment, and even their expectations of emergency care. Through case studies and small group discussions, attendees will learn practical strategies to provide culturally sensitive care, improve patient communication, and navigate cultural differences in high-stress emergency situations.





SESSION

# Descriptions

## Session

**Are They Out of the Woods Yet? An Average EMT's Guide to Managing Patients following Environmental Rescue** - Wilderness medicine is a complex subspecialty that prepares practitioners to handle the challenges encountered in austere conditions. However, most search and rescue operations occur on the fringes of the wilderness and involve EMS crews that are not extensively trained in this area of focus. This class is designed to prepare the non-wilderness trained EMT to recognize and manage the most common concerns associated with post-rescue patients. We will describe most current research associated with hypothermia, hyperthermia, and discuss an evidence-based evaluation of water rescue patients.

## Session

**More Patients than Resources: An EMTs Guide to Managing a Multi-Casualty Event** - Modern ICS training describes the structure and framework of an incident command system. While it is incredibly important as a foundation for large-scale operations, too often old and complicated lessons fall short of preparing the ordinary EMT for the massive stress load associated with a multi-casualty situation. This class is designed to streamline the sometimes-overwhelming ICS approach and focus on the most important first five minutes of an MCI. We will describe the vital responsibilities of the first arriving units and use real-world case reviews to discuss the most important priorities. We will stay true to ICS but define usable small bites, quick references, and checklists designed to be available even in the worst circumstances.





SESSION

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## Session

**The Complacency Cascade & How It's Killing Your Agency** - We will discuss the dangers of complacency from not only a front-line view but also on an administrative and operations vantage point as well. During this talk we will look at the steps of the complacency cascade and discuss how each step down the slope can cause some serious problems for not only you as the provider, but your agency as well. We will progress through the 5 stages of the complacency cascade and stop to dive into the characteristics of each along the way. There's a bit of a trigger warning to insert: you may be shocked to see what similar characteristics you see around you and perhaps, if we are being honest with ourselves, what aspects can we identify within ourselves? So join me as we take a look at The Complacency Cascade & How It's Killing Your Agency.

## Session

**Don't Go Breaking My Heart: Navigating Takotsubo Syndrome in EMS** - In your career you may hear that there are several heart attack imitators, but did you know that there is a disease process of the heart that can give similar symptoms and present like a heart attack, but its possible it could resolve on its own or even cause acute and sudden death proceeding a highly stressful event? If not, come join me as we dive into the phenomenon of Broken Heart Syndrome, its origin, who is predominately affects the most and what we as clinicians in the field should look for and how to treat it.

## Session

**Insights on Treatment and Amish** - TBA



SESSION

# *Descriptions*

## Session

**Invisible Injuries: The Impacts of Trauma on the Body** - The toxic stress that results from trauma often negatively influences brain development and can greatly impact individuals. The terror and isolation that is at the core of trauma literally reshapes both the brain and body. This presentation highlights the very complicated intersections of trauma, brain injury, mental illness, addictions, and chronic medical conditions. Traumatized people experience anxiety, rage, and how trauma affects their capacity to concentrate, to remember, to form trusting relationships and even to feel at home in their own bodies. Unidentified trauma can lead to mental health and medical mayhem that leads patients to frequent emergency rooms, urgent cares, and EMS transports. Understanding the complicated dynamics of trauma can help us better advocate and understand our patients.

## Session

**Behind Those Angel Eyes** - Child abuse is a growing epidemic in this Country. Children exposed to trauma need a compassionate human connection. We as society, ask "What is wrong with this child?" when a child is acting out emotionally and behaviorally, instead of "What has happened to this child". EMS providers have the potential to help them feel secure, respected, and understood when we understand the dynamics of child abuse. The presenter shares a brief bit of her story of stolen innocence to show how one person can make a lasting impact on an abused child. Could you be the one person for a child?





## SESSION

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### Session

**Protect Your Patients, Protect Your Back** - Back injuries are one of the greatest factors that impact the longevity of careers in EMS. Back injuries lead to loss of time for providers, overtime costs for agencies, and even a potential for lapses in EMS coverage. Improper lifting techniques, infrequent practice in using lifting equipment, and underestimation of situations are all factors that can lead to back injuries. This presentation will discuss back anatomy and injuries, review many of the pieces of equipment available to help lift patients, and discuss ways to decrease the incidence of back injuries in EMS.

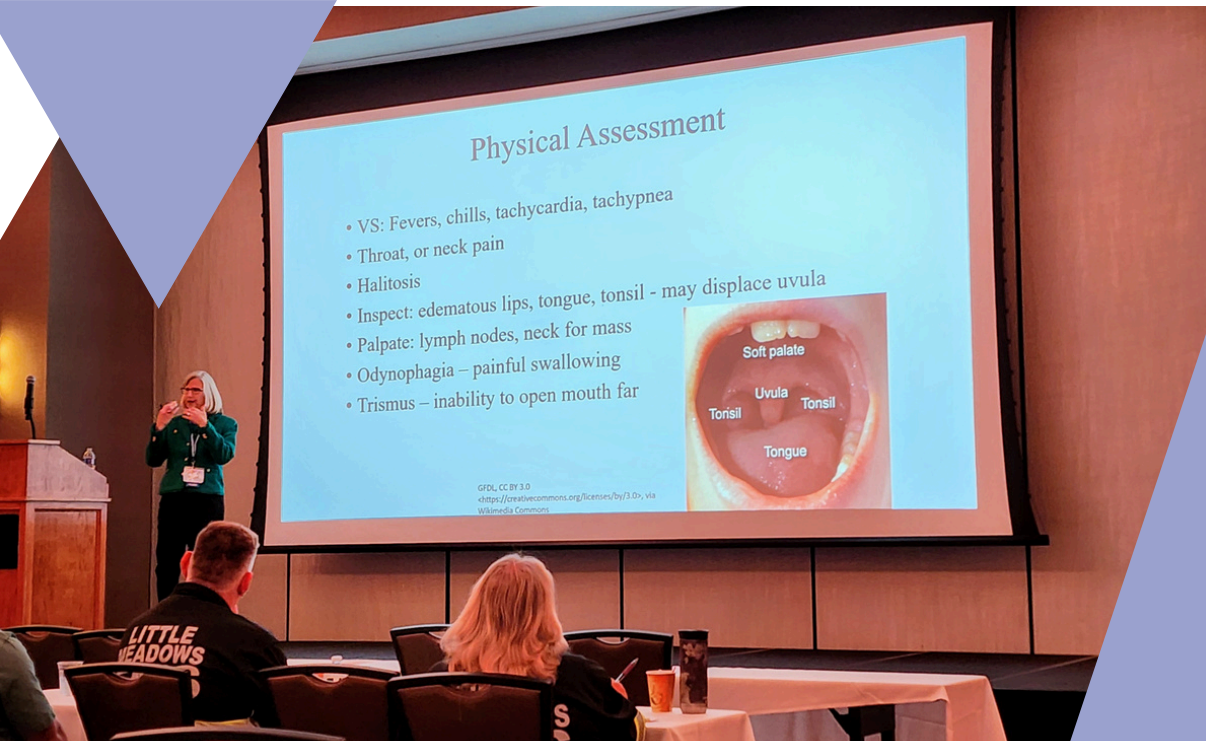
### Session

**Mandated Reporter: EMS Recognition and Reporting of Child Abuse** - EMS are mandated reporters. We heard this in all our EMT classes, but what does it mean? Many EMT classes only touch briefly on the recognition and reporting of child abuse and may not even fully discuss the process of reporting child abuse or maltreatment. In this presentation, we define the important terms associated with child abuse and maltreatment, discuss the assessment techniques and signs consistent with child abuse, discuss child development stages and the types of injuries that may or may not be associated with these, and discuss the local/regional/state process for reporting child abuse and the paperwork associated with reporting.

### Session

**Asthma: Beyond Albuterol** - When you hear asthmatic, albuterol automatically comes to mind. Many times, we forget the additional tools we have in our box to treat status asthma when albuterol just isn't enough. Join us for a lecture on field treatment and tools for the crashing asthmatic. Appropriate for all levels of care.





### Physical Assessment

- VS: Fevers, chills, tachycardia, tachypnea
- Throat, or neck pain
- Halitosis
- Inspect: edematous lips, tongue, tonsil - may displace uvula
- Palpate: lymph nodes, neck for mass
- Odynophagia – painful swallowing
- Trismus – inability to open mouth far

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# SESSION

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## Session

**Human Trafficking for EMS** - Human trafficking is a \$150 billion industry and ranks as the second most profitable illegal trade worldwide. It has been reported in all 50 states. One of the most prevalent forms of trafficking involves family members, accounting for both sex and labor trafficking. Estimates suggest that 40% of all trafficking victims are trafficked by relatives. EMS providers have unique opportunities to interact with victims due to their proximity to patients' social and environmental circumstances. These clinicians need to be familiar with the signs and symptoms of human trafficking and understand how to best care for suspected or confirmed trafficked patients. Evidence from multiple studies indicates that providers who have received formal training are better able to recognize the signs and symptoms of human trafficking and can, therefore, provide better care to potential victims.

## Session

**Best Practices: Pre-Hospital Pain Management for Patients Prescribed Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)** - Pain-related complaints are among the most frequent challenges we encounter in EMS. How can we safely and effectively manage pain in patients with a history of substance use or those prescribed medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD), such as buprenorphine or methadone? MOUD is now the gold standard for treating opioid use disorder and plays a vital role in addressing the ongoing opioid crisis. As the number of patients receiving MOUD continues to rise, it's essential for us to recognize these medications, communicate effectively with our patients, and provide the appropriate pain management they may need. Join us as we explore practical strategies to enhance our pain management practices and improve patient outcomes in this evolving landscape!



## SESSION

# *Descriptions*

### Session

**Pre-Hospital Treatment for Withdrawal (alcohol, benzodiazepine, opioid, and stimulant)** - This session will cover the critical role of pre-hospital recognition and treatment of withdrawal from a variety of substances. By ensuring patients are treated and transported to the most suitable facilities, we can significantly enhance the overall care they receive. Did you know that untreated alcohol and benzodiazepine withdrawal can be life-threatening? Understanding how to assess the severity of withdrawal in the pre-hospital setting is essential for timely and effective intervention. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your knowledge and improve patient outcomes.

# FINGER LAKES REGIONAL EMS 29TH CONFERENCE REGISTRATION



Complete the form below: (Print)

Full Name :

Full Address :

E-Mail :  Phone :

Region :

## Sessions

Thursday - Leadership Preconference  \$75

Thursday - Critical Care Transport Preconference  \$75

Friday Full Day Session  \$100

Saturday Full Day Session  \$100

Full 2 Day Conference  \$175

Friday Night Awards Banquet (Free with Paid Registration) **(Must preregister)**

Guest for Awards Banquet  \$40

Total

Payment Method :  Check  Credit Card

There will be a \$35 charge on all returned checks, plus any bank fees

### Cancellation Policy

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# FRIDAY

*Sessions (Please select one lecture for each time frame)*

8:00am - 9:00am

The Battle Within: Autoimmune Diseases

Behind the Sirens: Recognizing and Treating PTS by Building a Supportive EMS Community

9:20am - 10:20am

Invisible Injuries: The Impacts of Trauma on the Body

Pre-Hospital Treatment for Withdrawal (Alcohol, Benzodiazepine, Opioid, Stimulants)

10:40am - 11:40am

Human Trafficking for EMS

Bridging Cultures: Enhancing Patient Care Through Cultural Competence in EMS

12:40pm - 1:40pm

Are They Out of the Woods Yet? An Average EMT's Guide to Managing Patients following Environmental Rescue

Documentation in EMS: Why You Need to Give a Second Thought

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Behind Those Angel Eyes

Asthma: Beyond Albuterol

3:20pm - 4:20pm

Until All the Pieces Fit

Tik Tok Toxicology

# SATURDAY

8:00am - 9:00am

Insights on Treatments and the Amish

Best Practice: Pre-Hospital Pain Management for Patients on Medication for Opioids use Disorder

9:20am - 10:20am

Understanding the Elderly - Part 1

The Complacency Cascade & How it's Killing Your Agency

10:40am - 11:40am

Understanding the Elderly - Part 2

Protect Your Patients, Protect Your Back

12:40pm - 1:40pm

It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Pediatric Mental Health Emergencies

Don't go Breaking My Heart: Navigating Takotsubo Syndrome in EMS

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Pediatric Sepsis

Mandated Reporter: EMS Recognition and Reporting of Child Abuse

3:20pm - 4:20pm

More Patients than Resources: An EMT's Guide to Managing a Multi- Casualty Event

New Kids on the Shock: a Comprehensive Approach to Recognition and Management of Shock States in EMS

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