

Prehospital Emergency Care (PEC)

Editor's Report

The year of 2011 saw the completion of Volume 15 of *Prehospital Emergency Care* (PEC); the volume had 583 pages. The January/March issue included a record-high 134 abstracts, which were presented at the NAEMSP® Annual Scientific Assembly. We continue to seek sponsorship of a supplement for presenting the Annual Meeting abstracts, which we hope to make a regular feature.

In July, PEC received its third **Impact Factor**, which increased to an impressive 1.889. This Impact Factor placed PEC as the 8th most oft-cited Emergency Medicine journal out of the 23 that are currently rated by the ISI Web of Knowledge. PEC had an even more impressive **Immediacy Index**, which indicates how rapidly articles that are published in PEC are cited in the same year. PEC had an Immediacy Index of 0.533. **This ranks PEC 4th** out of the 23 EM journals that are ranked in terms of being rapidly cited. PEC continued to be placed ahead of such well-established journals as *Journal of Emergency Medicine*, *Pediatric Emergency Medicine*, *Journal of Emergency Nursing*, *Emergency Medicine Clinics of North America*, and *European Journal of Emergency Medicine*. Our strategic plan is to continue to advance in ranking. In order to accomplish this, we will need the continued support of NAEMSP® members **via submission of their best work to PEC**.

PEC continues to utilize *iFirst* electronic publication ahead of print. This allows more rapid publication as a service to PEC authors and readership. As of this writing, PEC was on pace to receive a record number of submissions. The number of manuscripts submitted to PEC has increased every year since its inception, but has leveled off in recent years. In terms of peer review, PEC has an **average time to first decision of 20 days**. The acceptance rate of papers submitted to PEC is 40%. In September 2011, PEC Managing Editor Ashley Petrylak left Informa to take a position with Oxford Press. Our new Managing Editor is Angelina Wagner.

Additional peer reviewers are always needed. This is especially true in the areas of pediatrics, trauma, education, qualitative research, EMS operations, and air medical services. Those interested reviewers should send an e-mail of interest (citing area of expertise with a CV attached) to Dr. Menegazzi at menegazz@pitt.edu.

Some of the highlights of Volume 15 included:

Focus Sections

- Focus on EMS Provider Health and Safety
- Focus on Airway Management
- Focus on STEMI
- Focus on EMS Utilization
- Focus on Trauma (Twice)
- Focus on Firefighter Physiology
- Focus on Cardiac Arrest (Thrice)
- Focus on HEMS
- Military Medicine (Twice)

Position Papers

- Noninvasive Positive Pressure Ventilation
- Off-Label Use of Medical Products
- Field Triage of the Injured Patient
- Termination of Resuscitation of Non-Traumatic Cardiopulmonary Arrest
- Ambulance Diversion and Emergency Department Offload Delay
- Use of Epinephrine for the Out-of-Hospital Treatment of Anaphylaxis
- Reimbursement for EMS Response, Medical Care, and Transport
- EMS Provider's Determination of Necessity for Transport

Resource Documents

- Role of EMS in Disaster Response
- Expert Witness Qualifications and Ethical Guidelines for EMS litigation
- Non-Invasive Positive Pressure
- Termination of Resuscitation of Non-Traumatic Cardiopulmonary
- Ambulance Diversion and Emergency Department Offload
- EMS Provider Determinations of Necessity for Transport and Reimbursement for EMS Response, Medical Care, and Transport: Combined Resource Document
- The Use of Epinephrine for Out-of-Hospital Treatment of Anaphylaxis

Case Conferences

There were six Case Conferences published in this volume of PEC. This is a nice forum for enabling prehospital providers and junior faculty to get published. We continue to encourage submissions to this section of the journal.

Abstracts

- Abstracts for the NAEMSP® Scientific Assembly
- Educational Abstracts for the NAEMSE/Prehospital Care Research Forum

NAEMSP® News

Under the direction of its new editor, Joseph A. DeLucia, DO, FACEP, EMT-T, NAEMSP®'s quarterly newsletter provides members with timely information and updates. Each issue is sent electronically to members via our *E-News*. It is available for download through our website. A big thank you to Joe for re-energizing our newsletter!

