

HIGHLIGHTS of the
Idaho Emergency Medical Services **Physician Commission** (EMSPC)
May 13, 2011 Meeting

- ISN (Idaho Simulation Network): www.idahosimulationnetwork.org

ISN membership is free to all Idaho EMS agencies.

The Idaho EMS Physician Commission encourages
EMS Medical Directors to get involved.

Use simulation for training and/or credentialing.

ISN also helps with the debriefing sessions and performance outcome reports.

See attached flyer for contact information.

The purpose of the ISN was to create a collaborative made up of academic organizations, hospitals and EMS agencies in order to bring affordable simulation to everyone interested in using this new methodology to provide education and training. ISN encourages the use of simulation enhanced training across the spectrum of health care. ISN goals are to:

- Provide educational, networking and training opportunities for those interested in utilizing simulation
- Encourage making simulation affordable and available by decreasing duplication of efforts and assisting individual critical access hospitals and their associated EMS agencies in gaining access to simulation, an expensive proposition which, in these economic times, they cannot achieve on their own.
- Increase the “pool” of well prepared facilitators and Sim-techs to provide trainings and ultimately improve patient care through realistic, repetitive practice.

We hope you will read the full minutes regarding the ISN presentation and get involved.

- CIT (Critical Illness Trauma Foundation) on-line course for EMS Medical

Directors: Time is running out to take advantage of the on-line EMS medical director course posted on the CIT site at no cost to you. Remember you can receive CME for completing the course. Free access to this information for Idaho EMS medical directors will end October 3, 2011. www.MedicalDirectorOnline.org. You will be asked to register for the course and be provided with online instructions. As a member of the Idaho EMS community, the fee for taking the course has been waived through the subscription contract. If you encounter any problems please contact Teri Sanddal with the Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation at tsanddal@citmt.org or call (406) 585-2659.

- AEMT Orotracheal Intubation as an OM (optional module) skill will be reviewed at the September 16th EMSPC meeting in Coeur d’Alene.

- Dia Gainor became the Executive Director of the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO)

- Wayne Denny was appointed Idaho EMS Bureau Chief

Idaho Simulation Network

Greetings Medical Directors and welcome to the Idaho Simulation Network (ISN) - a private sector initiative led by members from Idaho's academic organizations, hospitals, professional organizations, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies who have joined in a collaborative effort to bring simulation to healthcare personnel throughout the state in a coordinated, economical and efficient manner in order to make healthcare safer for the citizens of Idaho.

The Premise:

“Drills are an excellent way to raise consciousness – professionals who are certain they would do all the right things in an emergency often learn that this just isn't true. That experience motivates and inspires them to learn how to do better.”

- Sue Gullo, MS, RN, Director
Institute for Healthcare Improvement

The Challenge:

- The majority of Idaho's healthcare system is made up of rural and critical access hospitals. Infrequent instances of pediatric, obstetrical and traumatic emergencies make it very difficult, if not impossible, for professional clinicians and EMS personnel to maintain proficiency in managing high-consequence, low-frequency events. They simply do not have sufficient opportunity to experience managing severe trauma or complex medical situations before they are faced with the actual emergency during which they are expected to perform in an expert fashion.
- Obtaining the education and training necessary to learn and proficiently maintain skills is expensive and logistically difficult. Due to the lack of resources, training that is not readily available locally is often beyond the reach of many.

The Solution:

Make on-site simulation team-based training (drills) available throughout Idaho to help EMS personnel and hospital teams learn, practice, improve, and maintain their clinical, teamwork and communication skills, building competence and confidence without leaving their organizations and communities.

Why we need YOU:

We need you to champion the activities of the ISN. Take part; be a leader; lend your clinical expertise to the cause ensuring the EMS personnel you direct receive the highest caliber simulation training experiences possible.

How to become involved:

To learn more about upcoming activities:

Please visit the ISN website where you will find a calendar of events. www.idahosimnetwork.org

To participate in activities:

Please e-mail your contact information to Alicia Sonne at Asonne@thedoctors.com

She will provide you with a password to the ISN *members-only* section of the website and add you to the e-mail list for activity notifications. Idaho EMS Medical Directors have free access through the membership paid for by the Idaho EMS Physician Commission.

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