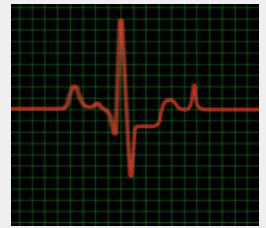




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# The Pulse of MCAEMS

## Yearly Competency Exam

The competency exam opened last month, and to date 279 individuals have completed it. The overall pass rate is right around 84%. This includes all levels EMT, Intermediate, and Paramedic.

The exam is open now, and will close September 11<sup>th</sup>. Any issues in completing or accessing the exam can be reported to Dylan Ferguson in the system office. Links for the exam can be located on the system website.

BLS Link: <https://www.classmarker.com/online-test/start/?quiz=pvy59512ed588683>

ILS Link: <https://www.classmarker.com/online-test/start/?quiz=6e759512faaa84fe>

ALS Link: <https://www.classmarker.com/online-test/start/?quiz=n6p594ddd703c9b3>

## 2018 CE Information

Continuing education information and contracts have gone out for calendar year 2018. If your agency has not yet received the information please contact the EMS office and we can resend it. So that we can secure IDPH site code approval on time please return the completed forms to the EMS office no later than September 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks so much for your help in accomplishing this gigantic task in a timely fashion.

## Recent Memos

- [System Position on Transport of Police Dogs Legislation](#)
- [ETOH Patent Refusal Addendum](#)
- [Versed Concentration memo](#)

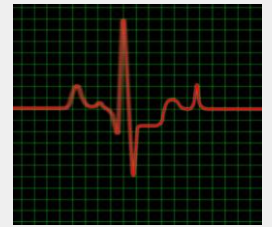
## Preceptor Course

The EMS Office will host a preceptor course on 09/22/2017 at our office. Registration forms can be found on our website and are due back 09/18/2017.

## City of Bloomington Hiring Dispatchers

Just an FYI that the City of Bloomington is actively recruiting to hire telecommunicators to work for Bloomington Dispatch: [Apply Here](#)





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## Adult Protocol Update

We undertook step one of our adult protocol update with an advanced airway lab that examined a variety of different surgical airway options to potentially replace the pertrach. We are still working on soliciting a little more feedback in the various choices.

In the next week or so we will be scheduling our first formal meeting with the individuals who have expressed an interest in reviewing the adult protocols. Stay tuned...

## Preceptor Point of the Month

What do I do if I have a problem with a student (skills, attitude, knowledge etc.)?

***Preceptors are empowered to send students home if necessary. In addition preceptors should notify their facilities/agencies clinical coordinator, who will then notify the program director so that the issue can be addressed promptly.***

What do I do if a student has a significant bloodborne pathogens exposure?

***Preceptors should notify their supervisor and the clinical coordinator for their agency who can notify the program immediately. EMS students fall under the same policy as EMS providers in terms of BBP.***

## STEMI Training

**If you are an ILS or ALS provider interested in expanding your STEMI recognition knowledge, we have 40 access codes for AHA's STEMI program in the office. Please contact us if you would like access to this learning activity.**

## Continuing Education Topics for Third Quarter

1. **Trauma Emergencies Skills Lab (Mandatory)**
2. **Street Drugs**
3. **ETOH When Drunk is Sick**

## EMT Class Update

Our next session of EMT-Students is underway, we have nearly 40 EMT's enrolled in this semesters course. The next course will begin in January of 2018

## DNR/POLST Training

At the request of a few agencies, we put together a relatively short video on understanding and applying the Illinois DNR/POLST form. [It can be found here](#)

## Platinum Planner Tutorial

Here in the office we have been working for some time on some additional resources for preceptors particularly with platinum planner. We have put together a couple of video tutorials. Please take a look if you have questions about the planner.

- [Preceptor Tutorial](#)
- [Clinical Creator Tutorial](#)

## Licensure Renewals

Remember these are the items that the EMS Office will need in order to renew your EMS license

1. A signed child support statement
2. A listing of your continuing education
3. A copy of your current license
4. A copy of a valid CPR card
5. A copy of your driver's license/state ID