

Advocacy

Legislative Advocacy Part I

This course examines the concept of legislative advocacy and what it means to the populations that we serve as emergency nurses. An overview of how the individual emergency nurse can become an active participant at the local, state and national level is presented.

In the Trenches of the Opioid Crisis

The Opioid Epidemic is having a direct impact of the staff nurses in emergency departments across the country. Understanding the pathophysiology and the neurobiology of adverse childhood events and drug addiction can help staff to be more empathetic and non-judgemental. We go to great lengths to understand the pathophysiology of other diseases but very little with addiction. Educating our staff in trauma-informed care has helped to increase awareness of the changes that happen in these clients' brains and that there is more to drug addiction than just a "bad choice." Focusing on the coping skill that is perhaps very effective but unhealthy can help staff feel more empathetic. Trauma-informed care changes the focus and the language from "What's wrong with you?" to "What happened to you?" and while that seems like a small shift it makes all the difference. We need to be able to build trusting relationships with ALL of our clients and the trauma-informed approach definitely helps us to start this process with clients.

Legislative Advocacy Part II

Part II of Legislative Advocacy focuses on a deeper understanding of the member's role in government affairs. Engaging legislators in listening to us is of vital importance.

His name is Gregory, not John Doe

This presentation will challenge participants to evaluate their current practices regarding unidentified patients and to develop a process for implementing and utilizing bedside identification techniques as well as evaluate their approach to utilizing technology to access ICE (In Case of Emergency) information.

PD in the ED: Dealing with Law Enforcement Demands

This session is designed to elevate awareness of the balancing act performed on a daily basis by Emergency Department staff when talking to law enforcement officials in order to follow the requirements of the law. The presenters will go over the spectrum of requests received at medical facility levels but will focus the main discussion on what actions and responsibilities are required for compliance with state and federal regulations.

Public Policy Issues Impacting Emergency Nurses

Review the legislation and regulations at the federal level recently enacted or under consideration impacting emergency health care; Describe recent developments at the state level that impact emergency nurses; and Provide an overview of ENA's public policy priorities.

Some wounds don't heal: The neurobiology of childhood trauma exposure

The purpose of this presentation is to discuss the effects of childhood trauma exposure on the developing brain and the effect that this stress may have on a child's neurodevelopment. Discussion will also include assessment guidelines for screening children for trauma exposure in the ED setting.

Behavioral Health

Recommendations for Management of the Autistic Patient in the ED

This presentation assimilates the information that is available to create a guide for ED staff which will assist them in patient care when they are faced with a patient on the Autistic Spectrum.

Because We Asked...Pediatric Emergency Department Suicide Screening

This session discusses one pediatric hospital's journey of identifying a best practice for screening all patients 10 years of age and older, regardless of chief complaint, for suicide in their emergency and urgent care departments.

Psychiatric Boarding: Can Telepsychiatry and Your County be the Answer?

Our team members have found an innovative way to care for the mental health patient in the emergency department. Utilizing county paid crisis workers 24/7 to create safety plans and emergency tele-psychiatry services to achieve full behavioral assessments and medications.

Never Take a Disease for Granted! Sickle Cell Disease

Learn how to recognize potentially life-threatening complications and gain insight regarding the necessary treatments and interventions for patients with Sickle Cell disease. Discover the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to Sickle Cell Disease management.

Chronic Disease

End of Life Care in the ED

This session will help the emergency nurse identify measures to evaluate and treat patients at end of life in the emergency department and to make referrals for extended end of life care.

Amish Healthcare: Plain not Fancy

This lecture will discuss this individual culture and introduce their specific culture beliefs that effect all aspects of medical or trauma care.

Clinical

What You Need to Know about Highly Toxic Chemical Ingestions

We will be reviewing three recent case studies of highly toxic chemical ingestions that presented to an academic medical center emergency department and one rural critical access hospital emergency department. With these case studies we will discuss the hazards that each patient posed to the staff, define what measures (Personal Protective Equipment, Isolation, Waste Handling, etc.) were necessary and those that were implemented that may not have been, and discuss the lessons learned and clinical care provided for each case.

Alphabet Soup of Stroke & Neuro Assessment in AIS

This session will improve the understanding and application of the multiple Stroke Scales in the assessment of the Acute Stroke patient by breaking down the various stroke scales and incorporating neuro assessment tools and tips to build a systematic approach to identifying the specific stroke syndrome, ruling out stroke mimics while using the most appropriate stroke scale for the clinical situation.

Transgender Patients in the Hospital

This presentation will introduce you to the LBGTQIA culture by defining different terms to describe gender and sexuality. We will explore different medical treatments available for transgender patients and their complications. We will discuss the mental health issues encountered by the LBGTQIA patient and the many barriers they may encounter while in the hospital.

Biggest Vessel, Biggest Trouble: Understanding and Managing Aortic Emergencies

This program will help you gain that understanding, describe best management practices, and help you avoid embarrassing or fatal pitfalls.

Size Matters: Effective Management of the Obese Emergency Department Patient

The session addresses the impact of these alterations on selected disease processes, to include issues such as procedural sedation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and targeted temperature management. Emphasis is placed on devising nursing care strategies to mitigate complications and collaborate effectively with the multidisciplinary care team.

Social Media Challenges: Child, Adolescent, and Adult Trauma Risk

This presentation will help prepare the emergency department clinician for the trauma risk associated with social media challenges and identify injuries associated with the challenges.

Extended Stroke Code - The New DAWN for Stroke Patients

Recent clinical trials have demonstrated improved outcomes for certain stroke patients. This, along with technological advances, have challenged emergency departments to modify their workflows to exploit these advantages. By way of background, this lecture will discuss these trials, with emphasis on the findings of the DAWN trial that demonstrated the benefits of thrombectomy for moderate to severe acute ischemic strokes who were last seen normal within a 6 to 24 hours window. This lecture will also discuss how one institution

leveraged this new clinical trial information, as well as telemedicine technology, and an innovative transfer process to develop its "Extended Window Stroke Code", and how using a Lean continuous process improvement system enabled its timely implementation. Also presented will be specific patient flow metrics that can be used to measure and quantify movement of extended stroke patients from triage to thrombectomy.

Recognition and treatment of an Adrenal Crisis

Primary Adrenal Insufficiency (AI) is a rare, yet potentially fatal autoimmune disease. Proper recognition and treatment is critical to obtain positive outcomes in their treatment. A recent study of 541 AI patients found that they experienced difficulty with diagnosis to include diagnostic delay and incorrect diagnoses. Of those, > 60% reported AI crises requiring an emergency room visit. Approximately half of those who went to the ER reported that the staff had a poor understanding of what care was needed or the urgency to provide treatment. It is critical to provide ER staff the knowledge to recognize the symptoms of an AI crisis and the appropriate treatment to ensure positive outcomes.

When Cancer is an Emergency: An Oncology ED Perspective

This presentation reviews the clinical footprint and operational flow of the first fully integrated oncology emergency department, as well as various oncologic emergencies seen in the ED. These emergencies include febrile neutropenia, tumor lysis syndrome, disseminated intravascular coagulation, spinal cord compression, superior vena cava syndrome, and cardiac tamponade.

Press Before the Tube! Intubating Hypotensive Patients

How will you approach your crashing, hypotensive patient that requires a rapid sequence intubation? A look at the techniques and pharmacology to maximize outcomes in this treacherous patient presentation! You'll learn what to look for, what to reach for, and what to do in this all-too frequently encountered scenario.

Standardizing for Success: Provider in Triage

Discover how an emergency department (ED) utilized Lean principles to implement an evidence-based, interprofessional quality improvement project, 'Provider in Triage', to improve patient care. Gain pragmatic strategies to mitigate non-value added processes and positively impact emergency department metrics.

How Predicted Health Impacts of Climate Change impact Emergency Nursing

Coalminers used canaries in the coal miners. Canaries are vulnerable to low levels of Carbon Monoxide and Methane. If the canaries began dying the CO and Methane levels were dangerous for the miners. CO and methane are amongst the greenhouse gases that are accelerating climate change. Some people are more at risk for negative health events from climate change events and trends than others. This presentation is a survey of patient populations who we are or will be seeing with increased frequency and at time severity in our emergency departments. Two areas are of importance to nurses when caring for patients effected by climate change: Usual occurring symptoms may be from different causes. It is amongst the unique roles of nurses to assure treatments provided patients are the ones appropriate for their conditions. Patients will need to understand their potential increased vulnerability and need help adapting their health and illness behaviors and regimens. It is also amongst the unique role of nurses to assist patients in adapting to health related changes in their lives. As our changing climate affect human health responses we need to enhance our understanding of climate change phenomena as it effects our patients.

Cop Tox: What's New on the Street

Cop Tox aims to provide the education and references for the latest drugs on the street.

Recognizing a 'STEMI' on a 12 Lead ECG

Participants will receive a brief refresher of the Cardiac Cycle; be able to recognize a STEMI on 12-Lead ECG and the Coronary Artery involved; and be able to identify reciprocal changes on a 12-Lead ECG.

Firestorm in Wine Country: A Trauma Center's Response

Learn how one regional trauma center remained operational amidst one of the most destructive, deadliest wildfires in California history, and how an entire community helped them do it.

Disaster Preparedness

State of Emergency - How we Prepared for Richard Spencer

This session will share the careful pathway that was navigated to honor the US Constitution, yet protect the public. How our Level 1 Trauma Center and ED prepared for a radical speaker, and the thousands of potential supporters and counter-protesters. From the declaration of a State of Emergency, National Guard presence, the investment of millions of dollars in security and IT support, drone use, and the setup of "green tents" with medical reserve corps outside of the ED to lend support, we prepared.

The Edge of Death - Principles of Non-Fatal Strangulation Every ED Nurse Should Know

To care for this patient, it is incumbent that the nurse understands the unusual, but important questions to ask of when obtaining the history, patient trivialization across the continuum, unique aspects of physical assessment specific to non-fatal strangulation, unusual symptoms, delayed conditions, evidence collection, pediatric principles and vital documentation.

Forensics

Medical Forensic Exams for the Uninitiated Nurse (Sexual Assault)

This workshop is presented by two Forensic Nurse Examiners with experience in working in small and large communities seeking to establish a sexual assault response. Evidence collection will be taught, with time allowed for practice in stations.

Has this Patient Been a Victim of Strangulation?

The presentation will review mechanisms of strangulation injury as well as the related topics of accidental strangulation and choking games.

If We're Not Looking, They'll Remain Missing: How Emergency Nurses Can Identify Missing Minors

This presentation will expose the problem one emergency room recognized and the process of developing an evidence-based practice, which has become a routine process to identify minors at the time they are seeking treatment in the emergency room.

The National TeleNursing Center: Transforming Care for Sexual Assault Patients

This presentation will provide insight into perspectives from a teleSANE and emergency department nurse engaged in this novel and ever-evolving partnership.

Building blocks for sexual assault care: are you prepared?

This session will provide tools and talking points for nurses who are interested in assuring that the needs of the patients who report to their facilities are cared for following best practices in sexual assault care.

Screening for Child Physical Abuse in the Emergency Department

This presentation will discuss the scope of the problem, provide an overview of child physical abuse, and present evidence-based methods to promote best practice and increase HCP performance of child physical abuse screening in the ED.

Walk in their Shoes: Dementia versus Delirium Patients

This presentation will give a brief over of the differences between Dementia vs. Delirium, provide you with some communication techniques, and some hands on practice on auditory and Visual changes using a Sensory kit to be able experience having dementia vs. delirium.

Geriatrics

Elderly Trauma: Eighty is the new Thirty

This lecture takes state of the art evidence-based medicine and shows how to expertly apply it in the emergency department setting. Anyone who cares for elderly trauma patients (e.g.: EMS, nursing staff, midlevel providers, physicians, social services, etc.) can all improve their knowledge and ability to more expertly care for one of our most vulnerable populations.

From Door to Disposition: Geriatric Trauma Triage Considerations and Pitfalls

In this session we will review physiologic considerations in assessing and evaluating geriatric trauma patients and explore best practices that can improve outcomes for this ever-growing patient population.

Granny! Where's Your Helmet!?

This course will look at the risks older adults take when hitting the road on two wheels.

Leadership & Management
<p>Discovering Passion, Purpose and YOU</p> <p>This presentation will give you practical tools and ideas, to apply in your professional journey. Learn to create a lens to visualize your roadmap through. Discover how to find your passion within the profession.</p>
<p>Identifying and Confronting SUD in Nursing with Compassion and Competence</p> <p>Competent and compassionate care of our colleagues is crucial to their recovery, sustaining the nursing workforce, and safe patient care. Know what to do, how to communicate, and the next steps when dealing with SUD and diversion in the emergency department.</p>
<p>Winnie the Pooh, RN, CEN: Winnie's Words of Wisdom for ED Nurses</p> <p>In a lighthearted, comforting and familiar way, you will be the active learner guided by Winnie (and a little help from yours truly). This session is filled with ideas, tips, tricks and resources to enhance your personal and professional life.</p>
<p>The Stanford Model: Improving Care of ICU Boarders</p> <p>When critically ill patients receive a critical care admission order to the intensive care (ICU), but no bed is available, they remain "boarded" in the emergency department (ED). The ED is designed for triage and initial resuscitation, not for providing longitudinal care for admitted critically ill patients. Several studies have demonstrated that ICU patients who are boarded in the ED have significantly worse outcomes. However, despite this knowledge, boarding of ICU patients in the ED is only becoming more common as ICUs are increasingly at capacity. In response to this problem, our department hired specialty trained nurses and staffed the department 24/7 with them. The primary responsibility of these nurses is to oversee the care of boarded ICU patients to ensure that they receive the same standard of care as they would if physically admitted to the ICU. Working in collaboration with nursing leadership, a specialized model of care was created for ICU boarders in the ED. Both the process of creating this model of care and the model itself will be described in this presentation using a case study. Furthermore, the results of a funded research study examining the outcomes of our ICU boarders will be shared.</p>
<p>First the Millennials, Now What?</p> <p>This overview of the generations in the workforce today, as well as the next generation coming will provide insight into and understanding of how to motivate, communicate with, and minimize conflict at work.</p>
<p>Lighting the Way to Excellence: Lantern Award Recipient Panel</p> <p>Through questions from the moderator and session attendees, this representative panel of 2018 Lantern Award recipients will highlight their emergency departments' exceptional and innovative practices, and share how achieving this recognition has impacted their ED staff and organization.</p>
<p>Bridging from State to National Board: Are you Ready?</p> <p>This interactive session will overview the role of being an ENA Board of Directors member. Four past presidents of ENA will share their experiences and offer insight about being an elected official.</p>
<p>True Grit - Building Mental Toughness in Emergency Nurses</p> <p>Using a back-to-the-basics approach with a focus on the neuroscience of resilience, grit, and happiness, this speaker will outline simple behaviors that can enhance resilience and add joy to work and life for emergency nurses and nursing leaders.</p>
<p>The Book of Patient Experience: Inspire Staff and Drive Results</p> <p>This presentation will give you a window into the importance of patient experience, and provide you will tools to help you educate your staff, inspire them to be a part of the change, and drive lasting results.</p>
<p>Found A Gap? Let's Fill It! Completing ENA CNE Applications</p> <p>This session will actively work through the process of identifying educational gaps, methods of filling them, and completing the documentation required when applying for ENA approved ANCC CNE.</p>
<p>More Things Your Mama Never Taught You: Aligning Life's Lessons with Emergency Department Lessons</p> <p>This presentation will take some of the well known and not so well known adages of our "Moms" and help you to use humor as you develop your place in the world of Emergency Nursing.</p>
<p>Appreciative Inquiry: A New View on Leadership</p>

AI (Appreciative Inquiry) will be discussed using real world examples of everyday process improvement in the ED. One ED will share the story of how it changed our culture and lead to us winning an ENA Lantern Award.

The Art of Precepting - Are You a Cheerleader or Coach?

This presentation will discuss different teaching and learning styles; preceptor development stages; organizational culture and feedback strategies.

Hi! I'm Your Preceptor: Training New Teammates

We will talk about how to “flip” everything new grads were taught in nursing school and train them to think like ER nurses. We will discuss the difference between experience and expertise and how to evaluate an experienced nurse's intuition. We will discuss the key questions you need to answer before deciding your preceptee is ready to finish orientation.

Transforming Community Health: An Emerging Healthcare System Delivery Model

Development of Community Paramedicine programs reduce hospitalizations, hospital length of stay, and readmissions among patients who are high utilizers of medical and mental health services. The significant nursing shortage of the future will have a negative impact on patient care, particularly in hospitals, acute and long term care, home and community settings. The health care delivery system of the future will rely heavily on the expertise of this interdisciplinary team working together. This emerging healthcare delivery model expands the reach of the healthcare system through multidisciplinary care coordination.

Survival Tips for ED Managers Panel

Through questions from the moderator and session attendees, lead authors for ENA’s ED Manager’s Survival Guide will share leadership “tips and traps” for current or aspiring managers on topics including ED operations, human resources, legal and regulatory issues, and patient quality and safety.

Pediatric Altered Mental Status: An Interactive ED Case-Based Adventure!

This presentation allows the audience to take a time out, discuss what is going on with the patient, consider the patient in front of you, and then proceed through the remainder of each case to its conclusion. Special emphasis on the importance of obtaining history from multiple sources is given as well.

Pediatrics

Pop It (Pain Management, One Voice, Positioning, Involvement, Call ChildLife)

Research shows how using pain management, One Voice, and positioning for comfort helps alleviate pain, lessen anxiety, and increase coping in children during painful procedures. The "POP IT" project (Pain Management, One Voice, Position for Comfort, Involve Family, Telephone child life) was created to standardize care in the Pediatric emergency department by utilizing these practices during invasive procedures.

Strategies to Simplify Care of the Pediatric Patient

In this presentation, common misconceptions regarding pain and anxiety in the pediatric population will be debunked as participants are exposed to evidence based strategies that will ease the impact of these symptoms.

Bad Things In Small Packages - Critically Ill Newborns

This presentation will help to prepare you for this eventuality by providing a physiological foundation and simple algorithmic approach to the resuscitation, differential diagnosis, and initial management of very young, very ill patients.

Needle in the Haystack: The Pediatric Patient with Suspected Sepsis

With the help of a case presentation, this interactive session will review the basics, evidence-based tools, and up to date guidelines to help you identify and maximize outcomes for these "needles in the haystack."

Trials & Tribulations of Terrible Tot Transports and Take-Away Tidbits

This fast-paced, humbling, funny and sometimes tragic lecture to learn how failed assessment and management leads to pediatric pitfalls.

Little People, Big Needs: Peds Care in the Community ED

In this talk, you will learn to: understand the specific care considerations needed for pediatric patients & their families, discover easy & fun care approaches that deliver optimal pediatric care in the community ED setting,

learn how to best educate & integrate interdisciplinary ED staff to care for your littles & (most importantly) how to fund your pediatric care initiatives.

Pink Dragons & Purple Unicorns: Ketamine for analgesia, sedation, depression.

This seminar will introduce the basics of Ketamine pharmacokinetics along with the administration, dosing, and monitoring for procedural sedation and its use in pain management.

Pharmacology

Solving a Cascading Problem: Emergency Reversal of Anticoagulants

This lecture will address an increasing number of unhealthy and free living population that have a growing number of incidents of high blood pressure, intracerebral hemorrhages and traumatic events.

Willy Wonka and the Ketamine Factory

This presentation helps you understand the effects of the medication at different dose ranges and why it is helpful in treating specific patients. This is done using the storyline from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate factory to entertain you as well as help you maintain the information.

Psychotropic Medications

This presentation will provide an overview of common psychotropic medications including indications and nursing considerations.

My patient is in pain and on buprenorphine... now what?

Buprenorphine is used in medication assisted therapies to treat patients with opioid use disorder. It can also be used in pain management, but what do you do when a patient is having acute pain and taking buprenorphine? Learn how the drug works and how to manage acute pain in these patients.

Documentation Bootcamp: Protecting your license and your patients

The aim of this presentation is to discuss how to protect your nursing license and also communicate patient care accurately.

Quality & Safety

Opioid Crisis: Implement a Team-Based Naloxone Saturation Campaign

Hear how active partnerships between numerous clinical and non-clinical departments throughout a large integrated health system led to the diversification of our Emergency Medicine clinical portfolios.

Recognizing and Addressing Cognitive Bias in the Emergency Department

This presentation will bring awareness to metacognition and how cognitive errors affect clinical decision making in the emergency department through case studies, discussion and cognitive exercises.

Prisoner as Patient: Unlocking the Legalities

This course aims to inform the learner what are deemed appropriate healthcare considerations and constitutional rights for this population. The discussion will also include healthcare bias, care of VIP prisoners, tattoo recognition and meanings, comingling of populations and safety concerns of Emergency Department clinicians.

A Collaborative Approach to Mitigating Violence in the Workplace

The Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE), and the International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety (IAHSS) will discuss how the 3 organizations are working together to continually update and enhance our joint efforts and tools for mitigating violence in the healthcare workplace.

Enhancing Team Compliance with AHA guidelines in Code Blues

We will focus on code team management issues and how using mobile applications during a code blue can keep providers, regardless of training level, compliant with critical practice guidelines.

The scoop on scope of practice: What can you do?

This session provides participants with a process for determining whether a service or procedure is within the nurse's scope of practice and guides the nurse on how to respond to employers, so that the nurse's career and license are protected.

Turning Around Your Turn Around Times

The approach in this lecture demonstrates how to use available space and personnel to streamline processes and impact throughput. Information will be given on how to utilize your current staff, engage your ancillary departments, and create solid feedback processes to drive change.

If 'to err is human', why am I in trouble

For almost two decades healthcare has been struggling with the idea of human error. Everyday we make errors, most of the time the errors are minor such as misplacing keys, but other times the error is larger. Somehow, the idea of human error has become removed from healthcare, through the introduction of human factors engineering and the principles of just culture, the learner can view human error in the emergency department in a whole new light. Building trust and accountability is the guiding principle of this presentation.

Developing a culture of EBP in an emergency division

The journey staff RN's undertook to create a culture of EBP and research in an Emergency Division will be presented.

Research

Emergency nurses' perceptions of risk from access to in-home firearms

The main findings of this research are that emergency nurses report not screening for in-home access to firearms, due to unclear paths to action and because they fear violent responses from their patients. Key implications for emergency nursing practice from this research are 1) shifting the focus of assessment to a public health orientation may increase both the comfort of emergency nurses in assessing for access, and improved identification of patients at risk and 2) concerns about violence in the emergency setting must be addressed in order to improve patient assessment

Finding the suicidal patient: triage processes for safe passage

This presentation describes findings from an IENR study published this year, giving new tools to identify and intervene in the case of patient suicidality.

When Baby + Momma = Double Trouble Trauma: Obstetric Trauma

This fast-paced and fascinating lecture to learn how to recognize the subtle signs of significant maternal deterioration, how to prevent/minimize fetal distress and how to best manage the double trouble of obstetric trauma!

Trauma

Famous Assassinations in History: Would They Survive Today?

We are all familiar with assassinations that have happened over the course of our history. As trauma clinicians, I wish to stimulate your curiosity by reviewing several well known assassinations that have occurred in our past and review the standard of care that was current at that time. Each case has a cause of death as determined by autopsy. Now comparing those circumstances to the state of the art of trauma care available now, would these individuals with these same injuries lived or died today? You decide.

All Mocked Up' Simulated Trauma Alerts: Practice Makes Perfect

Trauma is the leading cause of death in the US for ages 1-44. Emergency Departments/Trauma Centers work hard to provide the best care possible to all their patients. One method of preparing staff for facing the challenging trauma population is through the use of simulated alerts including the interdisciplinary team. "All Mocked Up" is our journey in developing a sustainable process that engages and encourages staff to participate.

Case Studies in Trauma: Spines, brains, and missing legs

The presenter will review the latest studies and literature, as well as available management guidelines.

Stone Soup - Between A Rock And A Hard Place

The perception of limited resources need not generate competition; rather, our recipe for success includes cooperation, coalition building, and networking. Health care needs are universal - we all bleed red. How can we achieve seemingly impossible health care goals? The children's book Stone Soup, written by Marcia Brown, is used as a parable to illustrate that even starting from nothing, it is possible to achieve desired goals which can benefit the entire community, whether that community be limited to a rural township or inclusive

of the worldwide population; whether it is local or global. No does not always mean absolutely not, sometimes it just means not right now. Connecting the dots can draw the road map for success.

Re-thinking Rib Fractures in the Blunt Trauma Patient

Build strategies to improve clinical competence through the most current evidenced based practice treatment and management guidelines.

Trauma is Coming! Lessons Learned from Game of Thrones

If there is anything fans know about the Game of Thrones is that characters face physical and psychological trauma on a daily basis. Chaos surrounds them. As emergency room professionals, we thrive in chaotic situations to intervene and treat a spectrum of traumatic injuries. We may not be treating a burn from a dragon or dealing with multiple casualties from the Red Wedding but real-life injuries can mimic these scenarios. Trauma is coming and we must be ready with clinically relevant information to stop mortality from coming. "There is only one god, and his name is Death. And there is only one thing we say to death: Not today!"-Syrio Forel

Heading Down the Wrong Path: Trauma Cases That Surprised Us

This presentation discusses case-based scenarios of adult and pediatric trauma patients with changing physical exams during their work-up in the Emergency Department.

Applying Wilderness Medicine to Rural Emergency Department Care

ED nurses providing patient care in rural settings and in other austere or remote locations need to be adaptable, self-reliant, and possess a familiarity with a wide range of specialty areas. Wilderness medicine is an evolving medical specialty that involves the management of ill or injured patients when the time to definitive care is prolonged, with limited resources, or under austere conditions. Both the wilderness setting and rural healthcare environment require resourcefulness and creativity to be able to manage complex problems with only the items and personnel at hand. This presentation will explore the value of wilderness medicine training, protocols, and practice to rural (and other) emergency nurses.

Emergency and Trauma Medicine in Severely Austere Environments: Mosul

As world conflicts continue to develop and continued climate change creates ever increasing severe weather patterns, the need for rapid international medical response remains a key priority for international healthcare workers. The recent conflicts with the Islamic State in the Middle East drove home the need for humanitarian medicine and trauma response in conflict areas. The war in Iraq to retake the city of Mosul from ISIS displaced an estimated 700,000 civilians as well as thousands more who fled from surrounding areas. This 45-60 minute education session seeks to focus on the key aspects of Global Response Managements (GRM) operations: Pre-hospital trauma life support, hemorrhage control and austere medicine, infection control in austere environments and the way forward in humanitarian response and how application can be implemented in the United States.

Taking Concussion Care to the Next Level

This session will allow the attendee to understand current concussion definitions, testing, risks, and treatment methods. Attendees will learn how to assess current knowledge within their workplace and receive resources on how to improve outcomes for patients who present with a concussion.