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ADVANCED MEDICAL LIFE SUPPORT PROGRAM NAMES NEW POSITIONS

NAEMT Appoints Associate Medical Director, Member, Two New Coordinators

Clinton, Miss. — To help extend the reach of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT)'s Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) program to new communities and course sites, NAEMT has appointed a new associate medical director, a committee member and two new regional coordinators to the AMLS Committee.

David J. Hirsch, MD, was appointed associate medical director for the AMLS program. Hirsch is serving as a fellow in emergency medical services and disaster medicine at Boston Emergency Medical Services and is earning a master's degree in public health from Boston University School of Public Health. He currently works as an instructor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine, as an EMS physician for Boston Emergency Medical Services and as an attending physician at Quincy Medical Center in Quincy, Mass. He earned his medical degree from the University of Massachusetts Medical School and completed his residency in emergency medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. Hirsch has won several awards and honors for his work. "I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 11 years that I have been involved in EMS, first as an EMT and now as an EMS physician," says Hirsch. "I am excited for the opportunity to work with NAEMT to help develop the AMLS curriculum and to contribute to the continuing advancement of the field of EMS."

Anthony J. Brunello, RN, BS, TNS, PHRN, was appointed to the AMLS Committee in January. He is clinical leader of the cardiology service line at Provena St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, Ill. He trained at Bethesda Naval Hospital and served in the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman, where he worked both as an operating room technician and served with the U.S. Marines Third Medical Battalion, Third Force Service Support Group in Okinawa, Japan.

He has been active in EMS for more than 20 years and has worked as a registered nurse in the ER and in critical care units for 13 years. Brunello has taught EMS for the past 10 years and is a POC Firefighter III and PreHospital Registered Nurse in Grant Park, Ill.

Jeff Messerole of Iowa has been named AMLS program coordinator for the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee and Wisconsin. He has been an AMLS instructor since August 2000 and was recommended by the AMLS committee for this role. He has served as affiliate faculty for the program.

Jeri Smith of Kansas was appointed program coordinator for the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Nebraska, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. An AMLS instructor since September 2000 and recommended by the committee, she has served in the role of affiliate faculty.

Continuing in his role is **Brad Pierson**, an AMLS committee member, as coordinator for the states of Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia. He leads the AMLS regional coordinator team.

Also continuing in his role as medical director for AMLS is **Vincent N. Mosesso, Jr., MD, FACEP**, who has served in the position since September 2002. Mosesso has 25 years of experience in the field. He completed his medical degree and residency in emergency medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and served in a teaching fellowship at the Emergency Medicine Foundation, American College of Emergency Physicians. He currently is an associate professor at the Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Mosesso has won 18 awards for his work and has published more than 50 articles, textbook chapters and abstracts.

Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) is an education program of NAEMT. The program is endorsed by the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) and is for all levels of healthcare practitioners committed to providing quality care for patients in medical crisis. AMLS is the first course that offers a "think-outside-the-box" method of assessing and managing a patient in medical crisis.

About NAEMT

Formed in 1975 and today more than 25,000 members strong, NAEMT is the nation's only organization solely dedicated to representing the professional interests of EMS practitioners, including paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders and other professionals working in pre-hospital emergency medicine. NAEMT members work in all sectors of EMS, including government service agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, private companies, industrial and special operations settings, and in the military.

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