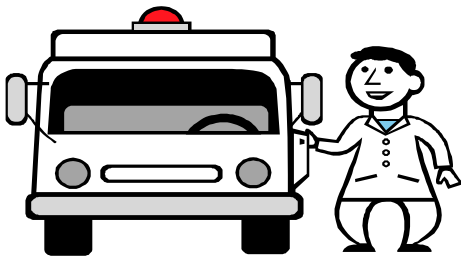




# EMS NEWS

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## 2004 Hero's Awards Banquet



**Friday May 14, 2004  
Sheraton Four Points Hotel  
1800-2300**

**Free to all EMS and  
Fire Dept. Personnel  
and guests.**



**RSVP by May 11.  
Call Donna 790-8378,  
Brigitte 714-0812, or  
Email Dr. Kotch at  
[kotchmd@myactv.net](mailto:kotchmd@myactv.net)**

## Par Excellence Implementation

Effective June 1, 2004, Washington County Hospital will be installing a new EMS supply station. This system will provide more room for additional supplies as well as better reporting capabilities.

The new Par Excellence system will replace the Pyxis system currently in use. An instruction sheet on operating the new system is included in the newsletter; please take a minute to review the information. At the point when you use the keypad located on the supply cabinet, the appropriate number has been given to your company.

The Patient Display Board and one of the cabinets are being installed in the EMS Area to provide you with an opportunity to see and review using the system prior to implementation. We strongly urge you to practice prior to June 1.

To help make this transition as painless as possible, we will be available on the following dates for you to stop by and take a look; it only takes about five minutes to review.

May 11	1000 – 1100
May 13	0900 – 1000
May 17	1500 – 1600
May 24	0800 – 0900
May 26	1300 – 1400

If you have any questions, please contact Donna at 301-790-8378 or via email at [dcarey@wchsys.org](mailto:dcarey@wchsys.org).

## EMAIS UPDATE

Thanks to all those providers who have sent us comments or suggestions for the system. MIEMSS has been working to reformat the report generated by the program in an effort to reduce its length. The vendor has been contracted to complete the new format, and it should be completed by June 1, 2004.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> the five counties participating in the pilot program will discontinue the use of the MAIS form and use only EMAIS for documentation. Allegany, Cecil, Dorchester, Garrett and Washington Counties have been completing two reports since they entered the pilot program. In addition to the new reporting system, the revised patient care refusal form will be introduced at that time. Organizations who have not received their new refusal forms should contact their county EMS Coordinator.

EMS providers who have not had EMAIS training or have not received their EMAIS password should contact their county EMS Coordinator ASAP. EMAIS reports from Washington County and the other pilot counties are being reviewed to identify any inconsistencies in the reporting process.

April and May will be used by the EMAIS staff to correct any issues that remain with the program and to develop the report writer. The EMAIS vendor has been asked to make a number of enhancements to the program, many at the request of jurisdictions participating in the pilot program. Also during that time period a training schedule for the rest of 2004 will be developed. Currently, MIEMSS has requests for three additional counties prepared to implement the EMAIS program.

If you have any questions or comments regarding EMAIS please contact Kathy Paez at [kpaez@miemss.org](mailto:kpaez@miemss.org) or (410) 706-7798.

Eric Chaney  
MIEMSS

# Par Excellence Instructions

## **How to use the system**

1. Remove the touch probe from the downloader
2. Touch the iButton associated with the company
3. Touch the keypad on the supply cabinet to key in the appropriate code

*Note: This number has been provided to your company.*

4. Touch the iTag for the item being dispensed
5. Replace the touch probe into the downloader



Remove The Touch Probe From The Downloader



Touch The iButton Associated With The Patient

## **How to dispense quantities greater than one**

1. Touch the iButton associated with the company
2. Touch the iTag associated with the item
3. Touch it a second time for two items, etc.

*Note: A "quantity board" is located near the supplies that has numbers from 1-10. To use:*

1. Touch the iButton associated with the company
2. Touch the iTag associated with the item
3. Touch the iButton with the desired quantity



Touch The iTag For The Item Being Dispensed

*Ex: to dispense a quantity of 12*

Touch the #10 and the #2 or

Touch the #8 and the #4 or

Touch the #6 and the #6

*Do not touch the #1 and the #2 or the system will translate this as a quantity of 3 not 12*

## **How to dispense numerous supplies to a single company**

1. Touch the iButton associated with the company
2. Touch the iTag for the first supply item
3. Touch the iTag for the next supply item... and so on

## **How to return an item not needed**

1. Touch the iButton associated with the company
2. Touch the "Credit" iButton on the Patient Display Board
3. Touch the iTag(s) of the item(s) being credited

*Note: The Credit iButton must be touched immediately after you touch the Company iButton and before you touch any iTags. It doesn't work any other way. Every iTag touched after you touched the Credit iButton will be credited.*

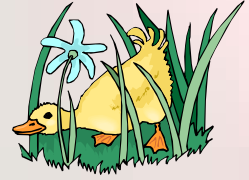
## **What to do if you make a mistake**

If you remove an item you don't want, you can touch the "Delete Last Item" iButton on the Quantity Board (after the number 10).

Touching the "Delete Patient All Items" will erase all of the items previously touched, but only for this event.

Make sure you make the corrections prior to dropping the Touch Probe in the Downloader. If you forget, remove the items through the Credit iButton as mentioned above.

## Stuff You Should Know About



### Capnography Supplies in Pyxis

The following supplies are now available as patient exchange in Pyxis.

- Capno cannula
- Capnography cap adult/pediatric
- Capnography cap infant/neonate

Contact Sharon at 301-790-8353 or Donna at 301-790-8378 to order your initial supply.

### Infant NaHCO<sub>3</sub> 4.2%

Infant Sodium Bicarbonate is no longer carried in Washington County and should be removed from your drug boxes.

Please return all supplies to the EMS Support Program office.

### Emergency Department Par Excellence

If you need to obtain supplies from the ED Par Excellence, make sure that you have an ED staff member get your supplies.

Prehospital should not access that room and remove supplies on your own.

### **From The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Child Safety Seats Reusable After Minor Crash**

Following a review of research on child safety seat performance, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration revised its advice to allow reuse of the seats following a minor crash.

The agency continues to recommend parents and caregivers check with the child seat manufacturer with regard to performance, operation and installation of their child restraint. However, NHTSA also recognizes that minor crashes are unlikely to affect child seat performance. Further, the agency is concerned that advising replacement of a child safety seat after a minor crash creates a financial burden on some parents and could lead to parents or caregivers using no restraint system while seeking replacement.





A minor crash is one in which:



- A visual inspection of the child safety seat, including inspection under any easily moveable seat padding, does not reveal any cracks or deformation that might have been caused by the crash.
- The vehicle in which the child safety seat was installed was drivable from the scene of the crash.
- No vehicle occupants were injured in the crash.
- The air bags did not deploy.

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EMS/Trauma Manager*

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