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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EDUCATION & INJURY PREVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIR



A heartfelt thank you to the incredible Planning Committee for the time, dedication, and hard work that went into making CATRAC's Education Symposium a success. Your commitment to creating a meaningful and engaging educational experience is truly appreciated. We would also like to thank everyone who attended the

symposium and contributed through your participation, enthusiasm, and commitment to learning. It was wonderful to come together, share knowledge, exchange ideas, and strengthen our connections. Thank you all for being an important part of a successful CATRAC Education Symposium!

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EVENT OVERVIEW



Through dynamic presentations, interactive sessions, and hands-on simulation, today we will explore current challenges, emerging solutions, and best practices that strengthen the continuum of care from prehospital to hospital and beyond.

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EDUCATION

High-quality sessions designed for EMS, hospital, and healthcare workers.



INNOVATION

Explore new ideas, strategies, and solutions to advance patient care.



COLLABORATION

Connect with peers and partners across the emergency healthcare continuum.



SIMULATION

Experience a pediatric simulation that demonstrates the continuum of care.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



TIME	WHAT'S HAPPENING	DETAILS
7:30 - 8:30	Registration	Check-in and Exhibit Hall
8:00 - 8:15	Opening Session	Welcome Remarks
8:25 - 12:35	Breakout sessions	Concurrent Hospital and Prehospital Learning Tracks
12:35 - 1:35	Lunch/Exhibit Hall	Lunch and Exhibit Hall
1:35 - 3:35	Simulation & Round Table	Continuum-of-Care Simulation
3:35 - 4:00	Closing Session	Closing Remarks and Symposium Wrap-Up



PREHOSPITAL TRACK

Prehospital Education Sessions



SESSION 1



8:25 – 9:15

DR. RAEEDA GHEEWALA

EMS Role in Heat Safety & Kidney Health: Recognition, Response, and Prevention of Exertional Heat Stroke

As extreme heat becomes more common across Texas, this session will help EMS providers distinguish exertional heat stroke from exercise-associated hyponatremia and review evidence-based prehospital assessment and treatment strategies.

SESSION 2



9:25 – 10:15

DR. MUHAMMAD AHAD NABIL

Pre-Hospital Cardiovascular Emergencies: Recognition & Early Management

This session will review the prehospital evaluation of cardiovascular emergencies, focusing on varied presentations, early recognition, and initial management.

SESSION 3



10:45 – 11:35

MIKE VERKEST

Pilot to Practice: Implementing a System-Wide EMS POCUS Program with Butterfly Ultrasound

This session will explore the development and implementation of an EMS POCUS program, including provider training, quality assurance, image management, and practical applications in the field.

SESSION 4



11:45 – 12:35

CHIEF RICK MARICLE

Ouchie Boo Boos: Digital Nerve Block for EMS

This session will explore digital nerve blocks as an effective, non-opioid option for managing finger and toe injuries, including technique, benefits, and prehospital implementation.

All Prehospital sessions will be held in Lil Tex Auditorium

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHTS



Dr. Raeeda Gheewala
Sports Nephrologist

Dr. Raeeda Gheewala, MD, is a board-certified nephrologist specializing in sports nephrology, with expertise in hydration, heat illness, rhabdomyolysis, and acute kidney injury. Her work focuses on translating renal physiology into practical strategies to improve athlete safety, heat preparedness, and prevention of exercise-related kidney injury.

Dr. Muhammad Ahad Nabil
Baylor Scott & White

Dr. M. Ahad Nabil is a non-invasive cardiologist specializing in preventive cardiology, cardiovascular imaging, and arrhythmia management. He is also actively involved in clinical education and evidence-based cardiovascular care.



Mike Verkest
Fort Worth Office of Medical Director

Mike Verkest is the Clinical Practice Coordinator for Critical Care and Mobile Integrated Health with the Fort Worth Office of the Medical Director. With over 30 years in EMS, his work focuses on education, protocol development, quality improvement, and integrating advanced tools such as whole blood and point-of-care ultrasound into prehospital care.



Chief Rick Maricle
Hays County ESD 9

Rick serves as Clinical Chief of Hays County ESD 9 EMS and as a part-time flight paramedic with Methodist Air Care. He is also involved with the Heavy Lies the Helmet podcast and Crash & Learn Critical Care Conference and advocates for operational canine care through NAVEMS.





HOSPITAL TRACK

Hospital Education Sessions



SESSION 1



8:25 – 9:15

LAURA BAUZON, KAMI STONE, & DR. REBECCA FLOYD **Rapid Implementation Of Failure Mode And Effects Analysis (FMEA) In Opening A New Pediatric Trauma Program**

This session will explore how simulation-based FMEA can identify safety risks, strengthen pediatric trauma readiness, and support quality improvement through proactive system evaluation and collaboration.

SESSION 2



9:25 – 10:15

DR. JAMIE CLEMONS, DNP, RN, CEN **OB Beyond Labor & Delivery**

This session will explore how simulation-based training can strengthen emergency nurses' confidence and preparedness for unexpected deliveries and obstetric emergencies, improving readiness and care for mothers and newborns.

SESSION 3



10:45 – 11:35

CAITLIN CURRER **Geriatric Trauma: A Unique Patient Population**

Geriatric trauma presents unique challenges for emergency healthcare providers. This session will review common injuries in older adults, explore how signs and symptoms may differ from other patient populations, and highlight the importance of injury prevention and patient education.

SESSION 4



11:45 – 12:35

SARAH ANDREWS **One Team, One Goal: EMS and Hospital Partnerships Through Teleneurology**

This session will explore how EMS, hospital partnerships, and teleneurology can improve access to timely neurologic care, strengthen stroke systems, and reduce geographic disparities.

All Hospital sessions will be held in Big Tex auditorium

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHTS



Laura Bauzon, MSN, RN, CCRN, CPEN **Texas Children's Hospital**

Laura Bauzon, MSN, RN, CCRN, CPEN, is the Trauma Program Manager at Texas Children's Hospital North Austin with 18 years of pediatric nursing experience. Her work focuses on pediatric trauma care, nursing education, performance improvement, and injury prevention.

Kami Stone, MSN, RN, CMTE, NE-BC **Texas Children's Hospital**

Kami Stone, MSN, RN, CMTE, NE-BC, is the Clinical Director for the Emergency Center, Transport Services, and Trauma Program at Texas Children's Hospital North Austin. Her work focuses on pediatric emergency and transport medicine, program development, quality improvement, and operational excellence.



Dr. Rebecca Floyed **Texas Children's Hospital**

Dr. Rebecca Floyed is a pediatric emergency medicine physician specializing in simulation-based education and pediatric readiness. As Simulation Director at Texas Children's Hospital in Austin, her work focuses on interdisciplinary training, patient safety, and system-wide quality improvement to improve outcomes for critically ill and injured children.



SPEAKER SPOTLIGHTS

Dr. Jamie Clemons, DNP, RN, CEN **Baylor Scott & White Health**

Jamie Clemons, DNP, RN, CEN, is a nurse leader with over a decade of experience in emergency nursing and healthcare leadership. Her work focuses on improving patient safety, clinical triage, and emergency obstetric preparedness through simulation-based training.



Caitlin Curren, RN **St. David's South Austin Medical**

Caitlin started her career at St. David's South Austin Medical Center in 2009 as a respiratory therapist. In 2017, she passed the NCLEX and began her nursing career in the ICU. After 15 years of bedside healthcare experience, she transitioned to the Trauma Department. She now serves as the Injury Prevention Coordinator at St. David's South Austin Medical Center, a Level II Trauma Center.



Sarah Andrews **Ascension**

Sarah Andrews, DNP, APRN, is an advanced practice nurse and clinical leader with extensive experience in stroke and neuroscience care, program development, and quality improvement. She currently serves as the CATRAC Stroke Workgroup Chair and as a member of the GETAC Stroke Committee.





PEDIATRIC SIMULATION EXPERIENCE

1:35 PM - 3:35 PM

Continuum of Care Simulation: From Field to Hospital

Prehospital Faculty:

- Chief Rick Maricle
- Chief Phillip Barquer
- Dr. Kate Remick

Hospital Faculty:

- Dr. Rebecca Floyed
- Marlina Kendrick
- Vanessa Phillips

CONTINUUM OF CARE



EMS RESPONSE

Scene assessment and initial patient care.



PATIENT ASSESSMENT

Ongoing assessment and treatment in the field.



TRANSPORT

En route monitoring and interventions.



ED HANDOFF

Transfer of care and communication



HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT

Ongoing evaluation and treatment in the ED.



FACILITATED DISCUSSION

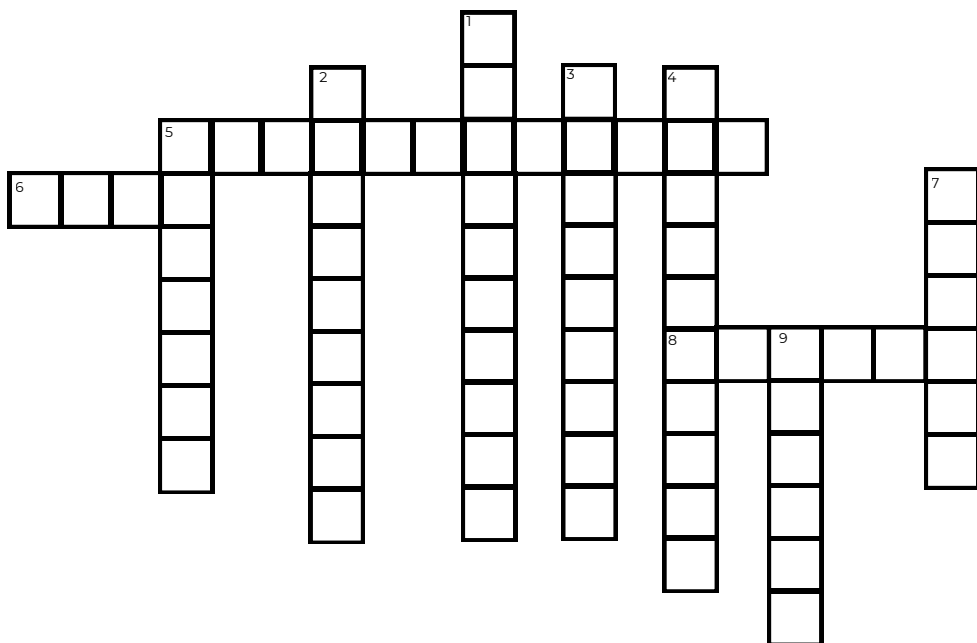
Team debrief and key takeaways.

PUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO THE TEST



Use what you've learned today to complete the puzzle.

The first five people to successfully complete the puzzle will win a ticket to the 2027 CATRAC Education Symposium!



ACROSS

5. Exercise-associated condition contrasted with heat stroke
6. Four-letter analysis to identify safety risks
8. City hosting the 2026 Education Symposium

DOWN

1. Imaging technology being integrated into EMS practice.
2. Complete the phrase: _____ of Care
3. Patient population featured in the afternoon simulation
4. Hands-on training used to test systems and readiness
5. Transfer of care and communication from EMS to the ED
7. Organ central to Dr. Gheewala's heat-safety presentation
9. Neurologic emergency highlighted in the teleneurology session

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