

EPIC eNews

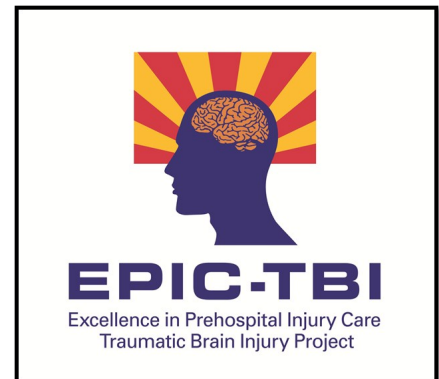
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Welcome to the EPIC eNewsletter!
The EPIC eNews will keep you up to date.

Event Highlights

- On February 22, 2012, training for the EPIC Project began with a Master Training Session (Train the Trainer) hosted by the EPIC Education team. Master Trainers were selected to disseminate and train the Arizona EMS system on the EPIC Project.
- We are proud that the EPIC team and EPIC Master Trainers have trained 1,074 EMS personnel in Arizona. Our goal is to train the entire EMS community of approximately 18,000 EMS providers by the end of 2012.
- To get your agency involved with the EPIC Project: in the Greater Phoenix area contact John Tobin at johntobin@email.arizona.edu or 602-721-8645. Outside of the Greater Phoenix area contact: Amy Boise at aboise@email.arizona.edu or 602-369-6271 or visit us online at www.epic.arizona.edu to learn more about how your agency can become EPIC Certified.



TBI Clinical Pearls

- ♦ The EMT-V (the person providing ventilation) – compare this key person to the "compressor" in "Minimally Interrupted Cardiac Resuscitation" (MICR) or Cardiocerebral Resuscitation (CCR). This provider has **the most important** job and must be very focused on administering the appropriate number and volume of ventilations to increase the chance of survival and good neurological outcome. Remember, the EMT-V concept will benefit any intubated patient, not just TBI patients.
- ♦ Exercise **extreme caution** with administration of drugs that can potentially lower blood pressure (i.e., opiates, benzodiazepines) when caring for TBI victims as hypotension can dramatically worsen outcome.

*"Whoever saves a life, it is considered as
if he saved an entire world."*

-The Talmud

EPIC Certified Agencies

In February 2012, agencies had the opportunity to become EPIC Certified by completing TBI Data submission and training 85% of their providers. Most agencies have enlisted Master Trainers in their agency (or in rural areas have used surrounding area Master Trainer's) to complete the task of training providers.

Congratulations to the following EPIC Certified agencies:

- ◆ Avondale Fire Department
- ◆ Goodyear Fire Department
- ◆ Highlands Fire District
- ◆ LifeNet – Southern Arizona
- ◆ Northwest Fire District
- ◆ Rio Rico Fire District
- ◆ Rural/Metro Corp. (Maricopa) CON 109
- ◆ Rural/Metro Corp. (Pima) CON 55
- ◆ Rural/Metro Corp. (Pinal) CON 87
- ◆ Rural/Metro Corp. (Yuma) CON 65
- ◆ Rural/Metro Fire Department (Pima County)
- ◆ Southwest Ambulance of Safford CON 63
- ◆ Southwest Ambulance of Tucson, Inc. CON 54
- ◆ Sun City West Fire Department
- ◆ Tanque Verde Valley Fire District
- ◆ Tolleson Fire Department
- ◆ Tubac Fire District



We are grateful to the EMS providers in Arizona who are working hard to save lives from Traumatic Brain Injury in Arizona.

Please see www.epic.arizona.edu for updates on the EPIC Project and all training and certification opportunities.



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