Welcome to March issue of the Prehospital Emergency Services Current Awareness Update.

The aim of this Current Awareness Update is to provide a digest of information supporting evidence based practice in prehospital emergency services. Access to resources from open access and NICE Evidence Search journals are freely available to Ambulance Trust staff. A number may be only available via your local Library services, where they exist.

Welcome to the March edition

New NARSG Website
Back issues of PESCAU is now available to download from the new NARSG website. Visit the site from [http://narsg.uk/](http://narsg.uk/). Look up the menu for Prehospital Research Updates.

Changes to NICE Evidence Search
Evidence search [http://www.evidence.nhs.uk](http://www.evidence.nhs.uk) has been a work in progress for the last few months. It is now in a steady state with updated instructional videos on YouTube. You can view the videos here [https://www.nice.org.uk/about/nice-communities/library-and-knowledge-services-staff/training-materials](https://www.nice.org.uk/about/nice-communities/library-and-knowledge-services-staff/training-materials). Access to NICE Evidence Search requires an Open Athens account.

TRIP Pro Database
TRIP Pro [https://www.tripdatabase.com](https://www.tripdatabase.com) is available to NHS staff. Check with your local Library service for details. TRIP has recently released new features:

1) Answer Engine: giving instant answers to common clinical questions;
2) SmartSearch: new tool to help ensure you don’t miss any key articles;
3) Search Suggestions: an easy way to refine your search to ensure focused results.

Matt Holland, March 2017.
Different ways to access the update

If you are reading this then you are already using the pdf/Word version of the Update. There are alternative social media routes you could try.

Twitter

Follow @NWASLibrary or go to https://twitter.com/NWASLibrary. The NWAS LKS Twitter account Tweets the latest relevant research for Paramedic Practice as it’s published from scholarly/academic journals. If you don’t want to subscribe just search for #NWASLKSParamedic

Online Bibliography

All this month’s articles included here are available through the Mendeley Group Prehospital Emergency Care Current Awareness Current. Click through to see the Abstracts with links to sources of full text.

Last month’s and all previous month’s articles are available from the backfile. This means that information about articles in in past updates is always available.

Pinboards and RSS

Articles are posted daily to a web based pinboard created using Sparrho. The Paramedic Practice pinboard is updated daily.

The RSS feeds that are used to create this update are also available online via Feedly. Click through to see the RSS feeds.

Feedback to

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The following research papers have been published in the last couple of months.

- Papers listed as Open Access are freely available in full text from the link provided.
- All other papers will require you to log in with an NHS Open Athens User Name and Password to obtain the full text. These links take you to the abstract initially. To read the whole paper, choose either ‘full text’ or ‘pdf’ from the options on the abstract page. The full text option will present the article as a single webpage, the pdf option will open as a digital copy of the original paper. Selecting either will open a page with the following link for you to enter your Athens username and password;

To create your own Athens username and password, simply visit: https://openathens.nice.org.uk/

- Where papers are not available either through Open Access or with your NHS Open Athens you may be able to get access through your own Library Service if you have one, or University, if you are registered on a course.

The research papers have been arranged by the topic headings below: (Ctrl & Click on the heading to go straight to that section)

- Prehospital Practitioners – Professional Development
- Prehospital Research – Methods and Discussion
- Diagnosis & Triage
- Patient Profile
- Helicopter Emergency Medical Services
- On-Scene Interventions
- Airway Management, Resuscitation & CPR

You can find the complete archive of the .pdf version of Prehospital Emergency Services Current Awareness Update at the link below.


Lim, D. & Hou, Xiang-Yu, & Tippett, V., 2016. Teaching epidemiology to undergraduate paramedics. *Australasian Epidemiologist*, 23(1). Available at:


**Prehospital Research – Methods and Discussion**


**Open Access@**

**Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS)**


**Diagnosis and Triage**


**Patient Profile**


Jones, C.M.C. et al., 2017. The Effect of Older Age on EMS Use for Transportation to an Emergency Department. Prehospital and Disaster Medicine, pp.1–8. Available at: https://www.cambridge.org/core/product/identifier/S1049023X17000036/type/journal_article [Accessed March 3, 2017]. Check with your local Library Service provider.


**On-Scene Interventions**


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