

Medical Transport Educator's SIG

New Leadership begins at the 2005 AMTC Conference.

Our History...

First conceptualized at the AAMS Spring Conference in Washington, DC, April 2004, the special interest group (SIG) proposal was presented to the AAMS Board in June 2004. The Board approved this SIG, and a steering committee was formed in August 2004. The Steering Committee would consist of various clinical educators from transport programs across the United States. The first meeting of the Medical Transport Educator's SIG was held at the AMTC in Cincinnati, October 2004.

Our Past Chair...

Steve Johnson, Program Director for Riley Critical Care Transport Team in Indiana, served as Committee Chair in 2004. Steve's vision for the group was to "assist in moving education forward." "The critical care transport industry is a unique arena that involves meeting the educational needs and credentialing of many different health care providers in close proximity."

A Look to the Future...

Ms. Alex Markwell, RN, MBA, CEN, EMT-P will serve as the 2005/2006 Chair. Ms. Renee S. Holleran, RN, PhD, CEN, CCRN, CFRN will be Co-chair of the SIG.

Alex is a Clinical Manager with LIFELINE Critical Care Transport in Indianapolis Indiana. "It is a distinct honor to assume this position from Steve Johnson, Program Director for Riley Critical Care Transport Team in Indiana. Steve has been instrumental in developing the foundation for which this group will continue forward."

Alex originally hails from New England – Massachusetts to be exact. She has been a nurse for 17 years, with the last 10 years being in the transport arena: first with LIFE STAR in Hartford, CT and currently with LIFELINE Critical Care Transport.

"My passion in the industry lies with education. The unique role of transport personnel as a functional extension of the hospital's emergency and critical-care services, makes this an autonomous, responsible, and independent decision-making position (Bader, 1995). The initial orientation process should provide a solid foundation and objectively identify when the individual is able to assume the unique role of a transport practitioner. Ongoing reflective practice, continuing education, and exemplary communication and interpersonal skills are essential to the success of the transport specialist and the team

with which he or she works. In transport, the customers, patients, coworkers, and employers must all be satisfied.”

Renee is the Nurse Manager for Adult Transport Services, IHC Life Flight in Salt Lake City Utah. She is also a long-time member of the CAMTS Board and author of the Educational Matrix in the Standards. Renee “hopes that the SIG will help in identifying the competencies needed for transport and the educational resources available to obtain and maintain them.”

The original purpose of the Medical Transport Educator’s Special Interest Group was “to assist in moving transport education forward. The SIG will allow a forum for exchange of information. A "think tank" group to explore new educational strategies and interface with outside educational organizations to enhance our education foundation, as well as to develop other ideas related to critical care transport education.”

As we begin the next phase of the AAMS Medical Transport Education SIG, please feel free to express ideas, issues, or concerns that are important to you. The SIG looks forward to hearing from the members. We are your voice to the AAMS Education Committee, and the industry. We are here to speak on your behalf.

The SIG is also pleased to announce the opening of our very own WEB site. Please take this opportunity to browse the site at <http://hsc.unm.edu/som/Programs/MTE/>. The WEB site is under construction but will soon contain information pertinent to our group. This Site is hosted by the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. Our most Sincere Thanks!

Regardless of your reasons for joining the AAMS Medical Transport Educators SIG, we are happy to have you. Welcome! We look forward to meeting you at the 2005 Air Medical Transport Conference in Austin, Texas.

Be safe.

Respectfully,

Ms. Alex Markwell, RN, BSN, MBA, CEN, EMT-P

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