

Critical Care Transport Symposium held in Baltimore

The First Annual Critical Care Transport Symposium was sponsored by the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) on May 5-7, 2007 in Baltimore, Maryland. The symposium was developed to provide continuing education opportunities to veteran, as well as, less experienced providers currently involved in critical care transport medicine and was a natural extension of the critical care courses offered by the Professional and Continuing Education (PACE) division of the Emergency Health Services Department.

PACE currently offers CCEMTPsm, a two-week course for health care professionals desiring to begin a career in critical care transport or who are new to the field – or for those that have been doing transports for years and just need a “refresher”. The other course offered, PNCCTsm, is nine-days long and specifically designed to address neonatal and pediatric critical care. Both courses are taught throughout the United States and will soon be offered internationally. Greater than 6,500 students have attended these courses offered by UMBC.

The Critical Care Transport Symposium grew out of a need to provide continuing education for critical care providers involved in both air and ground transport systems. It was designed to address new and/or existing technologies and enhanced treatment modalities that could better assist critical care providers in delivering improved care to their patients. The Symposium allowed the opportunity to network and interact with

the faculty and fellow students not possible during the structured “certification” courses.

An extremely diverse group of speakers were recruited from throughout the United States and offered a variety of presentations on the care of both the adult and pediatric patient. Over 60 nurses, EMS providers, and physicians attended this 3-day event. Vendors were present displaying devices and equipment used during the transport of critically ill and injured patients.

UMBC is currently planning their next Critical Care Transport Symposium to be held in Baltimore, Maryland on May 17-19, 2008. For additional information you may visit their website at <http://ehs.umbc.edu/ce> and look for Critical Care Transport Symposium link.

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