

EMS AGENDA 2050

A People-Centered Vision



In 2050, EMS systems are designed to provide the best possible outcomes for patients and communities—every day and during major disasters. They collaborate with community partners and are integral to regional systems of care that are data-driven, evidence-based and safe. EMS clinicians have access to the resources they need, including up-to-date technology and training. **To achieve this vision, EMS systems in 2050 will be designed around six guiding principles.**

ADAPTABLE AND INNOVATIVE

Technologies, system designs, educational programs and other aspects of EMS systems are continuously evaluated in order to meet the evolving needs of people and communities. Innovative individuals and organizations are encouraged to test ideas in a safe and systematic way and to implement effective new programs.

INHERENTLY SAFE AND EFFECTIVE

The entire EMS system is designed to be inherently safe in order to minimize exposure of people to injury, infections, illness or stress. Decisions are made with the safety of patients, their families, clinicians and the public as a priority. Clinical care and operations are based on the best available evidence, allowing systems to deliver effective service that focuses on outcomes determined by the entire community, including the individuals receiving care.

SUSTAINABLE AND EFFICIENT

EMS systems across the country have the resources they require to provide care in a fiscally responsible, sustainable framework that appropriately compensates clinicians. Efficient EMS systems provide value to the community, minimize waste and operate with transparency and accountability.



INTEGRATED AND SEAMLESS

Healthcare systems, including EMS, are fully integrated. Additionally, local EMS services collaborate frequently with community partners, including public safety agencies, public health, social services and public works. Communication and coordination across the care continuum are seamless, leaving people with a feeling that one system, comprising many integrated parts, is caring for them and their families.

SOCIALLY EQUITABLE

Access to care, quality of care and outcomes are not determined by age, socioeconomic status, gender, ethnicity, geography or other social determinants. Caregivers feel confident and prepared when caring for children, people who speak different languages, persons with disabilities or other populations that they may not interact with frequently.

RELIABLE AND PREPARED

EMS care is consistent, compassionate and guided by evidence—no matter when or where it is needed or who is providing the care. EMS systems are prepared for anything by being scalable and able to respond to fluctuations in day-to-day demand, as well as major events, both planned and unplanned.

THE FUTURE STARTS NOW ▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶

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