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**Tinley Park Convention Center**  
**October 29, 2010**

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**Tinley Park, IL 60477**  
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## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

# **REGION VII ALL HAZARDS TRAUMA/EMS SYMPOSIUM**

**OCTOBER 29, 2010**  
**HOLIDAY INN CONVENTION CENTER, TINLEY PARK, IL**

**7:00 AM TO 8:15 AM**

Registration and Breakfast  
Welcome and Introductions  
**Gary Merlotti, MD**

**8:15 AM TO 9:15 AM**

**Amy Freeze, BA, BS, MS**  
*Midwest Weather Emergencies*

**9:15 AM TO 10:05 AM**

**Norman E. McSwain, Jr., MD, FACS**  
*Kinematics of Trauma*

**10:05 AM TO 10:35 AM - BREAK**

**10:35 AM TO 11:25 AM - BREAK OUT SESSIONS**

**PARIS ROOM**

**Michelle L. Reitan, BS**  
*2009 Red River Flood, Fargo, ND - MeritCare Hospital Evacuation*

**LONDON ROOM**

**David Milen, PhD, MPH**  
**Traci Foster, RN**  
*Chaos, Multiplicity...then Triage*

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## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

**11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM**

Lunch

**12:30 PM TO 1:30 PM**

Jeffrey S. Upperman, MD  
*Preparing for Children in Disasters*

**1:30 PM TO 2:30 PM**

Anthony A. Lukin, PhD  
*The War on Terrorism: A New Paradigm for Emergency Services Planning and Response*

**2:30 PM TO 2:50 PM - BREAK**

**2:50 PM TO 3:40 PM - BREAK OUT SESSIONS**

**PARIS ROOM**

Peter Lazzara, BS, EMT-P  
*What's the Drama, It's Only Trauma*

**LONDON ROOM**

Bernard J. Heilicser, DO, MS, FACEP, FACOEP  
*Reflections on the Emergency Medical Response to the Earthquake in Haiti:  
Lessons Learned*

**3:40 PM - 4:00 PM**

Evaluations and CE



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## SPEAKERS

### **Traci Foster, RN**

Employed with St. Margaret Mercy since 1998 and has worked as a supervisor in IMCU, worked in PICU, and has assisted with Clinical Informatics. She has been instrumental in establishing and managing a 16-bed Post Surgical Unit, assisted in preparations for a Medical Surgical Telemetry Unit, and currently supervises and manages both a General Medical Pediatric (19 adult and 5 pediatric beds) and Post Surgical Unit on different floors. Traci assisted in the evacuation of 67 patients from St. Margaret Mercy Hospital (Dyer, IN) in August 2007 during torrential rains and flooding that struck the Northwest Indiana Region. She is a graduate of Purdue University Calumet and holds an Associate's Degree in nursing. She is currently pursuing her Bachelor's in nursing and served on numerous committees with St. Margaret Mercy Hospital. Traci has also been published both nationally and internationally regarding health care reform economic issues and hospital training challenges that face community stakeholders. Her most recent accomplishment was presenting in Washington DC at the Joint Commission Conference on Emergency Preparedness.

### **Amy Freeze, Chief Meteorologist at FOX Chicago News**

Amy is one of a few women in the world with a Certified Broadcast Meteorologist accreditation from the American Meteorological Society. Freeze has Seals of Approval from both the AMS and the National Weather Association. Freeze has a Master Degree from University of Pennsylvania in Environmental Science. She is a three-time Emmy winner for Best Weathercaster, Outstanding Host and the weather special "Surviving Severe Weather." Beyond forecasting, Freeze has covered movies and entertainment, reported on the Olympic Games in Salt Lake and Atlanta, and was the first female sideline reporter for Major League Soccer. She currently has the assignment of reporting on-field weather conditions for the Chicago Bears and was featured on Monday Night Football for her "freezing" report of the coldest kickoff ever at Soldier Field in 2008. Freeze was born in Utah, raised in southern Indiana, and she has lived in seven states. She is the mother of four children. And oh yes, it's her real last name!

### **Bernard Heilicser, DO, MS, FACEP, FACOEP**

Bernie graduated from the Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and has an M.S. in Neuroanatomy from the Hahnemann Medical College. He completed a Fellowship in Clinical Medical Ethics at the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago Medical Center. Bernie is a practicing emergency physician at Ingalls Hospital in Harvey, Illinois, and Medical Director of the South Cook County EMS system. He is a Deputy Medical Director and Deputy Commander of the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team. He is the Lead Physician and a Medical Manager of the Illinois Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue Team. He has been an active volunteer fireman for 30 years. Bernie is the Director of the Medical Ethics Program at Ingalls, and Chairperson of the Hospital Ethics Committee. He is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physician Ethics Committee. He has been fortunate to publish and to lecture nationally on emergency medicine, EMS and medical ethics issues.

### **Peter Lazzara, BS, EMT-P**

A Chicago native, Pete graduated from Northeastern Illinois University in 1979 with a degree in education, and began teaching and coaching at Gordon Technical High School, then the largest all-boys Catholic High School in the country. While teaching, Pete completed Loyola University Medical Center's Paramedic program and the following fall, accepted a position with Paramedic Services of Illinois as a Firefighter/Paramedic and began serving in that role for several area Fire Departments. In 1990, Pete accepted a position with the Chicago Fire Department as a Fire Paramedic, rising to his current rank of Ambulance Commander. While working for the Chicago Fire Department, Pete has been awarded several department commendations and in 1997 was awarded the West Suburban Hospital's "Paramedic of the Year" award. Pete has also worked at the Loyola University Medical Center as an EMS instructor and received further training to serve as a Flight Medic with their air medical helicopter program "LifeStar." Pete was hired in 1997 to be the first Emergency Medical Services Coordinator at Children's Memorial Hospital where he received the Illinois Department of Public Health's Ron W. Lee, MD Memorial Award for "Excellence in Pediatric Care", as well as the Illinois Department of Child and Family Service's "Program Excellence Award." In his current assignment for the Chicago Fire Department, Pete has worked with city officials to develop the Midwest's first state-of-the-art Fire/EMS training simulation laboratory to enhance emergency response skills of current and new paramedics. In addition, Pete is the founder and President of EMSed, an educational company specializing in Emergency Medical Services educational concepts. He is a nationally recognized EMS speaker and annually presents at EMS conferences nationwide.

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## SPEAKERS

### **Anthony A. Lukin, PhD**

Dr. Anthony A. Lukin is a recognized authority on terrorism, "Fourth Generation Warfare," and many other criminal justice/security related issues. He has over forty-five years of experience in law enforcement and intelligence operations. He has much expertise in the gathering and analyzing of intelligence, and is an instructor on Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence at the California Specialized Training Institute, the training arm of the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA), formerly the California State Office of Homeland Security. In addition, Dr. Lukin is President of Lukin and Associates, Inc., an international consulting and training consortium that specializes in criminal justice and security matters. Some of their recent clients include, the United States Department of Justice, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Government of the Virgin Islands, the Washington District of Columbia Office of Emergency Preparedness, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Justice Institute of British Columbia, the United States Air Force, and the United States Department of Defense.

### **Norman E. McSwain, Jr., MD, FACS**

Born in the hill country of Northern Alabama, half hillbilly and half redneck. He finished high school at Albertville High, went to college at The University of The South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Since a Cub Scout he knew that he wanted to be a physician and a surgeon. He chose to return to Alabama at the University of Alabama, School of Medicine to learn medicine under Dr. Tinsley Harrison (of Harrison's Textbook of Medicine fame) and Dr. Champ Lyons, in Surgery. Following graduation, he completed two years of surgical training at Bowman-Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, then joined the Air Force (Berry Plan) and under the tutelage of Dr. Kermit Vandenbos performed more than a thousand surgical procedures before he went to Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta to finish his initial education as a surgeon. He acquired more education about true patient care as a partner in private practice with Dr. Harrison Rogers (who later became President of the American Medical Association) for three years in Atlanta before he joined the clinical and academic faculty at the University of Kansas in Kansas City. While at the KUMC, he was given the responsibility of EMS education and system development for the State of Kansas. When he was recruited four years later to Tulane University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, and Charity Hospital, he left behind 90% of the population of Kansas covered by paramedic quality care within ten minutes and one out of every five hundred Kansans (including the entire Kansas Highway Patrol) trained as an EMT- basic. He joined the academic and clinical faculty at Tulane, but his main interest was in Charity Hospital and pre-hospital patient care. He came to New Orleans because he considered Charity Hospital to be one of the three most important trauma centers in the United States. After arriving in New Orleans and along with his work at Charity Hospital, he was recruited by the City of New Orleans to develop an EMS system for the city. He initiated both the EMT-Basic and EMT-Paramedic training within the New Orleans Police Department and a Citywide EMS System. During this time he was recruited to the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma to assist in the development of the Advanced Trauma Life Support program. To fill the gap in the trauma team he worked with the ACS/COT and the National Association of EMTs to develop the Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support program. Today, PHTLS has trained over half a million people in 45 countries. It is considered to be the world standard for pre-hospital trauma care. He has worked with the military and the Department of Defense to develop the Tactical Combat Casualty Care program for military medics. Dr. McSwain is the only person in the history of the American College of Surgeons to receive all five of the major trauma awards:

- Committee on Trauma, Meritorious Achievement Award for State/Provincial Chairs, 2001
  - Scudder Orator, 2001 • Committee on Trauma Millennium Commitment Award, 2000
  - Surgeon's Award for Service to Safety, National Safety Council, 1998
  - Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Meritorious Service Award, Committee on Trauma, 1989
- For the past 30 years, he has provided care to severely injured police officers at Charity Hospital and while at Tulane, he has written or revised more than 25 textbooks, published more than 360 articles and traveled throughout the world giving more than 800 presentations. He has lectured in all of the 50 states, all provinces in Canada, most of the countries in Europe, most of the countries in Central America, and the upper part of South America. Japan, China, Australia, and New Zealand have also been places to which he has been invited to give lectures. The major factors in these accomplishments have been the opportunity to see and care for patients and to learn and teach at Charity Hospital. Charity Hospital, until Hurricane Katrina, was considered by most to be one of the five top trauma centers in the United States. Charity Hospital continues to train medical students, residents and fellows in the skills and knowledge required to manage severely injured patients.

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## SPEAKERS

### **David Milen, PhD**

Currently the Bioterrorism/Disaster Preparedness Coordinator for the Sisters of Saint Francis Health Services, Saint Margaret Mercy Hospitals. David is a former 10-year veteran firefighter, training officer, and emergency preparedness coordinator of the Hammond Fire Department located in Indiana. He has established training protocols and participated in two disaster management planning and developments for the local communities. Upon receiving his BA from Northern Illinois University, he pursued his Master's degree in occupational safety management (MS, 2002). In May 2005 he received his second Master's degree in public health (MSPH) and his PhD in public and community health. He is also bilingual in Spanish. He assisted in the evacuation of St. Margaret Mercy Hospital (Dyer, IN.) in August 2007. Approximately 67 patients were evacuated and a response of 66 units came from both Indiana and Illinois during the evacuation. Since 2007, Hospital Incident Command System training (HICS), evacuation teams, coalition formations, disaster preparedness committees, and community preparedness have been the foci at both hospitals under his direction. David is also part-time faculty in the School of Public Policy and Administration at Walden University where he also instructs Doctoral and Master's level students in public safety, terrorism, and leadership. David spoke at Harvard University's School of Medicine in May 2009 and has published and spoken internationally, and presented bilingually regarding disaster preparedness, bioterrorism, and emergency management issues.

### **Michelle Reitan, HPC, EMS**

Michelle has 24 ½ years of experience with the military prior to her hire by MeritCare Health System in December 2008. She was assigned full time as the Emergency Manager for the North Dakota Air National Guard from 1999-2008 and retired as an E-8. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Mary in business management. Her accomplishments include developing a premiere HAZMAT training facility for first responders within the Air Force and local communities. Her expertise in the area of Weapons of Mass Destruction was instrumental in the development and writing of emergency plans and procedures for Air Force personnel currently serving within war zones. She has deployed to numerous locations around the world serving as a technical expert in nuclear, biological and chemical warfare. Her emergency management expertise was valuable during the Red River flood event of 2009 when MeritCare Hospital was ordered to evacuate all patients to safe areas for the first time in its 100-year history. She is currently employed as the Emergency Preparedness Manager for the newly merged Sanford Health System (previously known as MeritCare Health System). Her responsibilities include HAZMAT education and emergency planning and preparedness for over 60 hospitals and medical facilities within North Dakota and Minnesota. She resides in West Fargo with her husband and their two teenage sons.

### **Jeffrey S. Upperman, MD**

Associate Professor of Surgery in the Department of Surgery at the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California. He is an Attending Faculty Surgeon, Director of the Trauma Program and the Pediatric Disaster Resource and Training Center at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. Dr. Upperman has overseen and conducted numerous clinical and biomedical studies at the University of Pittsburgh and University of Southern California, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. His research interests include: trauma, disaster preparedness, sepsis and genetic susceptibility. He is a nationally recognized leader in trauma, sepsis and disaster preparedness. He was a permanent member of the NICHD pediatrics study section and ad hoc reviewer for numerous journals including Pediatrics, Journal of Trauma, Journal of Surgical Research, and Surgery. He is member of the medical care subcommittee of the National Commission on Children and Disasters. He is a Robert Wood Johnson Faculty Development scholar. Dr. Upperman has over 80 peer-reviewed publications including book chapters on pediatric trauma and disaster preparedness.

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### AVAILABLE SESSIONS

**Michelle L. Reitan, BS**

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**Bernard J. Heilicser, DO, MS, FACEP, FACOEP**

Reflections on the Emergency Medical Response to the Earthquake in Haiti:

Lessons Learned.....



10:35-11:25 AM

2:50-3:40 PM

**Trauma Coordinators:** Michelle Dace, Lisa Lemenager, Leslie Livett, Sherry Mayes, and Robin Stortz.

**Production:** Ron Romero, Kevin Bernard, Lonnie Polhemus, Marilyn MacBlane, Logan Drizd, and James Doherty, MD, Activity Director.

**Objectives:**

- Describe priorities of care in medical responses for disaster.
- Identify the special needs of the pediatric population.
- Recognize the need for a multidisciplinary response to disaster.
- Identify the components of a full building evacuation.

**Format:** Lecture

**Target Audience:** All Physicians, CERTS, Emergency Management Agency Representatives, Emergency Medicine Physicians, EMS Personnel, Hospital Staff, MRC, Pediatricians, Police and Fire Department Personnel, Public Health Staff, Red Cross, Registered Nurses and Trauma Surgeons.

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