Welcome to December 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 small number may be only available via your local Library services, where they exist.

Editorial

Welcome to this December Edition of the Prehospital Emergency Services Current Awareness Update. No significant changes this Month. This is the last edition of 2015, although you are receiving it in January 2016. So can I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and productive New Year.

As with every edition if you want to make any further use of the Update, feel free to edit it in any way you want for your users/students/researchers. Please do encourage people to search the Mendeley Current file and Backfile. The links are included below.

Contact me on eMail Matt.Holland@nwas.nhs.uk if you have any problems accessing links. Drop me a line as well if you would like a copy of the references from this Edition or the Backfile in RIS format to import into your own Reference Management Software [RMS]. If you are not sure what this means, Mendeley is an example of RMS, or read this article on RMS for some background.

Matt Holland, January 2016
Different ways to access the update

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

**Twitter**

Follow @NWASLibrary or go to [https://twitter.com/NWASLibrary](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](https://www.mendeley.com/category/prehospital-emergency-care-current-awareness/). Click through to see the Abstracts with links to sources of full text.

Last month’s articles are available in a [backfile](https://www.mendeley.com/category/prehospital-emergency-care-current-awareness/). From now on all the previous months article will accumulate in the backfile. This should mean that information about article sin past updates is always available.

Note the Tags don’t work at the moment. This is a known problem and Mendeley are working on a fix.

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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.

**Prehospital Practitioners – Roles, Professional Practice and Development**


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Prehospital Research – Methods and Discussion


Diagnosis and Triage


Plesner, L.L. et al., 2015. The formation and design of the TRIAGE study--baseline data on 6005 consecutive patients admitted to hospital from the emergency department. Scandinavian journal of trauma, resuscitation and emergency medicine, 23(1), p.106. Available at: http://www.sjtrem.com/content/23/1/106 [Accessed December 18, 2015]. Open Access @


Patient Profile


**Helicopter Emergency Medical Services**


**On-Scene Interventions**


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