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July 8–11

Daytona Beach, Florida

Second Annual Daytona Emergency Medicine Symposium. Contact: Debra King, RN, Halifax Medical Center, P.O. Box 2830, Daytona Beach, FL 32115; 904/254-4000.

July 16–19

Orlando, Florida

Florida EMS Advisory Council. Contact: Dennis Devins, Florida EMS Office, 1317 Winewood Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399; 904/487-1911.

July 18–20

Albuquerque, New Mexico

11th Annual Statewide EMS Conference. Contact: Barak Wolff, Primary Care and EMS Bureau, 1190 Saint Francis Drive, Suite N1100, Santa Fe, NM 87503; 505/827-2509.

July 18–21

Orlando, Florida

ClinCon 1991. Contact: Registrar, ACEP, 5824 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822; 407/281-7396.

July 19–21

Kearney, Nebraska

Nebraska Statewide EMS Conference. Contact: David Clark, PhD, P.O. Box 461, Kearney, NE 68848.

August 1–2

Tucson, Arizona

Southwest Trauma Conference. Contact: Stephanie Higie, Air Care, University Medical Center, 1501 N. Campbell Ave., Tucson, AZ 85724; 800/642-7828.

August 1–3

Breckenridge, Colorado

Seventh Annual Colorado Trauma Symposium. Contact: Linda Dodge, 777 Bancroft, Third Floor West, Denver, CO 80204-4507; 303/893-6266.

August 1–3

Grants, New Mexico

53rd Annual Tri-State Fireman's Convention and Training. Contact: Tri-State Fireman's Association, Grants Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 684, Grants, NM 87020; 505/287-2239.

August 1–3

San Francisco, California

Fourth Annual Debates and Updates in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Contact: Extended Programs in Medical Education, Registration Office, Room LS-105, University of California, San Francisco, CA 94143; 415/476-5808.

August 5–9

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Trauma: An Emergency Physician's Perspective Convention and Training. Contact: Gwen Messler Harry, Executive Director, Virginia ACEP, P.O. Box 130, Providence Forge, VA 23140; 804/966-5966.

August 11–15

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Associated Public Safety Communications Officers Annual Conference. Contact: Ann Armitage, Conference Manager, Associated Public Safety Communications Officers, 2040 S. Ridgewood Ave., South Daytona, FL 32119; 904/322-2500.

August 19–23

Vienna, Austria

Fourth International Intensive Care Nursing Conference. Contact: Monika Cornelius, Director of Meetings, American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, One Civic Plaza, Newport Beach, CA 92660; 800/899-AACN.

August 21–23

Jekyll Island, Georgia

1991 EMS Symposium. Contact: Hugh Maze, EMS Coordinator—Region 9, Coastal Health District, 1609 Newcastle St., Brunswick, GA 31520; 912/264-3964.

August 23–25

Bethesda, Maryland

Parascope '91. Contact: Mary Beth Michos, Montgomery County Department of Fire & Rescue Services, 101 Monroe St., 12th Floor, Rockville, MD 20850; 301/217-2099; Fax 301/217-2443.

September 5–7

Orlando, Florida

Sixth Annual Emergency Vehicle and Fleet Management Conference. A conference and exposition for maintenance fleet managers, technicians, supervisors, operations managers and others involved in maintaining emergency vehicles. Contact: The Conference Corporation, P.O. Box 2400, Carlsbad, CA 92018; 619/431-8088.

September 6–8

Kiamesha Lake, New York

Greater New York EMS Conference. Contact: Glenn Gilberg, 516/822-2040; Fax 516/681-2727.

September 6–8

San Francisco, California

Emergency Nurses Association 1991 Conference. Contact: ENA Meeting Services Division, Emergency Nurses Association, 230 E. Ohio, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60611; 312/649-0297.

September 12–15

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

American Association for the Surgery of Trauma. Contact: Cleon W. Goodwin, MD, New York Hospital, Cornell Medical Center, 525 E. 68th St., Room L706, New York, NY 10021; 212/746-5010.

September 16–19

Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

Extrication 1991. Contact: Paul Simpson, Mississauga Fire Department, 17 Fairview Road W., Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L5B 1K7; 416/275-3800.

September 18–22

Yakima, Washington

Annual Washington State EMS Conference. Contact: Rick Buell, Education and Training Section, State of Washington, Office of EMS/Trauma, 1112 Quince St. S.E., ET-40, Olympia, WA 98504; 206/586-0315.

September 20–22

Marquette, Michigan

Upper Peninsula EMS Conference. Contact: Robert Struck, U.P. EMS, 2803 U.S. Highway 41 W., Marquette, MI 49855; 906/228-4182.

September 21–25
Toronto, Canada

Leadership for Life Safety: International Association of Fire Chiefs Annual Conference. Contact: Sandy Shapiro, International Association of Fire Chiefs, 1329 18th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036; 202/833-3420.

September 25–28
Louisville, Kentucky

Kentucky EMS Conference and Trade Show. Contact: Richard Bartlett, President, Ambulance Providers Association, c/o Louisville EMS, 1805 S. Brook St., Louisville, KY 40208; 502/636-3530.

September 27–28
Chicago, Illinois

American Board of Emergency Medicine Oral Recertification Examination. Contact: American Board of Emergency Medicine, 200 Woodland Pass, Suite D, East Lansing, MI 48823; 517/332-4800.

September 30–October 2
Greensboro, North Carolina

Emergency Medicine Today—'91. Contact: Ed Browning, North Carolina Office of EMS, 701 Barbour Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603; 919/733-2285.

October 7–10

Boston, Massachusetts

American College of Emergency Physicians. Contact: Ann Spillman, P.O. Box 619911, Dallas, TX 75261-9911; 214/550-0911.

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Emergency Medicine Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting. Contact: William Metcalf, Emergency Medicine Foundation, P.O. Box 619911, Dallas, TX 75261-9911; 214/550-0911.

October 8–11

Pensacola, Florida

Florida EMS Advisory Council. Contact: Dennis Devens, Florida EMS Office, 1317 Winewood Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399; 904/487-1911.

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Tampa, Florida

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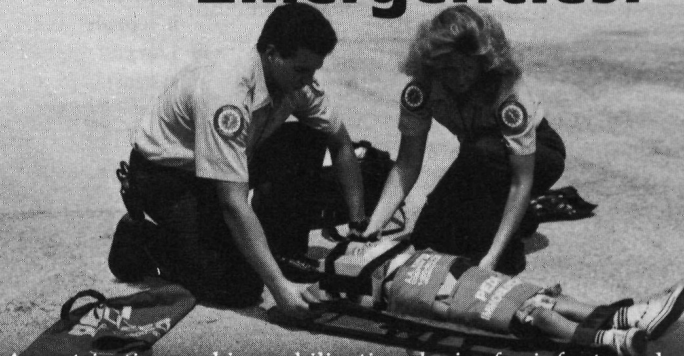
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October 17-20

Atlanta, Georgia

Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine Annual Meeting. Contact: Executive Director, APM, 5824 N. Magnolia, Chicago, IL 60660; 312/784-2025.

October 19-20

Washington, DC

EMS Law and Policy Conference.

A conference to update CEOs, administrators, medical directors and others on the laws and policies that govern EMS professionals from ethics and negligence to system design and health-care rationing. Contact: The Conference Corporation, 619/431-8088.

October 22-25

Los Angeles, California

American Nurses Association 1991 International Nursing Research Conference. Contact: American Nurses Association, Marketing Services, 2420 Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108; 800/274-4ANA.

October 26-30

Miami, Florida

American Ambulance Association 1991 Annual Conference and Trade Show. Contact: Catherine A. Nevins, American Ambulance Association, 3814 Auburn Blvd. Suite 70, Sacramento, CA 95821; 916/483-3827.

November 3

Dallas, Texas

American Board of Emergency Medicine Written Recertification Examination. Contact: American Board of Emergency Medicine, 200 Woodland Pass, Suite D, East Lansing, MI 48823; 517/332-4800.

November 7-9

Rockland, Maine

Mid-Coast EMS Seminar. Contact: Bill Zito, Mid-Coast EMS, c/o Thorndike, 385 Main St., Rockland, ME 04841; 207/596-6403.

November 7-9

Anchorage, Alaska

16th Annual EMS Symposium. Contact: Matt Anderson, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, EMS Section, P.O. Box H-06C, Juneau, AK 99811-0616; 907/465-3027.

November 11-14

Anaheim, California

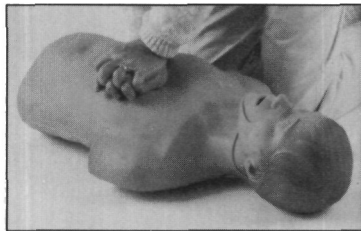
American Heart Association 64th Scientific Sessions. Contact: Office of Scientific and Corporate Meetings, American Heart Association, 7320 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231; 214/373-3406.

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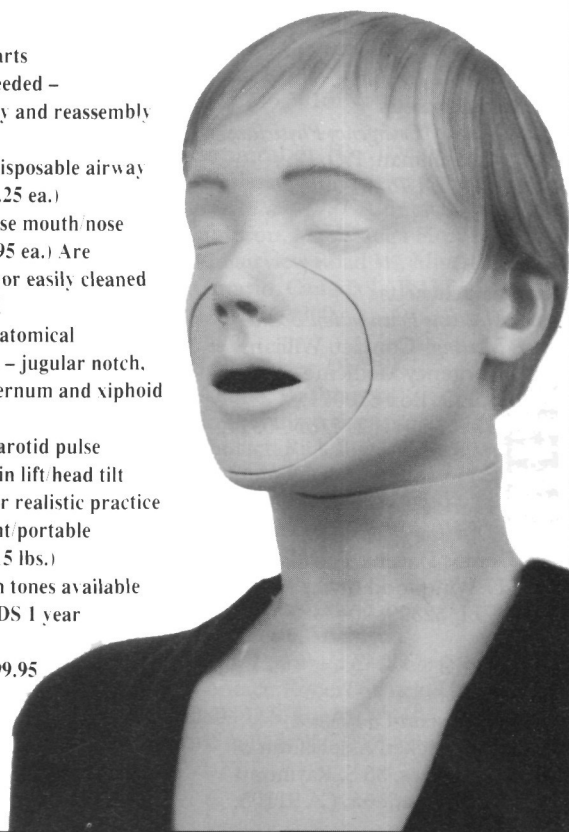
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November 15-17

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1991 Virginia EMS Symposium. Contact: Ellen Manson, Virginia Division of EMS; 804/371-3500.

December 7-10

Atlanta, Georgia

American Association for Respiratory Care Annual Convention and Exhibition. Contact: Kathy Blackman, AARC, 11030 Ables Lane, Dallas, TX 75229; 214/243-2272.

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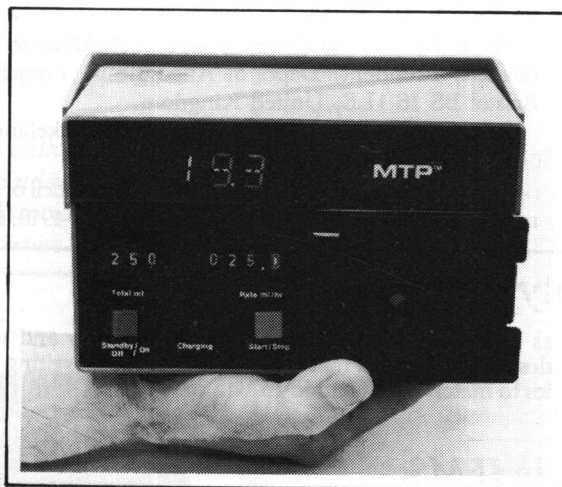
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World Association for Emergency and Disaster Medicine, Dr. Peter J.F. Baskett, President, Dept. of Anaesthesia, Frenchay Hospital, Bristol BS 16 1LE, United Kingdom.

Acute Care Foundation, P.O. Box 90193, Lakeland, FL, 33804-0193; 813/539-7352.

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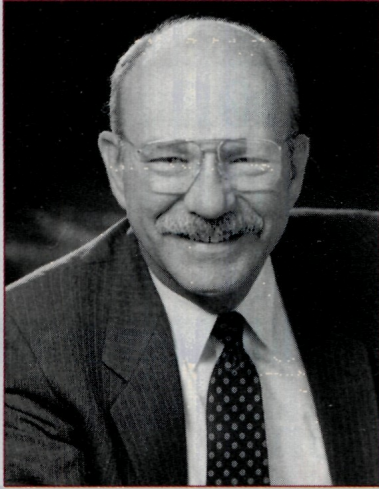
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—Jim Page

SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 19, 1991

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **EMS Lawsuits:
The National Experience**
Carol J. Shanaberger
Attorney at Law, EMT-P

What types of patient-care situations are producing lawsuits? How often are they occurring? What are the “red-flag” situations and what can be done to prevent them? Since May 1986, Carol Shanaberger has presented the details of more than 200 cases of EMS legal conflict in the pages of *JEMS*. From these cases and many others, she will present a comprehensive review of the national experience with EMS lawsuits.

9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. **“Gunshot victim...suspect on scene”: Legal Risks Presented by Dangerous Situations or Abusive Patients**
Michael Frank, MD, JD, FACEP

Are EMTs and paramedics obligated to put their lives on the line when responding to violent scenes? How and when can restraint be used on abusive or disruptive patients? Dr. Frank, an emergency physician, medical adviser and attorney, will provide insight into the rights and obligations of prehospital providers and how they can avoid stepping on the rights of patients in dangerous situations.

10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **BREAK**

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Discipline With Due Process**
James O. Page, JD

When quality assurance and other measures fail, it may become necessary to discipline EMS personnel. Most EMS managers lack sufficient knowledge and expertise in imposing discipline to be able to avoid conflicts with an employee’s rights. This respected attorney, publisher and former EMS administrator will present a model system that safeguards patient care without violating the constitutional rights of employees.

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. **ROUNDTABLE LUNCH**

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Gross Negligence:
The Threshold of Good Samaritan
Protection**

Richard A. Lazar, Esq.

Good Samaritan laws provide immunity from liability for most EMS providers, unless they are grossly negligent. But what constitutes gross negligence? Examples from actual cases will be presented to illustrate behavior that crosses the threshold of grossly negligent care and those in which the courts have upheld good Samaritan immunity. Mr. Lazar will examine this critical prehospital-care issue in light of his varied experience in providing EMS and defending EMS professionals involved in litigation.

2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

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2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

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Dispatchers: 40 Million Calls
Without a Claim—Jeff J. Clawson, MD**

“Rescue 911” has brought a new standard of medical priority dispatch to the public’s eye, but many communities have yet to adopt such a standard. What are the legal risks for those communities? Dr. Clawson, developer of the medical priority dispatch concept and consultant to many services, will highlight the importance of having highly trained emergency medical dispatchers and point out the legal risks involved with failing to adopt the appropriate standards.

3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

BREAK

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Legal Responsibilities for Medical
Command Physicians**

James E. George, MD, JD, FACEP

The medical command physician is ultimately responsible for all areas of prehospital-care provision, from dispatch procedures to patient-care protocols, to training standards, to quality improvement and documentation standards. Putting these responsibilities in legal perspective can make them more manageable. Dr. George, editor of the *Emergency Physician Legal Bulletin*, *Emergency Nurse Legal Bulletin* and *Emergency Medical Technician Legal Bulletin*, is recognized as a leading authority on the medical-legal aspects of emergency care and has authored and co-authored several books on the subject.

In the event that the scheduled presenter is not available, we reserve the right to substitute another presenter of equal ability and experience.

Sunday, October 20, 1991

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **Quality Assurance as a Function of Risk Management**
Idora Silver, MA, CPCU

Satisfied customers are less inclined to seek legal remedies, so shouldn't it logically follow that quality assurance is an integral part of risk management? Unfortunately, the two are often seen as distinct entities. A unique way of looking at these closely intertwined issues will be presented by Idora Silver, a professional liability risk-management consultant who has been involved with physician defensibility programs since 1978.

9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **Making Sense of the Fair Labor Standards Act**—*William K. Atkinson, MPH, MPA, EMT-P*

Are EMS employees subject to the 53- or 40-hour work week? Does the 7K exemption apply? Can sleep time be deducted? Can an employee group bargain away its rights under the FLSA? What are the penalties to the employer for violation of the FLSA? These and many other questions regarding this very complex law will be discussed by this experienced medical administrator.

10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. **COBRA/OBRA: Is It Making A Difference?**—*David M. Werfel, Esq.*

The "anti-dumping" provisions of federal law have been with us for a decade and are constantly being revised. You'll learn what hospitals, physicians and ambulance services have learned from the cases that have already been tried or settled. Mr. Werfel will draw from his experience as the Medicare consultant to the American Ambulance Association and in representing various state ambulance associations and individual companies to answer the question of whether COBRA/OBRA is making a difference.

10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **BREAK**

11:00 a.m. to Noon

Panel Discussion:
"Do Not Resuscitate": The Medical, Legal and Ethical Issues
James O. Page, JD, moderator
Panelists: Robert Orr, MD
Jeff Clawson, MD
Michael Frank, MD, JD, FACEP

Great pressure is building for the right of individuals to die with dignity. However, the rules for ensuring this right generally do not apply in the prehospital environment. The panelists will reveal the full dimension of the problem and their proposed solutions.

Noon to 1:00 p.m. **LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)**

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **What Trial Lawyers Want in an Expert Witness**—*Jack E. Thompson, Esq.*

Many legal confrontations become a battle of the experts, with counsel for both sides vying for an edge. That "edge" is often found in the expert witness. This experienced trial lawyer will share the background and qualities that he looks for in such witnesses.

2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. **BREAK**

2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. **The HIV-Infected Health-Care Worker**
Andrew W. Stern, REMT-P, MPA

Although a great deal of national attention has recently been focused on the HIV-infected health-care worker, much confusion prevails. Some of the important issues facing prehospital-care providers include HIV testing of health-care workers, protecting confidentiality of infected workers and enforcing the use of universal precautions. What are federal and state governments doing about the concerns of providers? How should policies and protocols be developed to conform to current guidelines and standards governing these issues?

3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
James O. Page, JD

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James O. Page, JD, has been a member of the California Bar for 20 years. He is chairman of the board of JEMS Communications and publisher of *JEMS* (Journal of Emergency Medical Services) and *Rescue Magazine*. Jim has more than three decades of EMS experience as a writer, educator and administrator.

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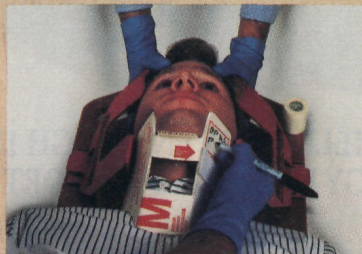
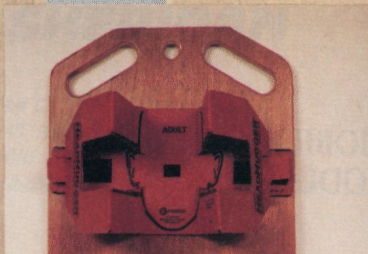
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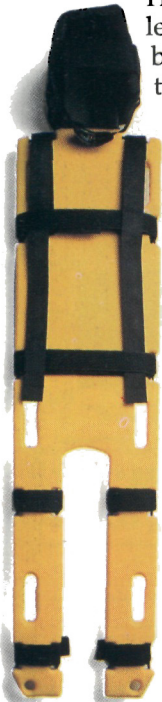
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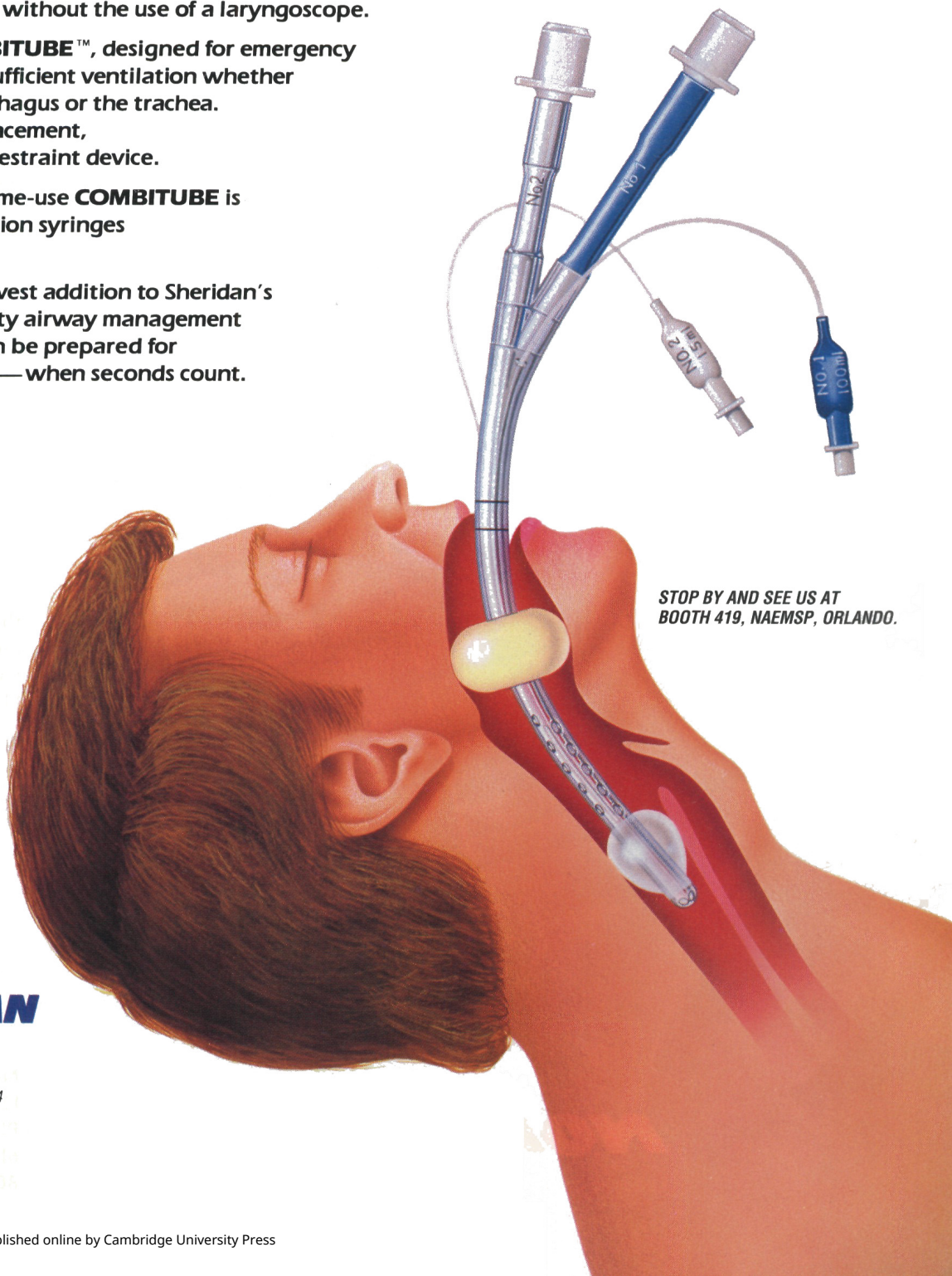
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