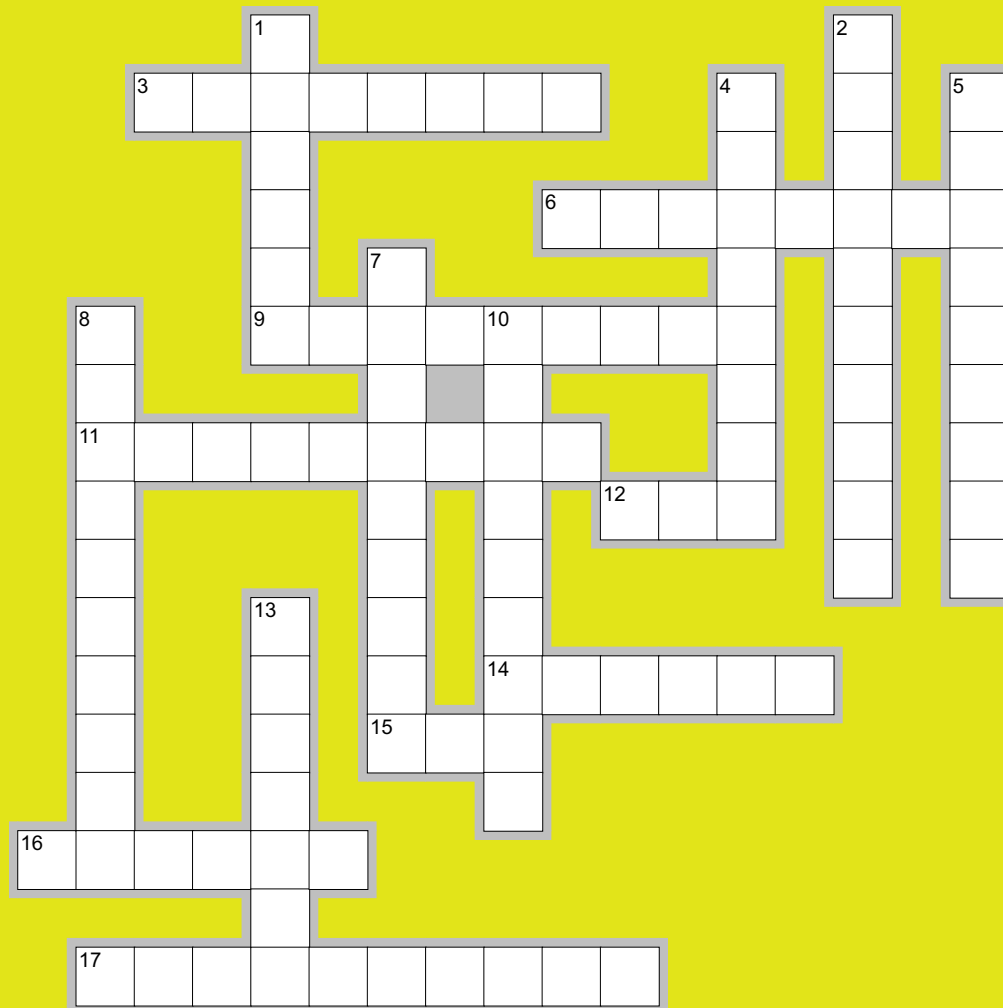


EMS Week

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

3. What a driver should do when an ambulance approaches with lights and siren
6. Perpetual patients
9. Ambulance safety feature
11. Transports patients to the hospital
12. Emergency Medical Services, briefly
14. A common cause of breathing difficulty
15. Lifesaving procedure (abbr.)
16. Headgear for bicycle riders
17. Rescue extrication tool

DOWN

1. Protective and handy
2. Used to carry patients up and down
4. Paramedics often carry these on their belts
5. Someone who witnesses a medical emergency
7. A man or woman trained in advanced life support
8. International EMS symbol
10. Spinal immobilization tool
13. Important information for 911

TRIVIA CONTEST

Copy this page and distribute to your EMS staff. Then collect the responses and score. Persons with the highest scores can be made eligible for a drawing for EMS Week prizes.

1. In what year was the first official EMS Week held?

2. Who designed the Star of Life?

3. What are the names of the three resuscitation researchers who are considered the fathers of modern CPR?

4. Who proposed the first two-tiered EMS response system?

5. The white paper that led to the creation of EMS, *Accidental Death and Disability: The Neglected Disease of Modern Society*, was published under which President?

6. What does EMTALA stand for?

7. What branch of the federal government houses the Emergency Medical Services for Children office?

Name: _____

Dear Readers,

On behalf of the American College of Emergency Physician's (ACEP) EMS Committee, I would like to extend best wishes for a successful 2008 EMS Week. A central goal of the EMS Committee is to be a resource for medical directors, paramedics and EMTs, promoting the advancement of EMS in the 21st century. The 2008 EMS Week Planning Guide contains a number of outstanding ideas to enhance your EMS Week activities.

Even though EMS Week only occurs once per year, the ACEP EMS Department staff is providing support for the EMS Committee and members of the college with an interest in EMS year-round. The EMS department regularly attends national EMS meetings, supports ongoing projects and makes available educational and policy resources.

The EMS Committee provides the ACEP Board of Directors with advice on EMS topics, develops policy statements as directed by the Board and collaborates with many other national organizations with an interest in EMS. Some of the national issues that the Committee has recently addressed include:

- EMS as an essential public safety service
- Model practices for ambulance diversion
- Institute of Medicine (IOM) EMS report
- EMS medical director liability and reimbursement
- Lead federal agency for EMS
- Monitoring new federal and state EMS legislation and regulations
- Review of new guidelines, standards and technologies in EMS

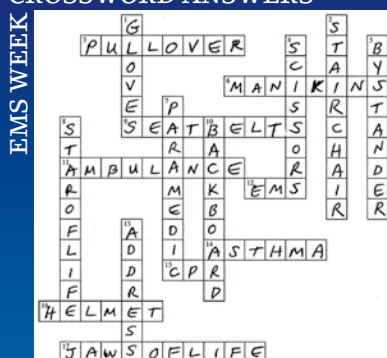
Each community's emergency medical system is an invaluable asset. Celebrating EMS Week allows us to recognize our local heroes and highlights the importance of a robust and sophisticated system of emergency medical care. Please join us in making the 2008 EMS Week a tremendous success!

Sincerely,

Eric W. Ossmann, MD, FACEP

Chair, ACEP Emergency Medical Services Committee

CROSSWORD ANSWERS



EMS WEEK TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. 1974
2. Leo Schwartz
3. William Kouwenhoven, Jim Jude and Guy Knickerbocker
4. Seattle physician Leonard Cobb, MD, and Seattle Fire Chief Gordon Vickery
5. Lyndon Johnson
6. The Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
7. The Department of Health and Human Services