New Illinois EMSC Website!
Illinois EMSC has a new website, which can be accessed at www.stritch.luc.edu/emsc. The new site has an updated, more streamlined look, and efforts have been made to ensure that it is user friendly and easy to navigate. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments regarding the new website.

New National EMSC Resource Center
A new resource center for the Federal EMSC program is now available at Baylor Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston, Texas. The new center is known as the EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC) and serves to support the Federal EMSC program by improving pediatric outcomes of care through the following six domains: Systems Integration, Innovation, Evidence Generation, Quality Improvement, Infrastructure Development and Accountability. Updates and resources will be shared as we receive them.

Pediatric Facility Recognition
- Renewal Updates
  - Region 11 hospital surveys are in the process of being conducted.
  - Regions 1 & 10 will undergo PCCC/EDAP, EDAP or SEDP renewal in 2017. Their educational sessions were held in October and their renewal applications are due Friday, January 27, 2017. Surveys will be scheduled in spring/summer 2017.
  - Region 9 educational session is pending being scheduled. Their site surveys will take place in late fall/early winter 2017.
  - The Hospital Pediatric Preparedness Toolkit was rolled out in Fall 2015, and contains an updated pediatric disaster checklist that is now being used for all PCCC/EDAP, EDAP and SEDP site surveys.

Pediatric Education
- The EMSC Disaster Mental Health Response for Children online educational module has been updated, and has received a new site code through November 2017. It can be accessed at http://www.publichealthlearning.com
- The curricular materials for the EMSC JumpSTART Training Program have been recently updated, and are now available on the EMSC website (click on the Disaster Preparedness link, Other Resources page, then select MCI Triage). JumpSTART instructors - please replace any current curricular materials with the revised materials.
- EMSC educational modules available online include the following: Disaster Mental Health Response for Children, Pediatric Hyperglycemia and DKA, Pediatric Rapid Response Teams: Guidelines for Implementing a Team and Pediatric Seizures modules. Each module has an approved IDPH site code for continuing education hours (nurses and EMTs). Access the modules at http://www.publichealthlearning.com

Preparedness
- The resource Addressing the Needs of Children in Disaster Preparedness Exercises has been recently updated, and is available on the EMSC website. This resource aims to assist agencies/organizations as they plan and conduct disaster drills/exercises. Inclusion of infants and children in disaster drills and exercises is an essential component in preparedness efforts and can assist in preparing agencies/organizations to meet the needs of children during an actual disaster or mass casualty incident. This second edition has expanded the target audience to include all response agencies, which prompted retitling of this edition from the original title (Disaster Preparedness Exercises Addressing the Pediatric Population, 2006), to reflect a broader scope.
- The Emergency Preparedness Planning Guide for Child Care Centers & Child Care Homes is available and was distributed to child care centers/child care homes in Illinois to assist with their disaster planning and development of an emergency plan. This document can be downloaded from the Illinois EMSC website or printed copies are available.
- An Assessment and Initial Care of Burn Patients poster and EMS Burn Resource pocketcards are available through the EMSC office. These resources review review key burn assessment and management elements.

Data Initiatives
- 2014 Traffic Crash Fact Sheets – These 11 fact sheets (developed by EMSC) are based on 2014 IDOT Crash data and provide statistics related to traffic safety and motor vehicle incidents in Illinois. Available at http://www.luhs.org/depts/emsc/13_crash_info.htm.
- The EMS Reporting System is a web-based query system that provides online access to state injury, illness and hospitalization trending for all age patients. Access the system at http://app.idph.state.il.us/emsrpt.