

EMS Literature Search Update: October-December 2003

There are thousands of medical journals published every month. Trying to stay abreast of the EMS related literature by scanning for pertinent articles can be a huge challenge. The EMS Literature Search Update searches all PubMed indexed journals for recently indexed articles pertinent to EMS – many of which are published outside the realm of the EMS and emergency medicine related journals that most EMS professionals are familiar with.

A search was conducted on December 10, 2003 using the PubMed medical literature search engine website at the National Library of Medicine. The Boolean search query string used for this search was: “*emergency medical services OR ambulance OR emergency medical technician OR paramedic OR medical transportation.*” The search results were then restricted to the 90 day period prior to the search using the “Entrez” section of the database. This returns items that were entered into PubMed in the last 90 days regardless of the date of publication. This search strategy yielded a total of 508 citations. The citations were manually reviewed to exclude those items that did not seem to bear significant relevance to EMS or were too specifically related to hospital issues on the basis of the title and journal in which it was published. This left the 209 citations listed below. Citations are listed in rough order starting from the most recent. To access any of these articles via PubMed, enter the PMID number in to the search box at the PubMed website (www.pubmed.gov), where links to the abstract, source document, source journal and reprint services may be available.

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