

Hudson Mohawk & Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Centers

in collaboration with
Albany Medical Center Hospital, Department of Emergency Medicine - EMS

present:

EMERGENCY CARE

for Individuals with Special Needs ... Geriatrics & Pediatrics

March 8, 2012

8:00AM - 5:00PM

Holiday Inn Express Hotel, 1442 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203

Albany Medical Center Hospital Department of Emergency Medicine-EMS
6 hours of CME approved by Regional Emergency Medical Organization (REMO)
and Art Breault, RN NREMT-P, Certified Instructor Coordinator - CIC#4271

Purpose & Target Audience - To review scene management, critical decision-making, safety and communication for best results during emergency contact with persons with special needs. **This program is for all emergency responders.**

<u>Program Agenda</u>	8:00am-8:30am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
	8:30am-8:45am	Welcome & Introduction by Art Breault, RN NREMT-P, Emergency Outreach Coordinator
	8:45am-10:15am	Session 1 - First Responders' Autism Awareness
	10:15am-10:30am	Break
	10:30am-12:00pm	Session 2 - Thinking Outside the Box - How to Safely Handle Special Needs Patients
	12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch & Networking
	1:00-2:30pm	Session 3 - Comprehensive Assessment of Elderly Patients
	2:30pm-2:45pm	Break
	2:45pm-4:15pm	Session 4 - Communication Strategies for Treating Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia

Program Descriptions

Session 1 - First Responders' Autism Awareness - Kristin S. Knapp-Ines, Ph.D., BCBA

This presentation provides an introduction to the core and associated characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorders and how these characteristics may manifest during stressful events. The presentation includes appropriate strategies for first responders to successfully interact with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Session 2 - Thinking Outside the Box - How to Safely Handle Special Needs Patients - Catherine "Emo" Castle, BS, RN

Individuals with special needs often have physical limitations which make it difficult to safely handle and transfer them with conventional methods. The purpose of this presentation is to provide attendees with the tools to think **outside the box** when it comes to handling and transferring challenging patients.

Session 3 - Comprehensive Assessment of Elderly Patients - Kevin Costello, M.D.

An overview of the effect of age on the presenting symptoms and signs of disease, major geriatric syndromes, and the comprehensive assessment of geriatric patients.

Session 4 - Communication Strategies for Treating Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia - Lynn Young, MS, PT

This program will provide an overview of key changes that occur in the brain with dementia, how these changes can make communication difficult and some basic techniques that EMS personnel can use to facilitate a positive interaction.

Registration

- Registration fee = \$75
- To register, please click on this link: <http://emergencycareconference.eventbrite.com>
- Registration deadline is **February 24, 2012**. No cash refunds after this date.
- Includes continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments.
- Rooms can be reserved at the Holiday Inn Express for this event at the State rate of \$104. Contact Evan Hammond, Sales Coordinator at the Holiday Inn Express at (518) 438-0349 Ext 526.

Contact Info. - For additional information, please contact HM AHEC at (518) 480-2432.

