



23-RESOLUTION-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS ON UTILIZATION OF THE EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICAL RESEARCH AND EMS CLINICAL PRACTICES FOR VERIFYING INITIAL AND ONGOING COMPETENCY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROFESSIONALS.

WHEREAS, the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians is the Nation's EMS Certification organization with the mission of verifying the initial and on-going competency of emergency medical services (EMS) professionals;

WHEREAS, the National Registry wants to ensure that examination and continued competency content reflects evolving, current best practices in EMS clinical care and evidence-based medical research when possible; and

WHEREAS, being an authority on best practices in evidence-based EMS clinical care is outside the mission of the National Registry; and

WHEREAS, National Registry and the Prehospital Guidelines Consortium (PGC) entered a memorandum of understanding to perform a biennial systematic review of evidence-based guidelines (EBGs) with grading of the evidence evaluation of each guideline, and perform an open search and EMS stakeholder-driven process to identify key primary peer-reviewed literature applicable to EMS medicine and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Prehospital Guidelines Consortium (PGC) conducts a systematic review every two years to identify new evidence-based guidelines (EBGs) which contain information related to EMS practice; and

WHEREAS, evidence-based guidelines (EBGs) and the most recent version of the Prehospital Guidelines Consortium EMS Professionals Reading List – comprised of the top recently published scientific peer-reviewed articles are made available to the National Registry.

WHEREAS, the National Registry will utilize the PGC systemic reviews and reading list to update the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) and examination content every two years.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors directs the Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer to develop and enforce policies for ensuring that examination and continued competency content reflects evidence-based guidelines as received from the Prehospital Guidelines Consortium (PGC) or other nationally recognized authority and are subject to the following parameters:

- A process to receive and review the PGC's most recent systematic review including the published version of the Prehospital Guidelines Consortium EMS Professional Reading List.

- A process to receive and review other nationally recognized evidence-
- A process for reviewing and approving the most currently published PGC evidence-based guidelines for inclusion in examination and continued competency content.
- A table of authorities which includes the PGC systematic review and EMS Professionals Reading List utilized for examination related content shall be updated and references made publicly available.
- Access to evidence-based guidelines and/or summaries, recognized by the National Registry, shall be made publicly available.
- The National Registry's recertification model requirements, the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP), shall encourage but not mandate the inclusion of the PGC's evidence-based guidelines in the framework.
- Related policies should be updated on or before December 31, 2023.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL
TECHNICIANS BY RESOLUTION NO. 23-01 ON THE 7th DAY OF JUNE 2023.
RATIFIED BY SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD ON AUGUST 10, 2023.**