



e-letter

May 2011

# Announcements

## **Registry form submission deadline:**

All registry forms must be received by June 1, 2011 in order to be included in the summer reports. If you have any changes that need to be made in the ELSO directory you will need to have these changes submitted by then as well.

The June 1'st deadline will also be the last day to turn in forms using the word template. Over the summer the data will be converted to a new format compatible with our web based data entry system!! Login and password information will be e-mailed later this summer.

## **H1N1 forms:**

ELSO has stopped collecting the additional short form specifically for H1N1 cases. If you have an H1N1 case that goes on ECMO use the standard data collection instrument and code them as 488.1

**Facebook:**

ELSO is now on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ELSO.Org](http://www.facebook.com/ELSO.Org)

If you use facebook please visit our site and “like” us! We intend to use facebook as a way to present information to not only ELSO members but to anyone who is interested in our organization.

**Membership renewal:**

ELSO is going to be collecting additional information on center yearly renewal applications. Please be advised that we will be collecting this prior to next year’s renewal.

## **Report from the Logistics and Education Committee**

**Educational Programs:** In March, the fourth ELSO Adult VV ECMO course was held in San Antonio TX at the Wilford Hall Medical Center. Our previous courses have been hosted by The University of Michigan, Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland OR, and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The conferences have evolved into a 4 day course with 12 hours of didactic sessions and 20 hours of high fidelity simulation. Our next conference will be at the end of this year, back in Atlanta.

**ECMO Specialist Certification:** After general discussions at the Logistics and Education Sub-committee meetings in Florida and Keystone, and at a certification subcommittee meeting in Florida, a recommendation was made to the Steering Committee to engage a consulting firm specializing in certification. This was approved by the Steering Committee, and after interviewing multiple national firms, KNAPP Associates was selected. KNAPP has extensive experience with certification and has assisted many medical and nursing organizations develop their organization's certification program. [www.knappinternational.com](http://www.knappinternational.com) We will be having the first of two teleconferences in May. A multidisciplinary committee was selected from ELSO members who have been active in the Logistics and Education Committee and also those that have been participating in the certification discussions. The groups represented are: nursing, respiratory care, perfusion, physician, and the international community. The primary purpose of these initial meetings is to understand the steps required to develop a program and to develop a sample action plan to help guide the discussion and expose the challenges and missteps commonly encountered. A strategic session is also planned to identify the essential steps ELSO will need to consider before deciding whether to proceed with certification. An update will be presented at the

Scottsdale ELSO Logistics and Education Committee meeting in September.

**ELSO Guidelines and Sample Exams:** Some of the guidelines are due for the three year review. We are looking for volunteers to assist in the process. We are also collecting sample examinations used to “certify” ECMO specialists and physicians at ELSO institutions. The purpose for the exam collection is to identify the ECLS concepts that are universally being taught and tested. This will help us develop our educational programs in the future. Please send your tests to Pat English. [penglish@partners.org](mailto:penglish@partners.org)

We welcome your comments and suggestions and feedback. If you are interested in getting involved with the Logistics and Education committee, please e mail us. Have a great summer!

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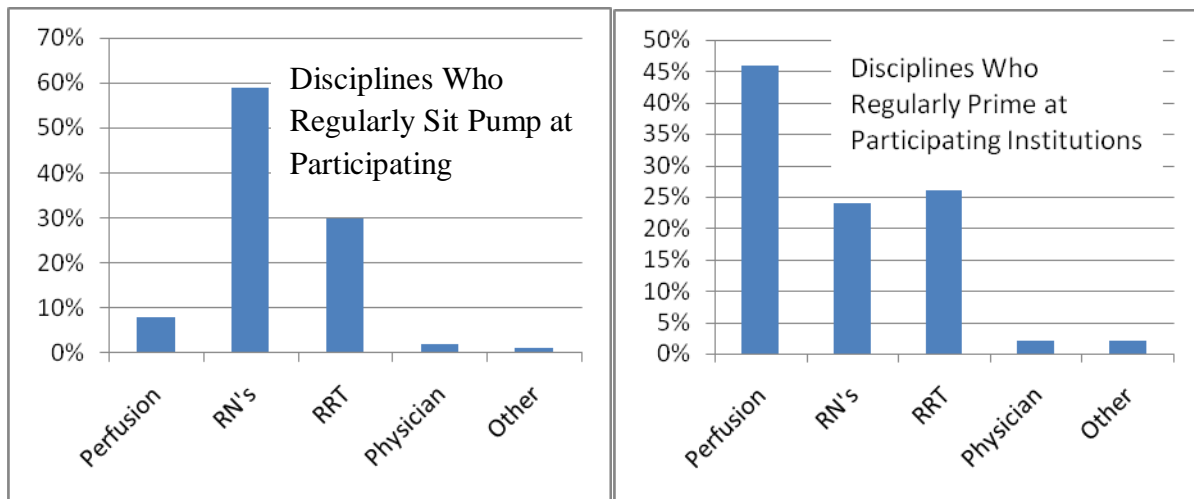
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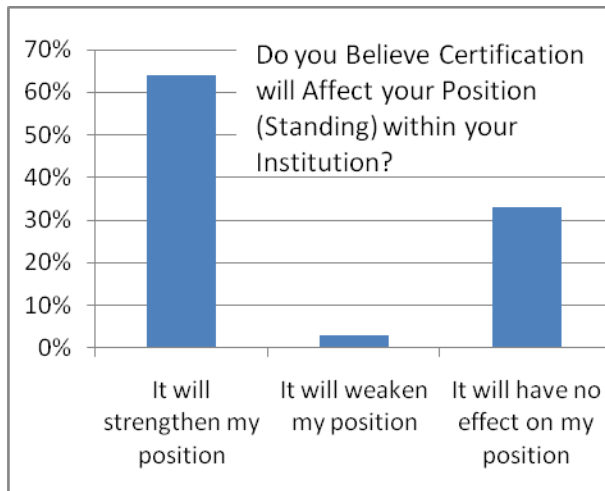
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# Certification News

The results of the most recent certification survey were presented at the CNMC Symposium on ECMO & Advanced Therapies for Respiratory Failure in February 2011. Forty four ECMO centers responded to the survey posted on the ELSO Newsletter and ECLS-NET listserv. Each center was instructed to read the survey, collect individual responses from their ECMO Team, and respond to the survey one time only. This method was selected due to the difficulty reaching a large number of ECMO Team members individually using the newsletter and ECLS-NET. If a center responded to the survey more than once, the data from the second response was not used.

Here are the responses to three of the questions asked in the survey:





A Certification Task Force met in Keystone with a resulting call for volunteers to participate in the certification process. This group of volunteers will discuss certification with a consultant hired by ELSO during a conference call May 18, 2011.

If anyone would like a complete copy of October 2009 or November 2010's Certification Survey, please email Tracy Morrison at [tmorrison1@woh.rr.com](mailto:tmorrison1@woh.rr.com).



# MEETINGS

**The 21st Annual SEECMO Conference**

**June 3-5, 2011**

**Edmonton, Alberta, Canada**

**Hosted by Stollery Children's Hospital and the University of**

**Alberta Department of Pediatrics**

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**<http://www.picu.med.ualberta.ca/seecmo/websitebrochure.pdf>**

**22nd Annual ELSO Conference**

**September 16-18, 2011, Scottsdale, AZ**

**A separate pre-conference workshop will be held on September**

**15-16, 2011**

**ECMO Cannulation Techniques and Simulation**

**Crisis Resource Management**

**Pre course will offer expert advice and technical approaches to**

**difficult cannulations in complex patients**

**Simulation experiences**

**A Golf Tourney at Troon North!!**

**A Wild West Reception with music and dancing**

**<http://www.else.med.umich.edu/meetings.html>**

**The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual CNMC ECMO Symposium!**  
**February 26-March 1, 2012**  
**Keystone, Colorado**  
**[www.ecmomeeting.com](http://www.ecmomeeting.com)**





# SURVEYS



At the request of several centers, the steering committee has decided to include links to center surveys in ELSO's periodic e-letter. Each time we will describe the purpose of the study, who is asked to participate, and who is collecting the data. All surveys will be linked to "survey-monkey" which will collect the data. If you have a survey you would like to submit, please send the information to ELSO via Peter Rycus, MPH ([prycus@umich.edu](mailto:prycus@umich.edu)).

Dear ELSO member,

A quick reminder if you haven't already completed the anticoagulation survey!

We are fortunate to be working with the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization on a project to survey anticoagulation practices during extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO).

The link to the anonymous, online survey is provided below. It is voluntary, and takes less than 15 minutes to complete. Your completing this survey will serve as your consent to be in this research study.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YPPL5NK>

Please limit the respondents to one per ECMO center.

Thank you in advance for your time. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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# *Award of Excellence*

Deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 so be sure to get yours in if you haven't already done so! The award application has been re-written along with new supporting documents to make the process easier.

The ELSO award of excellence readiness tool will shortly be available on our website!



# TRAININGS

## \*\*\*\*ECMO TRAINING COURSES\*\*\*\*

**Training courses are also listed on ELSO's web page and if you would like yours listed just let us know!**

Course: Dates May 13-14, 2011  
Institution name: Georgia Health Sciences University (MCG)  
Location: Augusta, GA  
Course name: Georgia Health Sciences University: 2011 Perfusion Meeting  
Contact person: Carol Ann Rosenberg  
Contact phone: 706-721-3341  
Contact e-mail: [crosenberg@georgiahealth.edu](mailto:crosenberg@georgiahealth.edu)  
Web link: <http://www.hatravel.com/default.asp?pid=49063&sid=1905>  
Harmony Adventures is handling registration (hatravel.com): click conferences/groups then this meeting. Cost \$150

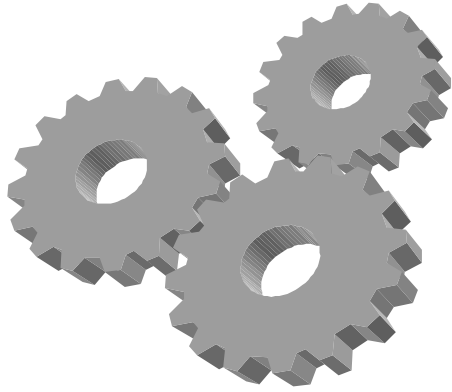
Course Date: Friday, May 27th 2011  
Institution Name: Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin  
Location: FINTAN GUNNE LECTURE THEATRE  
Catherine McAuley Postgraduate Centre,  
Eccles Street, Dublin 7  
Course Name: Dublin ECLS 2011  
Contact Person: Serena O'Brien (ECLS Coordinator)  
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital  
Contact Phone: +353 1 8034339  
Contact email: [sobrien@mater.ie](mailto:sobrien@mater.ie)  
Web link: <http://www.mater.ie/eventsCalendar/t4.do?nd=05%2F2011&d=05%2F04%2F2011&f=month&t=&k=>

Course Dates: Thursday June 30th and Friday July 1st  
Institution name: Institut de Cardiologie, La Pitié, Paris  
Location: Paris, France  
Course name: Second International course on ECMO and short term respiratory and  
circulatory support  
Contact: OVERCOME: 3-5, boulevard Paul-Emile Victor  
92523 Neuilly-sur-Seine Cedex, France  
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<https://www.congressecurity.net/form/ECMO2011/>



# **OPPORTUNITIES**

**If you or your institution have specific needs for coordinators, specialists, directors, etc. ELSO “e-letter” will post them here as well as on our web site!!**



## **ELSO Corporate Member Announcements**

**This section will allow ELSO's corporate members an opportunity to pass on important information.**

**Currently no announcements.**