

# **EMTALA Compliance Update**

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**GHA Education Center  
Marietta, Georgia**

**December 8, 2009**

## **Purpose**

This program will inform providers with an update to the Federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA). Areas of focus will be recent updates and EMTALA requirements for all hospitals regarding transfers, on call, behavioral / psych issues, capacity and capability, disaster, pandemic and surge situations (like H1N1), etc. It will also highlight field enforcement, compliance and survey questions regardless of whether the hospital has an emergency department.

Michelle Williams, JD, partner, Alston & Bird LLP in Atlanta, will discuss updates to EMTALA and the implications for Georgia's hospitals. In addition, Richard Wild, MD, Chief Medical Officer with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Atlanta Regional Office will discuss EMTALA from the perspective of CMS.

## **Objectives**

Upon completion of this seminar, participants will be able to:

- Describe the EMTALA law and the provision of emergency services for all hospitals and requirements to appraise medical emergencies;
- Discuss EMTALA requirements for all hospitals regarding transfers;
- Describe the behavioral and psych issues related to EMTALA and name strategies for compliance;
- Explain capacity and capability as relates to EMTALA and demonstrate compliance;
- Practice compliance with EMTALA law related to pandemic and surge situations; and
- Discuss CMS' clinical definitions of medical screening, stabilized and qualified medical provider.

## **Date and Location**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2009**

GHA Education Center  
1675 Terrell Mill Road  
Marietta, Georgia 30067  
770-249-4500

(Directions are included in this flyer)

## **Who Should Attend**

This conference is designed for CEOs, CMOs, Medical Directors, Emergency Physicians, Nurse Executives, Legal Counsel, Compliance Officers, CFOs, COOs, Patient Financial Services (PFS) staff, Case Managers, Health Information (HIM) Managers, Utilization Management (UM) Coordinators, Quality and Performance Improvement Managers, Nurse Educators and other interested health care professionals from GHA member hospitals.

## **Registration Information**

The registration fee for healthcare professionals from a GHA member hospital or health system is \$215.00 per person. The fee for non-members is \$430.00.

The deadline for registration is November 30, 2009. Registrations postmarked after November 30, 2009 will be subject to a \$25.00 late registration fee. Registration fees less a \$25.00 cancellation fee are refundable if notice is received no less than five working days prior to the conference. If you have any special needs, which should be considered in order for you to attend this meeting, please call the GHA Education Department at (770) 249-4500.

## **Distance Learning Registration Information**

GHA members may participate in this program utilizing GHA's distance learning technology and watch it live via GHA's web site. The technology is able to capture audio and video of the program and display the presenter's Power Point slides. A computer with an Internet connection download speed of at least 512KB and a sound card and speaker(s) are required.

Space is limited. To participate, fill out the registration form on this flyer, note that you will watch via GHA's web site, and return it to GHA. The cost for participating is \$240 per connection.

## **Accommodations**

There are two hotels conveniently located to the GHA education center. To make reservations, call the hotel direct. Be sure to ask for the GHA rate. The hotels are:

1. **Courtyard by Marriott Windy Hill**  
2045 S. Park Place, Atlanta, GA 30339  
(770) 955-3838  
\$95.00 plus tax, ask for rate code GHAY or GHAX.
2. **Doubletree Hotel**  
2055 South Park Place, Atlanta, GA 30339  
770-272-9441  
\$109.00 plus tax per room per night, ask for rate code 0002647081

## **Directions to GHA**

**1675 Terrell Mill Rd.**

**Marietta, GA 30067**

**(770) 249-4500**

**From I-75 Southbound: Exit Windy Hill #260 turn right....**

**From I -75 Northbound: Exit Windy Hill #260 turn left....**

1. Travel Windy Hill for 1/5 mile.
2. Turn right at Chick-Fil-A. You will pass the **Doubletree Hotel and Courtyard by Marriott** on the right.
3. Turn right at every intersection in the office park.
4. Turn right to leave the office park. You are now on Terrell Mill Road.
5. GHA is the second driveway entrance on the right at the traffic light.

### **From Georgia Highway 41 Southbound:**

1. You will pass Dobbins Air Force Base runways on the right.
2. At the top of the hill there is a Texaco station on the left and a cemetery on the right – turn left at this intersection. This is Terrell Mill Road.
3. Go through the first traffic light.
4. GHA's driveway / entrance is on the right at the second traffic light.

### **From Georgia Highway 41 Northbound:**

1. Turn right on Terrell Mill Road – this is one light past Windy Hill.
2. Go through the first traffic light.
3. GHA's driveway / entrance is on the right at the second traffic light.

**From I-285 Westbound: Exit I-75 to Chattanooga...**

**From I-285 Northbound: Exit I-75 to Chattanooga...**

1. Stay in right lane – using caution. Follow directions above From I-75 Northbound.

## **GHA Education Center**

The GHA Education Center is located on the second floor of the GHA building. You can access the Education Center by driving down to the second level of the parking lot and entering the building through the double glass doors.

### **Attire**

The attire for this conference will be business casual.

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### **Tentative Agenda**

#### **Tuesday, December 8, 2009**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EMTALA Update

Michelle A. Williams, Partner  
Angela T. Burnette, Counsel  
Robert D. Stone, Associate  
D'Andrea J. Morning, Associate  
Alston & Bird LLP  
Atlanta, Georgia

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EMTALA Update

Richard Wild, MD, Chief Medical Officer  
Brenda Davalie, RN, MSN, EMTALA Lead Reviewer  
Joan Simmons, Manager of Non Long Term Care, Survey & Cert. Branch  
CMS Atlanta Regional Office  
Atlanta, Georgia

2:30 p.m. Adjourn

#### **Continuing Education Credit**

GHAREF is accredited by the Medical Association of Georgia to offer continuing medical education to physicians. GHAREF designates this educational activity for a maximum of 5 category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the activity.

Georgia Hospital Association is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Georgia Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Approved for 5 Contact Hours

## REGISTRATION

[one form per person, please]

Register on-line at [www.gha.org](http://www.gha.org) or return this form no later than **November 30, 2009** to:

Martha Harrell  
Georgia Hospital Association  
1675 Terrell Mill Road  
Marietta, Georgia 30067  
(770) 249-4500 / (770) 249-4593 (FAX)

The following person will attend GHA's "EMTALA Workshop" workshop being held Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at GHA Education Center in Marietta, Georgia:

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Name

Nickname

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Title

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Hospital/Organization Name

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Street

City / State / Zip

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Telephone Number & Ext.

Fax Number

E-mail

Enclosed are registration fees (make checks payable to GHAREF) in the amount of:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Total

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Credit card type (Visa, AmEx, or MasterCard) and Number

Expiration Date

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Name as it appears on card

Signature

**-Please Return by November 30, 2009-**