This month’s topic: ALS Expert Panel – A thank you and a year in review

The topic for October’s ALS Expert Panel meeting focused on reflection and gratitude. Since 2021, the multidisciplinary panel has shared their time and guidance to provide a voice for different parts of the EMS community. We are grateful for the perspective, as it ensures that the EMS community is heard as part of the ALS Redesign initiative.

Dr. Mihaiela Gugui reviewed the key components that have been presented to the ALS Redesign Expert Panel throughout the year. This was an opportunity to gain additional insights, review and answer any remaining questions. These discussion topics and the feedback provided have been integral to the foundation and future of the ALS Redesign:

- Domain level scoring and performance results for candidates
- Exploring peer professions for EMS
- Sunsetting the Psychomotor Examination
- Clinical Judgment model and the theoretical framework
- Strengthening the Cognitive Examination
- Performance scenarios and related items
- The new ALS Redesign timeline proposal
- The AEMT Student Minimum Competency project

Dr. Mihaiela Gugui asked the panel about topics they are interested in discussing further at future meetings. The panel provided examples such as diving deeper into graduate and candidate pathways as the psychomotor examination retires to support programs and schools, moving the AEMT-SMC project forward, state and program roles with AEMT-SMC, and what is in store for ALS Redesign initiative in the upcoming year.

These suggestions and feedback have been noted and considered as planning for the upcoming year is underway.

Current State

The National Registry used this time to review the ALS Expert Panel meeting schedule for the remainder of the year and 2023. As milestones for the ALS Redesign initiative wind down and the holiday season approaches, the National Registry determined that modifying the schedule, found below, will better accommodate schedules and use of time.

For the remainder of the year, ALS Redesign newsletters containing reminders, key topics, and essential information will keep everyone connected leading up to the February 27, 2023 meeting. For the
upcoming year, the following bi-monthly schedule was provided to the panel to ensure there is enough notice for planning:

- February 27, 2023
- April 24, 2023
- June 26, 2023
- August 28, 2023
- October 23, 2023
- Meetings will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. ET (1400-1600)

If this schedule is insufficient or additional meetings need to be added to the bi-monthly schedule, please get in touch with Tom Platt.

The Consensus and Recap

It was a successful review of topics as several panel members found it helpful to reflect on the progress made throughout the ALS Redesign project and prepare for the year ahead.

The National Registry and partnering organizations support NASEMSO in applying the “systems approach” as they champion the AEMT-SMC advisory document and implementation. It will continue to undergo review from the National Registry and partnering organizations before release. Collaboration on this project is critical to standardization and uniformity for student minimum competencies.

The National Registry is honored to collaborate with the ALS Redesign Expert Panel. Not only has it become a space for diversity of thought, but it supports the “from the community, for the community” ideal for improving the current and future state of EMS. We are excited for a bright year ahead and look forward to meeting next February to continue progress with the ALS Redesign initiative.