



ALS Redesign Expert Panel meeting one – Shareable notes

The Panel

- This multidisciplinary panel was created with one goal in mind, inclusivity and diversity of thought. We are extremely lucky to have the following experts join the conversations.
 - o Tom Platt, Chair, Connie Mattera, Chris Mercer, Kenneth Navarro, Amanda Bates, Lindsey Simpson, Paul Berlin, Philip Dickson, Mike Miller, Jeff Anderson, Sahaj Khalsa, Dawn Felt, Art Hsieh, Jeffery Lindsey, Bryan Ericson, Terrell Buckson, Ryan Kerr, Nichole Bossin, Bill Seifarth, Greg Applegate, Alan Arguello, Tom Wilde.
 - o This panel is a diverse group of voices representing the EMS community. For the new test platform to work, it must be from the community for the community. The National Registry asks that the panel come with ideas, participate in discussions; engagement is pivotal to success. This project is the biggest change since moving away from pencil and paper.

The Project

- The ALS Expert Panel Chair, Tom Platt kicked off the meeting with a summary of what the ALS redesign project is.
 - o The ALS redesign plan has four major components
 1. **Replacing the current portfolio requirement with an eligibility requirement.** Educational programs will need to attest to the competency of each candidate in essential physical skills as identified by the most recent ALS practice analysis. For paramedic, we are working with CoAEMSP to develop guidelines for educational programs to help them appropriately assess competency in physical skills. For the AEMT level, we will work with NASEMSO to set up a similar process.
 2. **Strengthening and Expanding the Cognitive Examination.** Multiple response items added to all cognitive examinations, test development committees will be formed to mentor new item writers, additional new item types will be added.
 3. **Sunsetting the Psychomotor Examination.** As we move away from the psychomotor examination we begin expanding the current cognitive examination to include new material related to communications, leadership and clinical judgment. The expanded examination will focus on soft skills and the EMS process.
 4. **Communication and Community Involvement.** Unlike the other major components, this last one focuses on the involvement and collaboration of the EMS field as a whole to ensure the final product is something everyone can be proud of. This piece will be fulfilled through creating the expert panel and sharing timely and meaningful updates with the community as we tackle the project.

The Action Items:

- The National Registry is asking all participants to sign a Confidentiality Agreement, mainly for the sake of making all on the panel feel comfortable in expressing their opinions and to ensure all confidential matters remain protected-yours and the National Registry's.

- You will be signing the Confidentiality Agreement as an individual, no agencies/organizations were invited to participate. It is understandable if you need to reach out to organizations before signing.
- The agreement is attached to this email, please return it prior to the August meeting.
- We also ask that you sign the Release Form attached to the email. This form gives us the ability and permission to share their name and images in association with the final report.
- Meeting Cadence: Fourth Monday of the month at 1400 ET
- Next meeting August 23, 2021, at 1400 p.m. ET
- Contact information for Dr. Platt (if you have any concerns or questions)
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