

E-News & Updates

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Fun in the Sun with SCAA and ECCU 2012 to Improve Nation's SCA Response

New this year, SCAA is co-locating its 2012 Annual Meeting with the Citizen CPR Foundation's Emergency Cardiovascular Care Update 2012 September 11-15 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida. "SCAA is excited to co-locate its 2012 Annual Meeting with ECCU 2012 and looks forward to working with the Citizen CPR Foundation to provide attendees with new educational and networking opportunities at one of the industry's premier gatherings," said Jeff Micklos, SCAA Chairman.

During the two conferences, patient advocates, healthcare professionals and emergency responders will be able to engage in a broader dialogue to better understand, prevent and respond to SCA across the country. Some of the events include: scientific updates on new advances in emergency response, educational track geared for survivors and their family members, a Survivor Celebration hosted by Citizen CPR Foundation and a Survivor, Heroes and Advocacy Awards Dinner hosted by SCAA.

[Online registration](#) is currently open for ECCU attendees. Registration for SCAA events will be announced soon, and for more details visit the [2012 Annual Meeting page](#).



NASCAR Pit Crew System Applied to SCA Response on Beachgoers

You typically see them waving flags and blowing whistles as they scan the crowded beaches for swimmers in distress. Beginning this beach season, lifeguards at a popular East Coast attraction will apply an entirely [new approach](#) to SCA response and resuscitation efforts inspired by the fast-paced structure of NASCAR pit crews. Responders, like pit crew members, will cycle through emergency response procedures in 10 minute intervals, ensuring that high-performance quality care can be continually provided to SCA patients and that responders maintain peak performance.



Federal Communications Commission Examines Potential of Wireless Heart Devices

While the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) traditionally regulates and oversees the development of radiological and implantable medical devices, the [Federal Communications Commission](#) is now also playing a role in the advancement of wireless medical technology as it considers expanding the broadcast spectrum. If new wireless monitoring devices get approval and extra space from the FCC, the agency estimates over one billion dollars could be saved in healthcare costs.



Keystone State One Step Closer to Expanding Protection for AED Users

One of the state's old license plate slogans read: "you've got a friend in Pennsylvania." That might soon be the case when it comes to CPR and AED use should [HB 351](#) get signed into law. Sponsored by state Senator Richard Alloway II, the bill, which provides protection for individuals performing CPR and using AEDs even if they are not certified, passed the state Senate earlier this week and now heads to the House of Representatives.

For more information about SCAA and how you can help save lives, visit www.suddencardiacarrest.org.

Mark Your Calendar and be there with SCAA for these Exciting Events!

National EMS Week: May 20 - 26 , 2012

CPR/AED Week: June 1-7, 2012

Emergency Cardiovascular Care Update: September 11-15, 2012

SCAA 2012 Annual Meeting: September 13-15, 2012