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## EMS COLUMN

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Capnography is the EMS buzzword of the month. New ACLS recommendations make end tidal CO<sub>2</sub> measurement by some method a strong requirement for quality care. Colorimetric devices, such as Nelcor's Easy Cap, are losing favor to sophisticated electronic monitors both in the field and in the ER, or and ICU. Older ER docs and paramedics may not be familiar with all aspects of CO<sub>2</sub> measurement and can find a wealth of information on the free website: [capnography.com](http://capnography.com), an intensive labor of love by the author who has filled the site with excellent illustrations and explanations. The true explanations of end tidal CO<sub>2</sub> measurement lie in the mystery of ATP production which harkens back to the "Krebs" cycle.

EMS city agencies are in line for a portion of the \$3.5 billion Federal dollars earmarked for Homeland Security. These monies are available by grant request from your State by MMRS cities. The Feds have allocated 80% of the money for the cities with only 20% slated to go to the States. While the money is a Federal entitlement, this will result in a turf war, so I advise all involved cities to aggressively stake their claim for this money as soon as possible.

At the last AAEM meeting in San Francisco, an excellent collection of speakers provided a top-notch meeting. And the price was right, and fair.

ED overcrowding is a constant concern and diversions decrease the quality and availability of care. In Las Vegas recently, the local news broadcast which hospitals were on diversion at the time of the news and also listed those important conditions (chest pain, stroke syndromes, respiratory problems), that could not wait, while advising those with minor problems to seek out their MDs or other urgent care facilities. A brilliant solution.