Dear EMS Colleagues,

I am writing to you today as I want to offer both a great and rare opportunity to your EMS department. We invite you to join us on February 28, 2023 to gain access to multiple high fidelity pediatric simulation scenarios in our state-of-the-art Simulation Center at UMass University Campus.

In October 2022, we were awarded a grant to fund the purchase of the Handtevy system and distribute this system to a select five EMS agencies that we provide medical direction for. Through this grant, we are offering an additional educational opportunity that includes simulation with pediatric cases so that we can assess whether the HandTevey system is effective at increasing provider comfort and reducing medication errors. As part of this simulation, you will be asked to participate in a research study as well but the research, like the simulations are completely voluntary. Our goal is to assess how we can improve education for prehospital providers around critically ill pediatric patients. In this study, we plan to assess the comfort level and EMS performance before and after instituting the Handtevy system. If you choose to participate, we will be using the data collected during simulation for our research project although only group performance will be tracked and not your individual scores. Again, this is a **completely voluntary educational opportunity** offered to a select few EMS departments.

This opportunity for simulation also will provide OEMS credit as well as a great opportunity for EMS providers to access difficult scenario’s EMS and enhance their pediatric skills.

We hope that you can join us for simulation on February 28th.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

The EMS Medical Directors at UMass