

# INTEGRATED PATIENT TRACKING INITIATIVE

## Leading the pack

The following groups have already capitalized on the use of Patient Tracking technology. To learn more about each initiative, click below or visit [www.comcare.org](http://www.comcare.org).

St. Louis Emergency Patient Tracking System (EPTS)

Kansas City Patient Tracking System as part of the Metropolitan Emergency Information System (MEIS)

TacMedCS (Tactical Medical Coordination System)

A new subcommittee for **Data Standards for Information Exchange** is forming. If you are interested in joining please email your name, organization, email address and phone number to [ipti@comcare.org](mailto:ipti@comcare.org).

## Wanted: Interested Sponsors

Based on work that COMCARE has done in the past, we recognize that vendor input can be valuable when defining system requirements – whether by bringing reality to less technically savvy practitioners or offering innovative solutions. When vendors participate as ‘members’ of working groups rather than leaders, the product of the research is not only untainted by the bias of a particular solution, but made more valuable by the diversity of input. For a contribution of \$5000 vendors will have the same access to reports and meetings as the practitioners and may choose to attend none, some or all of the subcommittee meetings. For more information, email [ipti@comcare.org](mailto:ipti@comcare.org).

## MOVING FORWARD WITH IPTI



COMCARE has launched the Integrated Patient Tracking Initiative (IPTI), bringing together a representative group of experts to develop a national framework that communities and regions can use when beginning their own patient tracking programs. This is a practitioner-driven process to develop requirements and an open architecture, standards-based interoperable framework in which vendors can actively compete.

COMCARE recruited representatives from over 65 organizations to participate on this project. Because of its size, the group was divided into three separate subcommittees representing Patient Care, Emergency Management and Hospital Administration, and Non-Clinical, Disaster Services and Public Health. Chairs selected to lead these subcommittees are:

### Patient Care:

Dr. Jack Potter, *Valley Health System*  
Kevin McGinnis, *National Association of State EMS Directors (NASEMSD)*

### Emergency Management and Hospital Administration:

John Tartt, *International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)*  
Marge Sidebottom, *University of Virginia Health System*

### Non-Clinical, Disaster Services and Public Health:

John McLamb, *Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS)*



**VIRGINIA HOSPITAL & HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION**

The Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA) is the lead sponsor of Phase 1 of the IPTI initiative. COMCARE gratefully acknowledges their generous grant and support of this effort.



*"The challenge for our group is to develop requirements for systems that are used to improve everyday emergency response, but can easily be scaled up to support mass casualty incidents."*

Dr. Robert Bass, COMCARE board member; President, National Association of State EMS Directors (NASEMSD)

## Calendar of Events

### Patient Care Subcommittee:

Tuesday, November 8  
1:00pm EST  
Tuesday, November 15  
1:00pm EST  
Tuesday, November 22  
1:00pm EST

### Emergency Management and Hospital Administration Subcommittee:

Monday, November 7  
1:00pm EST  
Monday, November 14  
1:00pm EST  
Monday, November 21  
1:00pm EST (tentative)

### Non-Clinical, Disaster Services and Public Health Subcommittee:

To Be Determined

### All Hands Meeting:

Tuesday, November 28  
1:00pm EST

## SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday, December 6th Patient Tracking Summit

Please send the names of potential invitees for the Summit to [ipti@comcare.org](mailto:ipti@comcare.org).

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