



McHenry Western Lake County EMS System System Memo #25-4

To: MWLC EMSS PERSONNEL

From: MWLC EMSS Date: 3/19/2025

RE: High Performance Airway Lab

Purpose: Communicate a training opportunity.

Goal: Have at least twenty MWLC EMSS personnel participate in the High Performance Airway Lab at Rosalind Franklin University, 3333 N. Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL 60064.

McHenry Western Lake County EMS encourages participation in this excellent training opportunity. Rosalind Franklin University is hosting the third annual High Performance Airway Lab. MWLC EMSS personnel attended last year with positive feedback. This is a four-hour session of hands-on airway practice overseen by ED physicians and medical students *specifically addressing the needs of pre-hospital EMS personnel.* The development of this Airway Lab is designed to address the lack of hands-on, cadaver driven instruction to prehospital EMS personnel.

The 2024 hands-on lab included: SALAD technique, Cadaver Intubation, Surgical Cricothyrotomy, Needle Thoracostomy, IO. Opportunities to work directly with both ED physicians and medical students run throughout the lab. Participants earned 5.0 CE credits last year. 2024 Lab cost was \$170.00 per participant. (Participant or their agency is responsible for the cost)

The 2025 hands-on lab will be held during the first or second week of November from 1-5pm. (exact date and cost TBD). Rosalind Franklin is holding twenty seats for MWLC EMSS personnel through July 31, 2025 at 5pm. Registration will be based on first come/first served by first communicating interest using the QR Code or hyperlink below. **Submitting interest communicates a commitment to attend.** More seats may be available if we commit early.

Submit interest for High Performance Airway Lab

Please contact the EMS Office with questions.

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