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## Conferences & Exhibits

California Ambulatory Surgery Association (CASA)

Sep 13–15

Ohio Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers (OAASC)

Sep 19–20

Becker's ASC Business and Operations of ASCs

Oct 26–28

IHI Forum — Institute for Healthcare Improvement

Dec 10–13

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### Achieving Accreditation

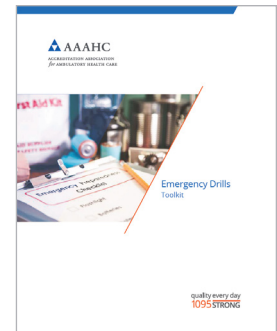
- Virtual, Sep 18–20
- Onsite, Dec 7–8 (Las Vegas)

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## AAAHC releases updated *Emergency Drills Toolkit*

The *Emergency Drills Toolkit* educates ambulatory health care organizations on how to prepare before an actual disaster occurs. The toolkit provides guidance on conducting and evaluating emergency drill processes and procedures that help primary care and surgical/procedural organizations meet the standards set by accrediting bodies, federal and state regulatory agencies, and other national organizations.



### A variety of issues can lead to emergencies in health care settings including:

- **Patient factors or pre-existing conditions**  
(e.g., falls, cardiopulmonary disease, obstructive sleep apnea, opioid overdose, predisposition to malignant hyperthermia, drug hypersensitivity)
- **Medical interventions**  
(e.g., anesthesia, extended procedure times, stress testing)
- **Facility issues**  
(e.g., fire, power loss, incapacitated staff)
- **Inclement weather**  
(e.g., tornados, earthquakes, hurricanes, flooding)
- **Terrorist or other human-caused, life-threatening situations**  
(e.g., homicidal and/or suicidal actions, active shooter, bomb threat, hostage situation, bioterrorism)

## Improve readiness

Scenario based drills or simulations of real-life emergencies allows participants to apply their skills in a safe controlled situation which in turn improves readiness to respond to actual emergency situations.

The *Emergency Drills Toolkit* outlines the steps for conducting an effective drill and provides sample drill evaluation forms to help document performance throughout the drill process. References are provided for further information and guidance.

The AAAHC Institute for Quality Improvement released an updated version of the *Emergency Drills Toolkit*. Order your copy at the **AAAHC Store**.