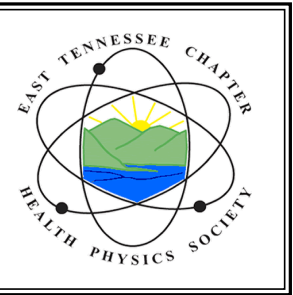


# ETCHPS Newsletter

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## Welcome to the December Newsletter



## November Program Meeting

The November ETCHPS meeting was held on November 14, 2006 at the Sagebrush Steakhouse in Oak Ridge. Approximately 30 ETCHPS members and guests were in attendance for the dinner meeting.

James East, President-elect, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. James introduced and welcomed the speaker for the evening – Kevin Nelson, President-elect for the National HPS, Ph.D, CHP and Director of Environmental Health & Occupational Safety at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. The title of his presentation was “Medical Response to Radiation Incidents.” Mr. Nelson began by thanking numerous ETCHPS members who have been influential in his career. The reason behind his presentation and recent work is that many local hospitals began to indicate an interest in this information.

Kevin Nelson’s presentation included the following information:

- **Good News:** We have known a lot about radiation since the 1800s. If we suspect it we can detect it.
- **Bad News:**
  - In the U.S. medical response infrastructure remains untested for a major event
  - Physicians generally unaware of diagnosis and treatment of radiation exposures
  - Medical staff tends to be fearful
  - There is increased scrutiny of radiation events
- **Four most important take-home points from the presentation:**
  - Have a workable Plan
  - Make sure it is integrated with county and city plans (hospitals, etc.)
  - Categorize patients by risk (integrate medical response plan with triage)
  - Treat immediately without regard to contamination (worry about that later)
- **Communication is very important:**
- **Internal** – who is in charge of what and list of contacts
- **External** – who determines when calls are made and are those contacts up to date
- Know how facility lockdown is accomplished.
- Have a plan in place for ventilation control (to shut down if necessary).
- Know who is in charge of patient census – who determines releasing patients
- Have triage strategy:
- Plan for patients requiring resuscitation or stabilization
- Plan for patients who have received a large dose
- Plan for contaminated patients and the decontamination priorities
- Plan for the “worried well” often arrive before the critically injured
- Is the facilities laboratory prepared to support an event:
- Immediate blood-work vs. collection for later analysis
- Urinalysis
- Additionally, plan for postmortem considerations and posttraumatic event counseling.

Conclusions were that the plans need to be in place and training is very important.

Mr. Nelson held a question and answer session then distributed informational CDs and a laminated handout of “Procedures for Medical Emergencies Involving Radiation.”

James graciously thanked Kevin Nelson for his presentation and reminded everyone of the Vendor’s Meeting that will be held December 12, 2006.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Erika Bailey  
ETCHPS Secretary-elect

## 2007 Midyear Topical Meeting, January 21-24, 2007

*Last day to register for early admission is December 31, 2006!*



Visit the Official Website at <http://www.hpschapters.org/etchps/2007MY.html>. We look forward to a very successful HPS Mid-Year Meeting.

## Vendors Meeting

Just a reminder that tomorrow night, Tuesday, December 12th, is the ETCHPS Vendor's Meeting. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. to visit the Vendor booths and socialize with fellow members. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the very popular raffle to follow.

This year we want to be certain that all member and vendor information is current. Please stop by the ETCHPS table to update information, become a member, pay dues, or confirm the member information on file. Each person who takes the time to do this will receive an additional ticket and have an opportunity to win a very nice prize.

Please make sure you visit each vendor's booth and deposit one ticket in each vendor's basket. The raffle drawing for all prizes will be from only one of the randomly selected vendor's baskets.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact one of the council members.

Merry Christmas!

For any other questions, please email Joe Ellen ([wernerje@ornl.gov](mailto:wernerje@ornl.gov)) or call at 865-576-8671.

Jo Ellen Werner  
ETCHPS Council

## Education Committee

The ETCHPS NRRPT certification exam prep review is currently in progress on Monday Evenings from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM running through January 29th. The meeting place is at SAIC, 301 Laboratory Rd., Oak Ridge. The course will review a number of relevant topics for those preparing for the exam, which will be given Feb 10th. If you are interested in participating in the review please send an email to Tom Rucker ([ruckert@saic.com](mailto:ruckert@saic.com)) with the following information.

- Name, phone number, preferred email address.

The course schedule, outline, and logistics will be sent to those who indicate an interest. The fee is \$25.00, payable to ETCHPS when you come to the meeting.

**ABHP APPLICATION REMINDER:** Complete applications to take either part of the 2007 ABHP examination must be filed with the Executive Secretary postmarked no later than January 15, 2007. More information can be found at: [www.hps1.org/aahp/abhp/prospect.htm#](http://www.hps1.org/aahp/abhp/prospect.htm#)

Tom Rucker  
ETCHPS Council

## Upcoming ETCHPS Meetings

December 12, 2006 - Annual [ETCHPS Vendors Meeting](#) @ Rothchilds Restaraunt, Knoxville

January 21-24, 2007 - The [Midyear Topical Meeting](#) -- Decontamination, Decommissioning, Environmental Cleanup

February 20, 2007 - Annual ETCHPS Business Meeting

## Safety Image of the Month

Make sure you put up and take down your Christmas lights according to Joe.



## Member Database

The new member data base is up and running. All active members (those who are current with 2006 and/or 2007 dues) will be receiveing an email alerting you that your name and email have been added to the database and have been approved for membership. Using the username listed in the email along with your old website login password, you will need to login to

verify/update your information and to vote for the upcoming election. If you forgot your old password, you can request from the member database login screen to reset your password.

The Secretary will be providing a general overview of the new website and database at the ETCHPS Vendors meeting.

If you are not currently an active member, you can pay your dues and become active quite easily...

## Dues Information

Based on the complications with Paypal at moment and switching to the new ETCHPS website, please make all 2007 dues payable via check instead of using Paypal.

In addition, the council has requested that all members pay their dues for 2007 on or after March 1, 2007 and by March 31, 2007.

Thanks for your support.

To send in your dues via the USPS, please make your check payable to: ETCHPS, and address your envelope to:

ETCHPS  
P.O. Box 7006  
Oak Ridge, TN 37831-7006

Due fees are as follows:

Plenary	\$15.00
Fellow	\$15.00
Student	\$ 7.50
Member Emeritus	\$ 7.50
Life Member	No Dues

If you have any questions about your dues, or would like to know your status, please feel free to e-mail me Duane Quayle ([drquayle@shonka.com](mailto:drquayle@shonka.com)) or give me a call at (865) 481-0808.

Duane Quayle  
ETCHPS Secretary