

# Why Join?

## Advocacy

ICEHS section advocacy activities occur in several areas:

- Educate policy makers on the impact of injuries, violence and injury-related health disparities
- Promote coding of external causes of injury in medical data
- Encourage federal and state funding levels that reflect the relative societal burden of injury, violence, and the need for access to emergency health services
- Support policies, programs, and affiliated organizations whose goals include injury and violence prevention and the reduction of related health disparities
- Promote access to comprehensive injury and violence prevention, treatment and rehabilitation for injury across the lifespan
- Highlight neglected injury, violence, emergency health services, and preparedness issues

## Internet Resources

ICEHS website: [www.icehs.org](http://www.icehs.org)

## Events at the Annual APHA Meeting

Approximately 150 presentations in 3 days of scientific sessions including:

- Current injury, violence, emergency health services, and data issues of national significance
- Methodological advances in injury science
- Approachable expert speakers
- Interactive poster sessions
- Networking opportunities in a congenial atmosphere

ICEHS awards dinner

Lively socials with talented ICEHS band

## Section Newsletter

The section produces nine newsletters each year featuring:

- A calendar of upcoming events in the field
- Highlights from national and international meetings
- Special features
- Updates of injury research and people in the *What's New* section
- Job opportunities and internships
- Funding opportunities in the field of injury control, violence prevention, emergency services, and preparedness

Send your news to our **newsletter editor**, **John Lundell**: [John-Lundell@uiowa.edu](mailto:John-Lundell@uiowa.edu)

## Awards

ICEHS recognizes members who have made outstanding contributions to injury control, violence prevention, emergency services and preparedness:

- Distinguished Career Award
- International Distinguished Career Award
- Excellence in Science Award
- Public Service Award
- Best Student Paper Award
- Special Service Awards

To learn more about ICEHS awards, visit [www.icehs.org/awards.htm](http://www.icehs.org/awards.htm)

## Join APHA Choose ICEHS Section Affiliation File an Address Change

Visit [www.icehs.org](http://www.icehs.org) or [www.APHA.org](http://www.APHA.org) or contact ICEHS **membership chair**, **Nancy Nachreiner** ([Nachr001@umn.edu](mailto:Nachr001@umn.edu))

To prevent communication interruptions, file address changes at APHA.org and new e-mail addresses with the **section secretary**, **Kathleen F. Carlson** ([ferg0114@umn.edu](mailto:ferg0114@umn.edu))

## Get Involved/Join a Committee Voice an Opinion

Our committees are currently accepting new members. We would love to hear from you.

To voice an opinion, indicate your interest in a committee or explore leadership positions, contact the **section chair**, **Joyce Pressley** at [jp376@columbia.edu](mailto:jp376@columbia.edu).

## Message from the Section Chair

The ICEHS Section embraces all professionals interested in unintentional injury, violence, emergency health services and preparedness. Historically, our greatest achievements in injury and violence outcomes have been recognized when prevention initiatives expanded beyond education and safety device distribution to include regulatory initiatives, data driven policy formulation, and multi-disciplinary advocacy.

We are supportive of APHA's new multi-section membership approach and welcome the participation of members from other sections whose interests overlap with our own. Injury surveillance, prevention and preparedness employ skills sets found across many APHA sections. Thus, the injury section is truly cross-cutting with disciplines such as epidemiology, health education, health administration, and biostatistics; with age-related sections, such as maternal and child health and gerontology, and with the professional sections, such as vision, nursing and others. The insights offered by community-oriented sections aid grass roots prevention and preparedness efforts. Most injury mechanisms are associated with injury-related disparities highlighting the need to involve APHA caucuses whose goals include improving the health and decreasing health disparities among underrepresented groups. We applaud their efforts and welcome their participation in the injury section.

Strengthening our section through increased member involvement is a priority for the upcoming year. With expanded member and multidisciplinary section participation, our committees are stronger, our perspectives broader, and our visions clearer.

Joyce Pressley, Ph.D, M.P.H.  
Section Chair 2007-2009

## ICEHS & APHA Membership Benefits

- Camaraderie with colleagues with similar professional interests
- Recognition and awards
- Networking
- Opportunities to represent ICEHS on national committees and working groups
- *Section newsletter*
- *American Journal of Public Health*
- *The Nation's Health*
- Discounted rates for the largest public health meeting in the U.S.
- Continuing education
- Discounts on APHA publications

## Student's Corner

ICEHS encourages all student members to:

- Enter the ICEHS student paper competition
- Join the ICEHS mentorship program
- Participate on committees
- Seek a leadership position
- Work with the ICEHS leadership on national, state and local advocacy and injury and violence related policy
- Contribute articles for the section newsletter



American Public Health Association

# Injury Control and Emergency Health Services Section

A national forum for professionals committed to injury control, violence prevention, access to quality emergency services, and preparedness