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**Clinical Take Home Message**

Emergency action plans (EAP) should be written and inclusive of all components outlined in the 2002 NATA Position Statement: Emergency Planning in Athletics. Further, the EAP should be communicated with all stakeholders at the high school to improve the delivery of high quality, life-saving care.

**Impact**

This grant funded study evaluated the presence of written emergency action plans in the high school setting. The findings show that only 9.9% of athletic trainers report adoption of a comprehensive emergency action plan (i.e., inclusive of all components outlined in the 2002 NATA Position statement). Further, the findings demonstrated a lack of knowledge across the socioeconomic continuum from athletic directors, coaches, and school nurses. These findings illustrate the need for improved strategies to increase emergency action plan compliance across the Nation.

"This doctoral student funding from the NATA Foundation helped jump start my research career to focus on healthcare administration and specifically the presence of written policies and procedures in the high school setting."

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