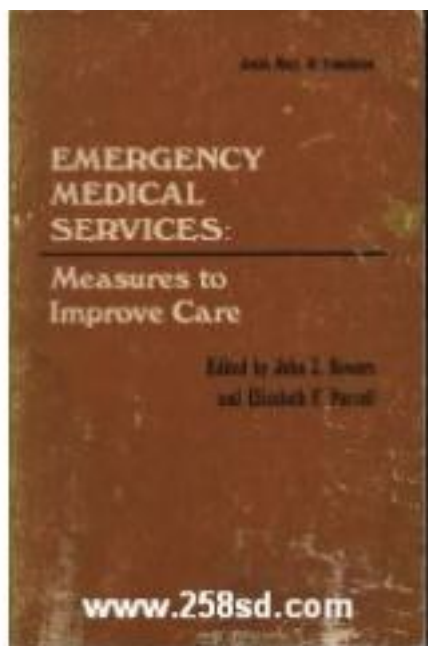


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FOREWORD
The sight of an injured person lying in the middle of a busy intersection in the heart of Manhattan on a snowy day in 1976 for fifteen minutes before the wail of an ambulance siren approached led an officer of the Macy Foundation to propose that the Board of Directors initiate a program to improve emergency medical services in New York City. We are not a study-oriented foundation; we prefer action programs. We therefore concluded that an objective investigation and evaluation conducted under the aegis of an important academic department would stimulate action to upgrade pre-hospital emergency care on a citywide basis. This assignment was given to G. Thomas

Shires, M.D. Lewis Atterbury Stimson
Professor and Chairman of the
Department of Surgery
Cornell University Medical College.
A comparison
of the data assembled by Dr. Shires and his
associates on the situation in New
York City with that of sixteen
other cities across the country produced a series of
shock waves
that led the mayor of this city to institute major changes in
policy
and practices.
As a result of that study the foundation decided that a
national
perspective on EMS would be valuable and a conference for that purpose
was convened on 9 to 11 September 1979.
This report not only contains
contributions from physicians active in the field in the United States but
reports from
Scandinavia and Japan on the status of EMS in those countries.
John Z. Bowers
President
6 June 1980

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