

# Competitive Event Topics 2009-2010

## 2009-10 National Theme:

*"From Simple Scrapes to Failing Hearts, HOSA's Where the Healing Starts!"*  
Submitted by South Carolina HOSA

### Public Health Emergency Preparedness

2009-10 topic category is: **Recent Outbreaks and Incidents**

### Extemporaneous Speaking

Can be any topic related to current health issues or HOSA. For example:

- HOSA and Community Service – The Benefits of Service Learning
- Teens and Smoking
- The Value of HOSA in Promoting Career Opportunities in Health Care
- Childhood Obesity – Problems and Solutions

### Prepared Speaking

#### Speaking Skills

The speech topic is the National Theme:

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### Extemporaneous Writing

This can be any topic related to Health Science Education or HOSA, such as:

- HOSA: A Contributing Member of the Healthcare Community
  - How does HOSA contribute to the healthcare community?
  - What types of services does HOSA provide?
  - What are the benefits to the healthcare community?
  - What are the benefits to HOSA members?

### Extemporaneous Health Poster

Topics will be related to HOSA or Health Science curriculum competencies. Support documentation (articles, pamphlets, etc.) may be provided. For Example:

- Hand Hygiene – Preventing the Spread of Infection
- Eating Right
- Tips for Skin Cancer Prevention
- The Benefits of HOSA Membership

### Researched Persuasive Speaking

This year's topics are:

- **America vs. Canada: Who has the best healthcare system?**
- **Advertising prescription drugs**

### Creative Problem Solving

The secret topic requires the team to solve a problem. The problem may be related to health care or HOSA. Generally, the problem is complex, involving many factors with no clear right or wrong answer. Supportive material is provided. The solution often requires the team to consider time, money, people and creativity in the solution.

## **Biomedical Debate**

2009-10 topic is:

**“Drug Testing: Should high school students face mandatory drug tests?”**

The question to be considered in the preliminary round will be based on this year’s topic.

## **Parliamentary Procedure**

The event guidelines contain a sample problem. Typically, the problem includes one or two main motions, with four or five other types of motions to be applied to the main motion in the course of the meeting.

## **Forensic Medicine**

The event guidelines contain a sample problem. Typically, the problem includes a crime scene or description of the events leading to the death of a victim(s), and additional documentation which generally includes an autopsy.

## **Public Service Announcement**

2009-10 topic is: **“Let’s Get Ready, America!”**

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) Ready is a national public service advertising campaign designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks. The goal of the campaign is to get the public involved and ultimately to increase the level of basic preparedness across the nation.

## **Medical Reading**

Questions for this event will come from the following books:

- [Better by Atul Gawande](#)
- [Final Exam by Pauline W. Chen](#)
- [Gifted Hands by Ben Carson](#)
- [Dark Remedy: The Impact of Thalidomide and Its Revival as a Vital Medicine by Trent Stephens and Rock Brynner](#)
- [The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch](#)

## **Skill Events**

Each skill event with procedures is written up as a scenario. The scenario usually requires the competitor to demonstrate 1-3 skills (procedures) exactly as listed in the event guidelines. In addition, the scenario creates a potential "situation" in which a health care worker might actually perform the skill (s). Given the environment created by the scenario, the competitor performs the procedures of the event and is evaluated by a judge or judges.

## **HOSA Week**

November 1 - 7, 2009