

EL DORADO COUNTY

~PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE~

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, Jan 11th, 2010
TIME: 8:30 - 10:00 AM
LOCATION: El Dorado County EMS Agency Conference Room

I. Members Present:

John Schureman, EDHFD
Leah Yaws, DSP
Susan Johnson, GEO
Brian Bresnahan, EMSA
Becky Rowe, Life-Assist
Michele Williams, MMC
Karla Peterson, BMH
Mike Mileski, SLTFD

II. Related Committee Updates:

- Continuous Quality Improvement Committee:
Advanced airways seem to be a recurrent topic and will be the focus of training. Use of the J hook procedure and ET introducer (Bougie) will be emphasized.
- Medical Advisory Committee:
The Narcan dose change was approved at the last MAC meeting and will go into effect on July 1st.

III. New Business:

- a. Versed formulary correction
The formulary was updated in draft form and will be presented at the next MAC for approval. Versed not being used for pacing, unless the patient has an allergy to MS was the issue.
- b. Oral glucose/ALOC
It was suggested to add oral glucose dosing info to the ALOC protocol to guide BLS personnel. A draft protocol was approved by the committee.
- c. AMA Policy
The draft AMA policy was discussed with base contact being the focus of discussion. The group decided that base contact is highly desirable for the

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listed conditions on the draft and the verbiage: “highly encouraged” be added in place of “required” for base contact.

There was also considerable discussion on AMAs and how to best serve the patients who are refusing treatment or transport. A possible CQI study was also discussed and several options including: 1) Making a phone call to the patient to follow up; 2) Sending a mailer or having issued at the time of AMA that could allow for patient feedback; or, 3) Recommending a CQI focus study on AMAs. It was also recommended that all providers read the article regarding patient refusals in the December issue of JEMS magazine. The issue will be discussed at CQI.

IV. Old Business:

- a. New Equipment
 - i. Lucas II/Autopulse (Not discussed)
 - ii. Dr. Ensign suggested looking into video laryngoscopes for endotracheal intubation. The group will research this option. (Not discussed)
- b. 2010 AHA Guidelines/Protocols
 - i. Look at adding Amiodarone to protocols. PAC to research temperature limits and other factors and bring recommendation back to next meeting.
 - ii. AED procedure – Brian to develop a draft that meets newest guidelines.
 - iii. Pulseless Arrest Protocol – Consider adding Amiodarone, removal of Atropine, adding increased repeat joule settings for pediatrics in VF, and adding pediatric therapeutic hypothermia.
 - iv. Chest Pain Protocol – Proposed change to “Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS)” and add STEMI info.
 - v. Allergic Reaction – Group like the draft that had a single dose of Benadryl for all conditions. To be approved at MAC.
- c. Capnography (Mark W.)- Not discussed
- d. Release at Scene (Mark W.)- Not discussed
- e. Abbreviations (Brian) – The group liked the changes and they were sent to MAC for approval.
- f. 12 Lead (Interim) – Info on how to document and the procedure for base contact to be sent out to all medics by EMSA.

NEXT MEETING: February 9th, 2011 in the EMS Agency Conference Room from 08:30-10:00.

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