

EL DORADO COUNTY

~PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE~

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, February 11th, 2009
TIME: 8:30 am - 10:30 am
LOCATION: El Dorado County EMS Agency Conference Room

I. Members Present

John Schureman
Daniel Miller
Michele Williams
Ben Housel
Mark Wygant
Jan Bojsen-Moller
Katherine Hansen
Becky Rowe
Ryan Basque
Kim George
Doug Bailey
Adrienne Graf
Leah Yaws
Todd Pennington
David Brazzel
Brian Bresnahan

II. Mission Statement

Improving patient care through diligent research and a thoughtful approach to the needs of our patients.

III. Related Committee Updates:

- Continuous Quality Improvement Committee:
Not addressed due to time constraints
- Medical Advisory Committee:
Not addressed due to time constraints

IV. New Business:

- a. **IFT Guidelines for Psych Patients** - The question was posed if this policy was needed or if clarifying versus usage in psych patients could adequately solve any issues. The group will discuss further at next month's meeting.
- b. **Pain Management (and Sedation?)** - A draft procedural protocol was presented to the group which created quite a bit of discussion amongst the physicians regarding sedation in combination with pain management. The MDs will look into the issue and report back to the group next meeting.

V. Old Business:

- **Protocol/Formulary Review 2008/2009:**
 - a. **Bradycardia Protocol** - Approved by PAC. Will be sent to MAC for final approval.
 - b. **Pulseless Arrest Protocol** - Approved by PAC. Will be sent to MAC for final approval.
 - c. **Anaphylaxis Protocol** - Approved by PAC. Will be sent to MAC for final approval.
 - d. **Induced Hypothermia** - Dr. Housel and Michele provided a copy of Marshall Hospital's plan for introducing therapeutic hypothermia in post resuscitation patients. A draft EMSA policy will be presented to the PAC at the next meeting.
 - e. **Dopamine Doses** - The doses for dopamine will be standardized to match ACLS guidelines and will be sent to MAC approval.
 - f. **Versed Doses** - The physicians have agreed on an acceptable pediatric dose: 0.05 mg/kg for all routes of administration. The adult dose will not be changed.

- **Policy/Procedure Review 2008/2009:**

Areas of focus:

- a. **Trauma Subcommittee Report-**
 - **Triage Tags** - Dr. Brazzel will be taking the PAC recommendation for one standard triage tag to the chiefs to obtain their buy in.
 - **Trauma Destination** - The subcommittee is still working on this policy.

- **Quick Look Guide** - The subcommittee is still working on this policy.
 - **Multiple Patient Protocol** - The subcommittee is still working on this policy.
- b. **Refusal of Care** - due to the complex nature of this policy and the fact that we are going to convert to an E-PCR system in the future, the PAC decided to defer this to MAC.
 - c. **Determination of Death** - the committee liked the new version and will pass it along to MAC for approval.
 - d. **Exposure Kit Inventory** - We somehow skipped over this one. To be addressed next meeting. Sorry Ryan...
 - e. **BNTI Procedure** - The group agreed with the addition of Neosynephrine to the procedure (it was already in the formulary). The question of BNTI being used in head injured patients was brought up. The procedure will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- **Equipment Review 2008/2009:**
 - a. **ResQPOD** - MAC to approve as optional.
 - b. **King Airway** - sent to MAC for approval with implementation sometime later in the year, if approved.
 - c. **Disposable laryngoscope blades** - PAC approved. Send to MAC for final approval.
 - d. **Latex allergy kits** - Agreed that, at a minimum, all units should have non-latex gloves available at all times. Sent to MAC for approval.
 - e. **Chlorahexadine** - Sent to MAC for approval as replacement for betadine and alcohol preps.

NEXT MEETING: March 11, 2009 0830-1000 and after MAC in the EMSA Conference Room