

EL DORADO COUNTY

~PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE~

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, April 8th, 2009
TIME: 8:30 - 10:30 AM
LOCATION: El Dorado County EMS Agency Conference Room

I. Introduction of Members

Jan Bojsen-Moller
Kim George
Karla Peterson
David Brazzel
Ryan Basque
Brian Bresnahan
Robyn Toy
Leah Yaws
Ben Housel
Logan Kalfsbeek

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:**
Discussed Call where glucose monitor gave inaccurate results.
- **Medical Advisory Committee:**
Discussed previous MAC meeting and planned for next MAC meeting.

IV. New Business:

- a. **Stomal Intubation Procedure** - Sent to MAC for approval with one additional change: dispatch can auto launch an air ambulance if the reporting party reports the patient as "unresponsive" this was a change from "ALOC."
- b. **EMS Aircraft Policy** - Reviewed and sent to MAC for approval as is.
- c. **PVAD Procedure** - Reviewed and sent to MAC for approval as is.

d. **Determination of Death Policy** - Changed cardiac arrest time frame to 20 minutes to reflect adult pulseless arrest protocol philosophy; changed reference for BLS personnel to "section 1." Policy sent to MAC for discussion/approval.

V. Old Business:

- **Protocol/Formulary Review 2008/2009:**
 - a. **ALOC (Glucose Monitoring/Narcan Doses)** - Added verbiage for medics to "consider confirming test results with second glucose check with blood from a different site (and different meter, if available) if reading is abnormal or the patient's presentation doesn't match the test results." Sent to MAC for approval.
 - b. **Calcium Chloride in dialysis patients** - Discussion ensued on possibility of using CaCL₂ for hyperkalemia patients in extremis. Group agreed with ACLS recommendation to withhold CaCL₂ in the prehospital setting because lab results are needed before med can be safely given.
 - c. **Induced Hypothermia (House1)** - Induced hypothermia was added as a base order option for ROSC in pulseless arrest protocol. As Marshall Hospital's procedure develops we may have the option of induced hypothermia. Draft procedure will need to be updated to match Marshall Hospital's procedure.

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

Areas of focus:

 - a. **Trauma Subcommittee Report-**
 - **Trauma Destination-** Sent to MAC for approval
 - **Multiple Patient Protocol-** Not addressed at this meeting
 - **Equipment Review 2008/2009:**
 - a. No additional equipment reviewed.

NEXT MEETING: May 13, 2009 0830-1000 EMSA Conference Room