

# EL DORADO COUNTY

## ~PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE~

### MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
TIME: 8:30 - 10:00 AM  
LOCATION: El Dorado County EMS Agency Conference Room

#### I. **Members Present:**

Logan Kalfsbeek, CalFire  
Michele Williams, MHER  
Becky Rowe, Life-Assist  
John Schureman, EDHFD  
David Brazzel, EDCEMSA  
Leah Yaws, DS/EDFPD  
Brian Bresnahan, EDCEMSA

#### II. **Related Committee Updates:**

- Continuous Quality Improvement Committee:  
No report.
- Medical Advisory Committee:  
No report.

#### III. **New Business:**

- a. **ALS Non-Transporting Equipment Inventories** – The PAC members were given direction to independently look at the ALS non-transporting unit inventory and make recommendations on eliminating or reducing the number of required items on the list. PAC will also look at considering the implementation of “assessment engines” with a limited amount of ALS equipment on board for areas where an ALS transporting unit is typically on-scene within a few minutes of the engine. See the attachment titled: “LA Assessment Engines” for an example.
- b. **Protocol/Policy/Procedure Updates:**
  - i. **Hyperglycemia** – It was decided that a hyperglycemia protocol should be developed based on numerous issues where field providers either didn’t identify hyperglycemia or failed to properly treat it. See attachment titled: “Draft\_Hyperglycemia.”

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- ii. Bradycardia – It was decided that some clarification to the bradycardia algorithm in regards to TCP for non-heart block related refractory bradycardia. See attachment titled: “Draft\_Bradycardia.”
- iii. CPAP – Additional contraindications should be added to the CPAP procedure:
  - Absolute- Severe decreased level of consciousness
  - Relative – Moderate decreased level of consciousness
- c. **Documentation Policies –**
  - i. HIPAA - The committee reviewed changes that are required by HIPAA, See attachment titled: “9\_Draft\_HIPAA\_Guidelines.”
  - ii. ALS Non-Transporting Unit – Discussion took place regarding the requirement for 100% documentation of any patient contact by an ALS first responder. The PAC agreed that this should be loosened and that only calls where an ALS procedure or other significant treatment took place would require PCR documentation by first responders when transfer of care to a transporting medic unit takes place.. See attachment titled: “First\_Res
- d. **Therapeutic Hypothermia** – A few additions were recommended by Dr. Housel at a previous MAC meeting, to see the changes see the draft.
- e. **Controlled Substance Policies** – PAC decided that this issue should be handled by the Medical Advisory Committee.
- f. **New Equipment (Lucas II, Autopulse, King Airway)** – The Lucas II and the Autopulse are currently being trialed in the county and should be approved for purchase by county providers shortly. PAC will review the King airway device at the next meeting.

#### IV. Old Business:

- a. **12 Lead EKG** – 12 lead training is underway and we are expecting to implement an online training program in January. MAC is looking at when 12 leads would be used and what we will do with the information obtained.

**NEXT MEETING:** January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the EMS Agency Conference Room

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