

EL DORADO COUNTY

~PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE~

MEETING MINUTES

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

I. Members Present:

Kake Koontz, GVFD
Mark Wygant, SLTFD
Michele Williams, MMC
Ryan Basque, GEO
David Brazzel, EMSA
Grant Ingram, CALFIRE
Brian Bresnahan, EDHFD
Lars Ensign, BMH
Jan Bojsen-Moller, LVFD

II. Related Committee Updates:

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

III. New Business:

- a. Chairperson nominations
No takers; Brian Bresnahan will continue as chairperson.
- b. New AHA Guidelines
The AHA 2010 guidelines were briefly discussed and the group decided to independently read them and bring suggestions back to the next meeting. Brian will forward an E copy to all PAC members.
- c. Policy/protocol/procedure revisions/development
 - i. Capnography – Mark Wygant will research other EMS system policies on ETCO₂ and bring suggestions back to the next meeting.

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- ii. STEMI/12 lead Protocol – Michele Williams will be looking into 12 lead policies and Dr. Brazzel will research STEMI protocols. Ideas will be presented at next month's meeting.
- iii. Release at Scene – Mark Wygant presented an idea to develop a release at scene policy to be in addition to the current AMA policy. He will be looking at other EMS system policies and bring any samples to the next meeting for discussion.
- d. Standards of Care Manual – It was noted that the SOC manual is outdated and should probably be renamed to eliminate any legal issues with medics not following the "standard". Brian Bresnahan will work on updating and presenting a possible new name.
- e. Allergic Reaction Protocol – Michele Williams raised a concern about using dose ranges in protocols and would like to see the dose for Benadryl be changed to a single one, either 25 or 50 mg. The group will look into which dose should be used.
- f. Abbreviation Policy – the symbol for "change" in the policy is not correct and must be fixed.
- g. Narcan dose – Dr. Brazzel would like to change the Narcan dose to 0.4 mg from the current 0.2 mg. This will be discussed at MAC.

IV. Old Business:

- a. New Equipment (Lucas II, Autopulse, King Airway) –
 - i. The group discussed the Lucas II and Autopulse devices. They are currently not endorsed by the AHA, however they do provide better compressions and therefore Dr. Brazzel would like to continue with the current studies.
 - ii. Dr. Ensign suggested looking into video laryngoscopes for endotracheal intubation. The group will research this option.
 - iii. CO monitoring was discussed and Dr. Brazzel advised that these were discussed at a recent EMDAC meeting and were found to be very inaccurate and expensive. The group decided to wait until the technology improves.

NEXT MEETING: January 12th, 2010 in the EMS Agency Conference Room from 08:30-10:00.

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