

**RSI Subcommittee Minutes**  
**Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 12pm**

In attendance: S. Adam, R. Breese, J. Cushman, D. Garrett, R. Race

1. Cadaver lab cost/pricing.

Cadaver lab for this coming year will be the same as last year: \$150 per individual. In order to RSVP for course, the provider will have to include payment in order to reserve their position and may subsequently be reimbursed by the agency per agency policy. Unfortunately last year's attempts at streamlining the process did not work.

Dates for the cadaver lab are still to be determined – likely late January/February based on cadaver availability and will be announced as soon as confirmed. Although providers are required to attend a cadaver lab once per year, they can meet that requirement using a training session outside that offered by OPC with prior approval by the RSI Program Medical Director.

2. Individuals not meeting Continuing Education (CE) requirements.

Individuals not meeting 2007 continuing education requirements shall be suspended as of Jan 1, 2008.

Suspended providers will then have to meet 2007 requirements by March 1, 2008 and submit a letter to the RSI Program Medical Director identifying the reasons for not meeting the CE requirements and the expected plan to ensure that CE is met for the 2008 year. The suspension may be lifted upon review of the case by the RSI Program Medical Director, RSI subcommittee, and Regional Medical Director. If reinstated, the provider will still be required to meet 2008 CE requirements. Thus, if a provider was short 2 hours in 2007, they will be expected to complete 2 hours of CE in order to be considered for reinstatement, as well as 8 hours of CE in 2008. Any provider not meeting CE requirements for two consecutive years will be suspended indefinitely from the program.

Any provider that does not meet 2007 continuing education requirements by March 1, 2008 will be suspended indefinitely from the program.

3. Program Size.

The number of providers in the program continues to grow. With the next class, we will have approximately 67 providers in the region. At this time, however, there is no clear, objective data as to what number of providers this system is capable of supporting. It is imperative that this program not only meet the needs of Monroe and Livingston County patients, but also ensures that the region is not over-saturated with providers and thus diluting the experience shown to be vital to maintain this skill. Further, this program requires significant time and effort on behalf of the Program Medical Director to administer which is currently not directly funded. Additional providers mean additional administrative requirements and training sessions to meet the established standard.

The RSI Program recently had the withdrawal of two providers who identified that their time on the road has decreased, potentially compromising their ability to maintain the constant evaluation and management skills necessary of an RSI provider. The decision was surely a difficult one for these providers, but should be applauded, for they recognized that the frequency of providing such a skill is so low that it cannot justify the continued participation in the program. These providers are of course always welcome to re-apply for RSI status should their job descriptions change.

At this time, there are no requirements for providers other than having met REMAC specified initial and continuing training requirements. However, in the coming year, it will likely become necessary to re-evaluate this and also include objective criteria such as number of hours worked as an RSI provider in the region. At this time, variables such as number of RSI's and number of RSI evaluations may not be the most objective measure as they can be manipulated by the provider. This matter will continue to be followed closely by the RSI Subcommittee and the REMAC and providers should consider their ability to constantly use their skills as an RSI provider to maintain such credentialing.

4. RSI for Non-RSI providers lecture.

This lecture, developed by Rick Race and Bryan McKinley will be available in both ALS and BLS provider versions for RSI providers to present to their respective agencies to assist non-RSI providers in understanding the indications and procedure making our delivery of this skill a team effort. Final revisions are being made with a goal release date of Oct 1.

5. Training.

2007-2008 RSI training schedule is available on the web. Other ideas for coming topics include: post intubation management, things that can prevent intubation, and how to make an RSI request, in addition to skills labs. Another suggestion was to videotape skills sessions to allow direct feedback to the provider. Training suggestions are always welcome and can be directed to Dr. Cushman.

6. Next meeting will be scheduled for January with date/time/location announced later this fall.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:55pm