

Meeting of REMAC

August 18, 2008

Members Attending

Michael Kuder, Tim Czapranski, Zach Hettinger, Julie Jordan, Manish Shah, Bruce Thompson, Jan Lloyd, Joe Meath, George Nasra, William Joyce, Bill Sheahan, Robert Breese, John Hilmi, Mark Tornstrom, Tim Frost, Sheri Adam, Marc Lampell, Charles Cavallaro, Steve Wolfe

Guests Attending

John Lents, Paul Bishop, Rick Race, Ross Zastrow, Sue Chalupa-Breese, tom Coyle, Pam Parnapy, Mary Comerford, Chuck Krueger, Karen Dewar, Terry Yount, Tom Kirchoff, Chuck Dodson

Correspondence/Announcements - Chair (Terry Fairbanks)

- Motion by Manish Shah to approve the June minutes, seconded by Bob Breese, motion passed.
- Introduction of Dr. Hettinger, EMS research Fellow, to be involved in EMS for the next 2 years
- Dr. Biernbaum has stepped down the position as director of Unity and will be replaced after 2 months
- Dr. Nasra announced the Unity Meet and Greet -an open house at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on 9/16/08. All EMS and police department persons are invited.

Medical Director's Report (Manish Shah)

- The collaboration between REMAC and the GRQC has started. There are a number of people working on this and thanks to everyone since the time commitment to this project is much more than was expected.

Associated Reports

MLREMS Council (Paul Bishop)

- Announcement of the adoption of several policies including Conflict of Interest, Whistle Blower Policy and Records Retention Policy
- NYS has asked all regional councils to undertake an initiative to improve the diversity representation , Council asks REMAC to examine its membership for opportunities to increase diversity
- State meetings to be held September 9th and 10th

State Actions (Sheri Adam)

No report

Sub-Committee Reports

ALS (Julie Jordan)

- New discussion project to begin to include ALS Chiefs and to concentrate on standardizing preceptor requirements with respect to education and communication as part of CME training

Pharmacy (Mike Kuder)

No report

Protocol (Zach Hettinger)

No report

QA (Sheri Adam)

No report

RSI (Zach Hettinger for Jeremy Cushman)

- Date for the annual QA report being finished

SCT (Bob Breese for Erik Rueckmann)

- Update information was sent out with regards to change in ventilator protocol and
- Standardizations of pharmacologic management in some of specialty care transports with some of the other medications that are out there will be discussed at the next Specialty Care Transport Subcommittee meeting.

ePCR TAG (Manish Shah)

- Documents sent out:
 - Letter from Terry and Paul talking about the importance of completing PCRs in a timely manner
 - Helpful hints to improve completion time within agencies
 - Report to agency leadership and medical directors of performance of agencies with the time of completion requirements – improvements noted
- Document to be sent regarding how to document emsCharts and completion of PCRs on time

QA Implementation TAG (Sheri Adam for Rick Race)

- The QA TAG document that was put together was approved and will be going out by end of week

Old Business

Update on Kodak and CON - (Ross Zastrow)

- Kodak has until 9/30/08 to work with NYS on their CON and if the process is not completed by then, their certification will be revoked.

Selective Spinal Immobilization (Terry Fairbanks)

- Motion to have the PEDS age set at 8 (in lieu of 5) was approved Bruce Thompson, second Sheri Adam, motion passed

New Business

OPC Database for ePCRs (Sheri Adam)

- The database needs to be adjusted to collect NEMSIS data points probably by year end. NYS signing agreement this year. Will need emsCharts, Zoll and Red Alert to start collecting data as well.

West Webster BG Application (Sheri Adam)

- Motion to start the process of BG monitoring for BLS people was approved, John Hilmi, second Manish Shah, motion passed

Highland Hospital – (John Hilmi)

- 340 now working, encourage all ambulances to call in short report before arriving

Geriatric Vodcasts – (Manish Shah)

- Blocks of Geriatric CMEs are being posted to www.funcmes.com, in order to get credit, must do all (4) episodes in a block. Can be done on computer or downloaded to an iPod. Grant funded, so hopefully will include more topics after Geriatrics.

PCRs – (Manish Shah)

- If an agency is not using electronic charting, they are REQUIRED to leave a PCR at the hospital.
- emsCharts now has automatic faxing of PCRs as an option to Click fax pro

STEMI protocol – (Steve Wolfe)

- Reminder that AMI patients can go to different hospitals if necessary, follow the protocol

Motion was made to dismiss the meeting Mike Kuder, seconded by Bill Sheahan, and approved.

Next meeting: October 20, 2008, 5:30 p.m. – PSFT at 1190 Scottsville Road (Room 105)