

REMAC Meeting
June 16, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Voting Members Present

Jeremy Cushman
Kevin O'Gara
Manish Shah

Terry Fairbanks
Erik Rueckmann
Bruce Thompson

John Hilmi
John Schriver
Steve Wolfe

Voting Members Absent

Rob Biernbaum
Marc Lampell

Charles Cavallaro
George Nasra

Stephanie Elsen

Non-Voting Members Present

Sheri Adam
Tim Frost
Mike Kuder
Bill Sheahan

Bob Breese
Julie Jordan
Jan Lloyd
Mark Tornstrom

Tim Czapanski
Bill Joyce
Joe Meath

Guests

Sue Chalupa-Breese
Nicki Ditch
John Lentz
Bill Wood

Sharon Chiuiento
Tom Kirchoff
Pam Parnapy

Mary Comerford
Chuck Krueger
Rick Race

Standing Agenda Items – Terry Fairbanks

- Agenda Review
- Minutes – motion to approve – B Breese, second M Shah, passed
- Correspondence/Announcements
 - Email from the DOH regarding the bill that will allow HIV/AIDS testing of patients that can't consent for providers with potential exposure
 - Letter sent to Ed Wronski regarding long triage times and providers feeling the need to continue treatment of patients while in line, waiting on a response
- Med lists in the age of medication reconciliation - It is a requirement that in hospital care including the ED, if a medication is added, stopped or changed, that the provider take a list of all the patient's current medications and dosages and, and reconcile that with the change that they recommend. Providers from EMS need to make sure they leave a list of the medications before leaving the hospital.

Medical Director's Report – Manish Shah

- Agency/911 Dispatch Policy – Position Paper - f you as an agency are doing your own dispatch what are some of the national standard expectations. Will mainly affect the colleges/universities
- Dansville – Notification of dropping ILS status
- Hospital and EMS Meetings – If your hospital has regular meetings with EMS providers please let OPC know so we can send out reminders to the EMS providers to attend.
- Spinal Immobilization Protocol – discussion under new business

Associated Reports

Council – Mark Tornstrom

- By laws voted on here in May have been passed by the Council.

ED Directors – John Hilmi

- No meeting, will be reviving committee

State Meetings – Tim Czapranski

- Finance and EMS look at investigating affiliations for agencies going training to make sure that their affiliation exists and that the applicant was truthful on their documentation, putting in or submitting for recerts
- HIV status-when they refinanced the research piece, they left off the protection for fire, police and EMS. 63.8M explains how to get the status of a patient giving certain criteria
- Atropine has been distributed to EMS agencies. Monroe County was one of the first rolled out. Follow the Mark One protocols
- Continuous care regarding 12 lead EKG and constant ET wave form capnography for ETT, NYS DOH trying to work out the hospital continuing the care
- SEMAC, no quorum, no business
- On January 1st, 2009, wave form capnography is to be used for all patients that are intubated. REMAC can granted an extension to demonstrated hardship in their region if it is presented adequately to REMAC. For a trouble breathing patient or a pediatric patient, you cannot intubate them after January 1st, 2009 without wave form.
- Senate 2341 allows volunteer fire departs to bill for EMS.
- Assembly or senate 7683 which is the MOLST forum which removes the sunset date at the end of this month, makes it statewide so the EMS providers across the state and it makes it permanent legislation.
- SEMSCO also supported assembly 10970 and the senate version which is S7775 extending EMS certification for those in our military who are on active duty and not able to recertify.

State actions - Sheri Adam

- Coling Medical Transport, Brooklyn, NY
- Brian Pietrzyk, Amherst, NY
- Jason Norris, Brooklyn, NY

Sub-Committee Reports

Update – Terry Fairbanks

- Greater Rochester Quality Committee Membership
 - From EMS: Manish Shah (Chair) Tim Czapranski, Bill Sheahan, Sheri Adam, Tom Coyle, Mike Kuder, John Lents, Julie Jordan, Bill Joyce.
 - From the hospitals: Strong – Greg Conners, Ann Peterson; RGH – Stephanie Elsen and Rosa Walbrook; Unity – Rob Biernbaum; Lakeside – Steve Wolfe; Highland – John Hilmi and Jan Taylor.

ALS – Julie Jordan

- Working on an Assist-A-Tech power point that is almost complete. Will come to this committee for approval next meeting.
- Working to standardize our preceptor process across the county so all agencies area are using the same requirements.

Pharmacy – Mike Kuder

- No Meeting this period, nothing scheduled

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Protocol – Jeremy Cushman

- Chest Pain Protocol – STEMI
 - Added criteria to eliminate BLS administration of ASA for traumatic chest pain
 - 12 Lead before NTG
 - EKG machine's interpretation of ***Acute MI Suspected***, contact medical control and transport patient to a PCI center
 - Motion to accept protocol for August 1, 2008 start date as long as there aren't any significant comments during the 30 day comment period – B Breese, Second J Hilmi, passed
 - Will send notice to ED's to let them know about the change

QA – Sheri Adam

- Executive Session at the end of REMAC

RSI – Jeremy Cushman

- Concern over large number of RSI providers discussed. Motion to ask RSI Committee to determine a plan on how to keep the group small enough to maintain excellent skills M Shah, Second B Breese, passed

ePCR Tag – Manish Shah

- 57.3% of charts on transported patients are being locked within the 180 minute requirement. Letter going out that Paul Bishop and Terry Fairbanks will be authoring pushing the harder with agency leadership.
- Tag group coming up with Tips for agencies to use to improve their times
- Numbers for each agency will be sent out so they know where they stand.
- Reminder to agencies using paper, copy MUST be left at the hospital before leaving

SCT – Erik Rueckmann

- Nothing to report

QA Implementation TAG – Rick Race

- Meeting to finalize the document for agencies next week. Plan to have it out to agencies shortly.

New Business

Applications – Sheri Adam

- BG – West Webster – will have paperwork next month instead
- Epi-pen – Gates FD, application complete, will be forwarding to NYS

C-Spine Immobilization Protocol – Terry Fairbanks

Immobilization Criteria - discussed, training should emphasize at risk criteria. Two part motion – Restrict State protocol to ages 5 to 65 can be selectively not immobilized, and Terry Fairbanks to send out notification that this change is coming in case agencies begin training sooner than the protocol change vote in August and that unless there is significant comment, this change will be in effect after the 30 day comment period. M Shah, Second B Thompson, motion passed. Suggestion made to send a letter notifying the hospitals of this new protocol.

Highland Announcement – John Hilmi

As of today, Highland has capnometry in ED.

Motion to adjourn – T Frost, Second M Shah, passed

Motion to enter Executive Session – B Breese, Second T Frost

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Executive Session – QA issue involving John Spaulding – Sheri Adam

The following is the seconded motion brought by the Executive Session:

1. 100% QA by agency and region for 12 consecutive months of practice
2. If he'd like to join a second agency, he must bring it to the QA Committee first for consideration
3. After 12 months of QA he can meet with the QA Committee for a final sign off

Motion passed.