



Denver Metro EMS Medical Directors

MINUTES

St. Anthony's Hospital

March 7, 2012

1130 Hours

ATTENDANCE

American Medical Response	Nicholas Clayton, Brian Erling
Arvada Fire Protection District	David Mitchell
Aurora Fire Department	Kevin Moffitt
CDPHE EMTS Section	Arthur Kanowitz
Children's Hospital Colorado	Jason Kotas, Maria Mandt
Clear Creek EMS	Nicolena Johnson
Denver Health Medical Center	Erica Douglas, Jesse Jerome, Kevin McVaney, James Robinson
Evergreen Fire Rescue	Bob Walter
Exempla EMS/Prehospital Services	Jeff Beckman, Ron Quaife
Exempla St. Joseph Hospital	Michelle Archuleta
Federal Heights Fire Department	Sean Ellis
Gilpin Ambulance Authority	Zane Laubkan
HealthONE EMS	Dylan Luyten, Randy Pennington, Patricia Tritt
North Metro Fire	Ross Riley
North Suburban Medical Center	Josh Heller, Erin Selby
North Washington Fire Department	Matt DeVries
Porter/Littleton/Parker Adventist Hospitals	John Riccio, David Sanko
Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital	Todd Beirne

Regional Medical Liaison Group	Nick Boukas
South Metro Fire Rescue Authority	Bob Marlin
St. Anthony Hospital	Tracy Collins, Scott Phillips, Gina Soriya, Pete Vellman
TMCA, EMS/Trauma Services	Chantel Benish, Gilbert Pineda
University Hospital System/Univ of Colorado	Fred Severyn
West Metro Fire Department	Clint Fey, Kevin Schmidt

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pete Vellman at 11:50 am.

Introductions

Dave Mitchell, EMS Administrator, Arvada Fire Department

Dr. Adam Hill, Medical Director, St. Joseph's

Jackie Clare, new business support for St. Anthony Hospital ED

Protocol Discussion

Scott Phillips and Dr. Dylan Luyton reported that the change to protocol that was updated in July is in final draft and ready to be sent for approval. The inconsistencies in the ALS/BLS will be addressed and both protocols are being integrated into one.

Dylan reported that drug shortages are a major ongoing concern. Every cheap, generic medication is at risk for shortage. There is support from the group for utilization of expired drugs in life saving situations. Safety of each drug must be considered as some expired drugs are toxic. Kevin McVaney of Denver Health is championing this and will craft a consensus statement.

A small number of pediatric patients have congenital adrenal hyperplasia and in crisis the treatment is glucocorticoid administration. Hydrocortisone (Solu-Cortef) is considered the treatment of choice but it is felt that Solumedrol will work as well. The protocol will be changed to allow the administration of Solumedrol in the setting of adrenal crisis in all ages.

Chapter 2 rules coming out in spring 2013 will address the issue of whether paramedics can administer medications provided by the patient.

There was a discussion about complications from King Airway insertion. Both pharyngeal and esophageal perforations were reported by members of the group. There is general consensus that there is no need to change the current protocols for use of the King airway. Complications will be monitored and training will encourage the gentle insertion of the device.

Regional Medical Liaison Group Update

RML sprung out of co-op arrangement between Mile High RETAC and Foothills RETAC. Randy Hamm has resigned as the coordinator. Nick Boukas has accepted the position of coordinator.

Nick reported that he is trying to help agencies get on board with quality reporting. Individual agencies are reporting data but not making it into the state database. This is most likely a mapping issue, eg: free text vs.checkbox or dropdown menu. Searches don't work if data entry format is inconsistent. Nick will draft a letter to the medical directors asking for scrubbed aggregate data. Holly Hedegard is leaving the state and it may be awhile before someone new takes over. Next step is to work with educators to make sure the forms are filled out properly.

QI targets were discussed. The state mandates 67 data points, many unrelated to clinical care. A lot more data could be tracked. Pete Vellman recommended that this be tested to find out how pure the data is. Chest pain in patients over age 35 will be tracked and tested.

Announcements

Several MCI classes are available in April targeting the ICS structure. The class is a practical base training intended to teach managing medical arm for large incidents with best chance of success.

James Robinson and Clint Fey are co-chairing a regional training on March 8 at the West Metro training facility. Fifty-seven agencies from a 10 county region are participating.

Art Kanowitz announced that Holly Hedegard has accepted a position in Washington, D.C.

EMPAC has started stakeholder discussions and taking wishlist items for rule changes. Hope is for rule changes every two years.

The Pediatric RSI taskforce is developing guidelines for safe and effective care. There is a mandate that every case be sent to the state within 7 days for those holding a pediatric RSI waiver.

Nicolena Johnson reported on the CDOT project at mile marker 243, the one-mile stretch of eastbound I-70 east of Idaho Springs to the bottom of Floyd's Hill. CDOT is spending \$30 million on an 18 month improvement project which will detour traffic and reduce speed during construction. These factors will increase the likelihood of air transport through that corridor. The Sunday afternoon traffic scenario will be expected all week. The most significant consequences will be over an 8 month period beginning next summer.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm. Next meeting: Wednesday, May 2 at 11:30 am, St. Anthony Hospital Auditorium A-B-C-D. The medical directors will meet from 10:00 am until 11:30 am in Conference Room A-B while the EMS Coordinators meet in Conference Rooms C-D from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. The RML meeting is in ED Conference Room B at 9:00 am.

APPROVED:

Peter Vellman, MD