



Denver Metro EMS Medical Directors

MINUTES

St. Anthony's Hospital

July 11, 2012

1130 Hours

ATTENDANCE

Arvada Fire Department

David Mitchell

Children's Hospital Colorado

Jason Kotas

Clear Creek EMS

Nicolena Johnson

Denver Health Medical Center

Patrick Maloney, Marlow Macht

Evergreen Fire Rescue

Anthony Shepperdson

HealthONE EMS

Dylan Luyten, Randy Pennington

North Suburban Medical Center

Josh Heller, Mark Warth

North Washington Fire Department

Dave Baldwin

Porter/Littleton/Parker Adventist Hospitals

Gene Eby, John Riccio, David Sanko

Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital

Todd Beirne

Pridemark Paramedic Services & Rural Metro

Chris Mullberry

Regional Medical Liaison Group

Nick Boukas

South Metro Fire Rescue Authority

Barbara Foster

St. Anthony Hospital

Scott Phillips, Gina Soriya, Pete Vellman

Thornton Fire Department

Bob Matoba

TMCA, EMS/Trauma Services

Chantel Benish, Erica Douglass

West Metro Fire Department

Kevin Schmidt

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pete Vellman at 11:55 am.

Peer Review Protection for EMS

Ross Riley discussed need for letters of support from medical directors. Ross agreed to present at the EMPAC meeting in August. Dr. Dylan Luyten agreed to draft a letter of support from the group. Ross will send Dr. Luyten an example and reference materials to be used to draft the letter.

Protocol Update

Dr. Luyten discussed current protocols that went into effect in July and reported that the next protocol update will be posted for download in January. Current updates include changes in response to shortages; simplified algorithm for adult pulseless arrest; new protocol 4061 for adrenal insufficiency; new protocol for cyanokit; and changes to adenosine dosing, albuterol for hyperkalemia, naloxone, and needle thoracostomy.

Regional Medical Liaison Group Update

Nick Boukas reported that the next CQI workshop is toward the end of the year.

The website for dmemsmd.org has been redesigned. Homepage now includes links to the protocols and RETACs. Questions can be submitted using the "Ask the Docs" inquiry form. There is also a form to submit feedback on the Contact menu.

Physician Group Updates

Dr. Pete Vellman discussed the Miami Emergency Neurologic Deficit (MEND) Exam and how this could be incorporated in the Denver area. Some education would be needed prior to implementation. The MEND exam is designed to recognize stroke patients not identified with the Cincinnati exam.

The group discussed techniques, equipment and best training methods for cricothyrotomy. Mannequin training doesn't prepare providers for the real procedure. It was noted that cricothyrotomy kits come with very large needles that are difficult to insert into the skin. The kit also includes small parts that are easily lost. Doing a deep dive of literature was recommended to see what else is available.

The group is looking at new techniques used by a physician in Florida for calculating pediatric doses. His system is reportedly simpler and less expensive than Broselow's

Artemis System. The group agreed to discuss offline whether to invite him to present at a future meeting.

Clinical Coordinator Updates

Chantel Benish reported that a committee of 12-13 people was given 100-120 protocol questions to review. Their findings will be presented to the group at the end of the year.

The training module includes a disclaimer that this is a non-validated assessment tool, not meant for certification.

Announcements

Kevin Schmidt announced that EMS Chief Clint Fey was reassigned to Jeffco EMS. Kevin is the interim EMS director until Chief Fey is replaced.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm. Next meeting: Wednesday, September 5 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