



# Denver Metro EMS Medical Directors MINUTES

St. Anthony's Hospital  
November 7, 2012  
1130 Hours

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## ATTENDANCE

Action Care Ambulance	Jen Falkenburg
American Medical Response	Brian Erling
Aurora Fire Department	Kevin Moffitt
Children's Hospital Colorado	Ashley Balakas, Joe Darmofal, Maria Mandt, Lara Rappaport
Clear Creek EMS	Nicolena Johnson
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment	Sean Caffrey, Barb Foster, Michelle Reese
Cunningham Fire Department	Ralph Vickrey
Denver Health Medical Center	Patrick Maloney, Kevin McVaney, James Robinson
Eagle County Ambulance District	Will Dunn
Exempla EMS/Prehospital Services	Jeff Beckman
Exempla St. Joseph Hospital	T.K. Kennedy
Foothills RETAC	Linda Underbrink
Gilpin Ambulance Authority	Jamie Morgan
HealthONE EMS	Dylan Luyten, Randy Pennington
Mile High RETAC	Shirley Terry
North Suburban Medical Center	Josh Heller, Erin Selby
North Washington Fire Department	Dave Baldwin
Porter/Littleton/Parker Adventist Hospitals	Gene Eby, Lee Meyer, Clancy Meyers, John Riccio, David Sanko, Brian Sobeck
Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital, and Rose Medical Center	Todd Beirne
Regional Medical Liaison Group	Nick Boukas
South Metro Fire Rescue Authority	Bob Marlin
St. Anthony Hospital	Scott Phillips, Gina Soriya, Pete Vellman, Kippie Valentine
TMCA, EMS/Trauma Services	Chantel Benish, Erica Douglass Michelle Loop, Gilbert Pineda
University Hospital System/Univ of Colorado	Fred Severyn
West Metro Fire Department	Bruce Dikken, Kevin Schmidt

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Pete Vellman called the meeting to order at 11:35.

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The group welcomed Dr. Kippie Valentine from Rocky Vista University, and Ashley Balakas and Joe Darmofal from Children's Hospital.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 5, 2012 meeting were approved.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Regional Medical Liaison Group Update – Nick Boukas**

Nick discussed the protocol assessment tool and reported that the group working on the questions is meeting next week. EMTS is helping to refine the questions. Beta testing will begin soon.

### **Physician Group Updates – Dr. Pete Vellman**

Dr. Vellman reported that the physicians discussed the protocols and issues with roll out at the morning meeting. Dr. Luyten discussed a problem with agencies making inadvertent substitutions and dosing errors in medication administration. New packaging with different shapes and vials are contributing to these errors. This problem is being addressed.

Issues with the cardiac protocols were also discussed. An update will be posted on the website.

Slow uploads of data have been reported. Contact Steve at EMTS to report issues.

### **EMS Sepsis Updates – Dr. John Riccio**

Dr. Riccio discussed the sepsis research project through the Porter /Littleton/Parker EMS group. He addressed questions and the screening tool and reported that although more research is needed to validate the study, the conclusion is that trained EMS personnel can accurately identify severe sepsis patients using the tool. Benefits are significantly decreased mortality and decreased LOS and time to antibiotics. The study has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Emergency Medicine*.

**EMS Legal Issues, including QI and Discoverability – guest speaker, Doug Wolfberg**

Mr. Wolfberg led a discussion on QI and discoverability. See handouts attached.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Vellman asked the group to review the 2013 meeting schedule and note that some of the meetings do not take place on the first Wednesday due to holidays and scheduling constraints.

The next DMEMSMD Meeting is on January 9, 2013.  
(St. Anthony Hospital Conference Rooms E, F, G)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.