

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2010

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Kristie Gallagher, R.N.
Dr. Todd Brookens
Bob McCarthy
Lt. Glenn Newman

Representing

Springfield Twp. FD
Toledo Hospital EC
Toledo and Flower Hospitals EC
Great Lakes Emergency Nurses Council
Toledo Fire & Rescue

Staff

David Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole
Brent Parquette
Jon Ziehr

Medical Director LCEMS
LCES Director
QA/QI CE
EMS CE

Absent

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Kenneth Chelucci, M.D.
Domian Kandah, M.D.
Pat Mattevi, M.D.
David Miramontes, M.D.
Kris Brickman, M.D.
Cheryl Herr
Rod Standiford (primary)
Matt Homik (alternate)

St. Luke's Hospital
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
St. Charles Hospital
Bay Park Hospital EC
Toledo Fire/Mercy Health Partners
UTMC
St. Luke's Hospital/ Nurse Manager's Assoc.
Paramedic Committee
Paramedic Committee

Call to Order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the October 4, 2010 meeting were made available for review. Minutes were accepted as written.

CE

Brent reported there was no CE in November and December. January's CE will be a review on tox emergencies and skill stations. Also there will be an in-service on the new power cots.

Old Business

Barry Cousino reported Dr. Lindstrom discussed the Sandhu Collar trial along with the expenses at the Policy Board meeting. The Board approved of the one year trial.

The question was raised if the hospitals will continue with the collar cooling after the patient arrives. Dr. Lindstrom reported not at this time. Life Core Technologies is going to approach the hospitals.

Dr. Lindstrom reported he had a discussion with Dr. Nagel regarding the collar, and he was only aware of the literature. Dr. Lindstrom reported EMS will get 90 collars for free and the rest will cost the county. The program will start before Christmas and the paramedics have had training.

Barry Cousino reported a discussion was brought up at the Policy Board regarding automated CPR devices. It was decided the discussion should go back to the Paramedic Committee for recommendation.

Dr. Lindstrom reported the Auto Pulse is circumferential and the Lucas provides potential active decompression. Dr. Lindstrom also reported the aircraft will be going to the Auto Pulse due to the clearance in getting into the aircraft.

Brent did some comparisons for the committee, i.e., the Auto Pulse's board is bigger and heavier. It is a banding system. The Lucas is small and compact and uses a plunger type system. The Lucas is easier to setup, easier to move and there is full access to the patient. The battery lasts 30 minutes in the Auto Pulse and 45 minutes for the Lucas.

Dr. Lindstrom suggested a list be made of the pros and cons to be brought to the Paramedic Committee meeting as well as both products for discussion.

Dr. Lindstrom reported EMS is still receiving the CirQlator. To date there has been fourteen applications.

Dr. Lindstrom reported the purchase of the LifePak 15's was approved at the Policy Board and we have moved forward in buying them.

Dr. Lindstrom reported Dr. Miramontes made a request to revise the Traumatic Arrest Destination Protocol to redirect all traumatic arrest patients to go to one of the Level 1,2 or 3 trauma centers. Dr. Lindstrom said he sent a letter to all the ED physician directors and to the five hospitals verified trauma centers trauma surgeons for their feedback. To date, the feedback is split down the middle. Dr. Lindstrom reported he is leaving the protocol the way it is.

New Business

Lt. Newman reported in listening to dispatch this morning, he noticed a private ambulance was being dispatched as life squad. He asked if we should start to think about how to better utilize our ALS resources and is there a need to add additional life squads. Glenn cited a stabbing incident he was at and having to wait for a private ambulance because all the life squads were busy.

Dennis reported this discussion should go to the Policy Board. Dennis also mentioned no matter how we design the system, there is the possibility we could go beyond our resources and we would still have to use the private ambulances.

Dr. Lindstrom reported ProMedica has decided to remove the physicians from their aircrafts as of January 1st. Also Dennis was approached by Life Flight as well and they are moving the same way. Dr. Lindstrom reported there will be a protocol change. ProMedica will have a nurse/ paramedic on their flights. With Life Flight not sure, but will sometimes use residents.

Dr. Lindstrom reported there is a protocol change for Dispatch Com Center regarding LVAD patients. If a patient is a LVAD, a life squad will be dispatched and the patient assessed by a paramedic for determination.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20. The next meeting is February 7, 2011 at 8:30.