

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2013

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.
Todd Brookens, MD
Paul Rega, MD for Dr. Brickman
Thomas Boggs, MD
Dr. Daniel Kempbe
Bob McCarthy
Julie DiCecco, R.N.

Representing

Springfield Township Fire Department
St. Vincent Mercy EC
Toledo / Flower Emergency Centers
University of Toledo Medical Center EC
St. Luke's Hospital
UTMC
Great Lakes Emergency Nurses Council
Toledo Hospital EC

Staff

David Lindstrom, MD
Dennis Cole
Brent Parquette
Pat Moomey
Jon Ziehr

Medical Director LCEMS
Emergency Services Director
QA/QI/CE
Communications Manager
CE Program administrator

Absent

Domian Kandah, MD
Pat Mattevi, MD
Zak Husain, M.D.
Cheryl Herr, R.N.

St. Charles Hospital
Bay Park Community Hospital
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
St. Luke's Hospital/ED Managers

Call to order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the June 3, 2013 meeting were made available for review. The minutes were accepted as printed.

Introductions

With some new faces present, introductions were made.

Old Business

CE – Brent reported no training this summer. September will be ACLS. As for protocol updates, Brent reported the reintroduction of the cooling collar. The re-tooled collar will be trialed on LS6 and LS10. The paramedics will track the temperatures and hopefully the hospitals will continue the cooling with the collar after reaching the hospital and in the interim to the floor. Dr. Schwerin reported once the emergency center knows they are receiving a cardiac arrest

patient, they prepare getting the cooling blanket in place and continues with the patient to the floor.

Dr. Boggs echoed the same for St. Luke's Hospital. Dr. Lindstrom reported this is the standard for the American Heart. Dr. Lindstrom also cited an unpublished study using cerebral cooling.

Dr. Lindstrom reported in the trial period by LS6 and 10, the paramedics will be obtaining two temperatures, one by the esophageal probe and one tympanic.

A lengthy discussion regarding the collar, it's use and outcomes.

Brent reported the training for LS6 and 10 will be done the week of August 5th. Brent also reported he and Jon went on a cardiac arrest where ICE was done and pulse returned. They followed the patient all the way to the CATH lab where the patient arrested again. After the second arrest the cooling process was stopped. Brent asked why.

Dr. Boggs reported it's the doctor's discretion.

A discussion of cardiac arrest patients from an overdose and ICE.

Stroke Facility – Dr. Lindstrom reported there was a discussion in the past regarding "stroke" facilities and diversion. It was not the County's intent to have a positive diversion to a "stroke" center. It came to our attention that if a hospital does not have the resources, i.e., CT scan, they can't take the patient. We are working on creating a policy to accommodate hospitals that can't take this type of patient.

LVAD patients – Dr. Lindstrom reported the question from UTMC, Dr. Brickman, via a cardio-thoracic surgeon if EMS could divert all UTMC LVAD patients to solely go to UTMC. Dr. Lindstrom said this question arose a couple of years ago and he posed the question then and the question has arisen again. UTMC feels their program is best qualified because they have forty-four (44) cases. They would like EMS to consider taking LVAD patients that are initially done at UTMC to go back to them for continuity of care.

Dr. Lindstrom reported he has sent out letters to all the cardiologists and cardio-throaic physicians at the four STEMI hospital for their input.

Dr. Boggs reported St. Luke's has a couple of LVAD patient that come to the Emergency Center and their LVADs were put in in Cleveland. Dr. Boggs reported each program has their own unique set of protocols.

A discussion ensued regarding LVAD patients.

New Business

Dr. Lindstrom reported UTMC held their Wall of Honor Program. This year the individuals recognized were Richard Hettel, paramedic, Dr. Crawford, EC physician and Sharon

Belkofer, nurse. Dr. Rega reported they are always looking for nominees and names can be submitted anytime.

Radios – Dr. Brookens brought up the topic of the use of radios and giving information. Dr. Brookens referenced STEMI patients saying the ER nurse will ask for names so they can start the process. Dr. Brookens asked if this was a HIPPA violation.

Julie DiCecco reported she met with their HIPPA person and they say it is not.

Dr. Kempbe reported if it is in direct patient care, it is not a HIPPA violation.

Dr. Lindstrom reported it's a challenge because of radio etiquette not to use names.

Budget – Dennis Cole reported it is the 2014 budget cycle and asked the physicians to think about if there is any equipment they would like the paramedics to use.

Dr. Lindstrom reported Dr. Crawford is having a field study done of testing of Lactic Acid and we are looking at that.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 7th at 8:30a.m.