

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2009

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
David Miramontes, M.D.
James Fenn, R.N.
Carolyn Nagy, R.N.
Kris Brickman, M.D.
EMS Chief Martin Fuller
Francie Bondy

Representing

Chairman – Springfield Twp. FD
Mercy Health Partners – TFD
Flower Hospital
St. Charles Hospital
UTMC Hospital\
Whitehouse Fire
St. Charles Hospital EC

Staff

David Lindstrom, M.D.
Brent Parquette
Dennis Cole
Gary Orlow
Pat Moomey

Medical Director
EMS QA/QI
LCES
EMS Manager
Communications Manager

Other

Rob Martin

St. Vincent's Life Flight

Absent

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Kenneth Chelucci, M.D.
Lucas Delatore, M.D.
Pat Mattevi, M.D.
Rod Standiford (primary)
Matt Homik (alternate)
Cheryl Herr, R.N.

St. Luke's Hospital
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
Flower Hospital
Bay Park Hospital
Paramedic Committee
Paramedic Committee
Nurse Manager's Association

Call to Order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:33 am.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the December 1, 2008 meeting were made available for review. With no corrections, the minutes were approved as printed.

CE

Brent reported January's CE was just completed. It consisted of review of the pediatric protocol and scenarios. February is on Respiratory Emergencies. There are changes to the Respiratory Protocol with skill stations to emphasize the changes. The removal of Lasix and Morphine in the Cardiogenic Pulmonary Edema patients. Emphasis on early CPAP and going to Nitro spray. Also using Versed and adding Captopril. Paramedics will be given the ability to mix Albuterol and Atrovent for patients with Asthma and COPD. They will also be given the physiology basis for protocol changes.

Brent reported that in the past Tom would update protocols once or twice a year and distribute them on disks. As I have updated the protocols, they have been put on the web portion of the county website. He reported he has gone through half and hopefully will be done by mid year.

Brent reported he received approval to purchase the King Airway, which will be reviewed again in February's CE and go live with its use in March. Only the life squads will be supplied with King Airway. Discussion regarding replacement and cost and other agencies using the airway adjunct.

Old Business

Dr. Miramontes asked about the Philips server and where the County is with it. Brent stated he needs specific fax and e-mail address for where the hospitals want the EKGs sent to. Brent reported he already had Toledo, but needs St. Vincent, St. Luke's and UTMC.

Dr. Miramontes reported St. Vincent has a dual system. It goes to the central server and it bounces to an analog system (paper fax) and internal hospital system.

It was reported each hospital has the capability of receiving in 10 different sites. Brent reported hopefully by weeks end he will have everybody's information. Brent asked if it should only go to the hospitals that deal with STEM,s or to every hospital. Dr. Lindstrom reported every hospital.

Brent reported he receives numerous calls from the different hospitals regarding getting ePCR patient reports from the system. It was reported each hospital could have up to five designated people able to access the reports. Dr. Lindstrom suggested sending communication to each hospital director reminding them to inform their personnel of who has access to the information. A list will be given to Brent for future reference.

Gary Orlow reported the State has passed the Trauma Triage Law. The generic State law is to be the procedure and that we are not in compliance at this time. There is a need to revisit and discuss this issue in the interim.

Jim Fenn reported the trauma directors of the Level 3 hospitals are sending a letter reporting the Level 3s position are willing to accept any and all trauma cases as those going to the Level 1 and 2s. They reported there is no reason why they can't accept these patients, stabilize and transfer if necessary.

Dr. Lindstrom reported he will need to have a copy of the letter along with the State's ruling to direct for CE. A very lengthy discussion ensued.

Chief Fuller noted in December's meeting Dr. Bookens raised the issue of paramedics wanting the use of post intubation sedation. Chief Fuller noted with an advanced airway in place with a combative patient is there any consideration to be able to do this. Dr. Lindstrom reported there has been no discussion since the last meeting but he is not proceeding with post intubation sedation at this time and currently the paramedics do not have a protocol to do that.

Dr. Miramontes reported he is changing the footprint of pain medications with his paramedics in that they will be using Fentanyl and Versed and lose the Morphine. Toledo Fire will take narcotics off the first responder vehicles and only leave them on the transport units that have paramedics.

New Business

Dr. Miramontes asked if at the next Fire Chief's meeting they would discuss in their budget to purchase and implementation of CPAP. It is not that expensive and it was very beneficial to patient care. It was suggested to send an e-mail to all of the medical directors to reinforce such.

Dr. Lindstrom reported we are moving ahead with the paramedics using the Saline Locks.

Dr. Miramonte he would like the use of Sharps emphasized to the paramedics in CE. He is seeing more needle sticks.

Brent reported Toledo Hospital is presenting an ICE patient in grand rounds February 10th at 11:30. Life Squad 5 had the patient. The presentation will be from start to finish with him giving the pre-hospital portion.

Brent reported on February 6th a number of people from the Cleveland Clinic Heart Transplant Program will have two in-services on, LVAD (Left Ventricular Assist Device) one at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center Auditorium and one at Toledo Hospital Education Center Auditorium. Currently there are two patients in the area with these devices. In March the paramedics will be informed of the LVAD and how to deal with them.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next Medical Committee meeting will be Monday, April 6th at 8:30 am. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 am.