

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2011

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Todd Brookens, MD
Bob McCarthy
Greg Hymel, M.D.
Ems Chief Martin Fuller
Kristie Gallagher, R.N.
Cheryl Herr, R.N.

Representing

Springfield Township Fire Department
Toledo / Flower Emergency Centers
Great Lakes Emergency Nurses Council
St. Vincent Mercy/TFD
Whitehouse Fire
Toledo Hospital EC
St. Luke's Hospital/ED Managers

Staff

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

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

Absent

Mary Beth Crawford, MD
Domian Kandah, MD
Pat Mattevi, MD
Paul Rega, MD for Dr. Brickman
Dr. Sarsour
Rod Standiford (primary)
Matt Homik (alternate)

St. Luke's Hospital
St. Charles Hospital
Bay Park Community Hospital
University of Toledo Medical Center EC
St. Anne Mercy
Paramedic Committee
Paramedic Committee

Call to order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:32 am

Minute Approval

The minutes from the August 1, 2011 meeting were made available for review. With one change, the minutes were accepted.

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CE Update

Brent reported the paramedics just finished up ACLS recertification. October CE's topic is Review of CardioVascular Emergencies. The paramedics have no CE November and December. Brent reported he will publish next year's schedule sometime at the end of October or early November. Jon reported there will be a signature piece of the ePCR added to October's CE.

Protocols

Brent reported in October's CE the protocols will have revised medications, pulling Lidocaine and Valium. All boxes will carry Versed and decrease the supply of Atropine and bump up epinephrine. Dr. Lindstrom reported he is thinking of taking off controlled substances (Scheduled 2 drugs) off Toledo First Responder boxes due to their close proximity to getting to hospitals and leave them in place in the suburban areas. No decision as yet.

Old Business

Brent reported they have two abstracts approved, one for the ResQGard and one for the CirQLator. Brent said he or Dr. Lindstrom will do a presentation in January at the National Association of EMS Physician's meeting.

Dennis inquired if EMS was going to continue use of the Cooling Collar in that it would have to be put on the bid list. Dr. Lindstrom reported cost is a factor and utilization has only been 35-40%. Dr. Lindstrom reported no and the paramedics will phase out the existing collars and then the paramedics will continue the cooling process but by using packs and saline.

Dr. Lindstrom asked the representatives present if there was any issue with 12-lead transmissions and/or with cardiologists having a smart phone that could receive the transmission. None reported

New Business

PEPP – Dr. Lindstrom reported that we are looking at PEPP education for the future. He reported over the years EMS has done a variety of pediatric modules, credit card courses. Dr. Lindstrom reported PALS is bias in that it is great for hospital providers learning is on the side of nursing and hospitals. When PEPP came along it was better for pre hospital. At this point we are reconsidering doing our own course pulling the best of both. PEPP books increased to \$50 apiece to more than budgeted. There is no grace period for PEPP and we have to teach earlier each time the course is put on.

Residents – Dr. Lindstrom reported UTMC has a new Emergency Residency Program. Dr. Brickman and Dr. DeMarco are looking to get their third year residents exposed to pre hospital EMS. Dr. Lindstrom reported there has been an EMS physician responder program

since 1998. Dr. Lindstrom said there will be three residents in the near future out in the street. These physicians will have EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course) training. I will have a letter out to the fire chiefs to explain their role. Dr. Lindstrom said the County has a Yukon and Jeep, if available to use or Dr. Valerie Lint has offered her vehicle, a MedCorp vehicle to use. The first three physicians have been issued photo IDs a radio and pager. Their radio can scan UHF channels and be able to hear fire side because they are not 800 radios. Dr. Lindstrom reported there might be a political charged issue with the use of a MedCorp vehicle. Dr. Lindstrom said it is absolutely critical these physicians get good exposure to the EMS system and we have enough deviation for them to get experience in the field. They have been told their role is to observe and see how it works and not necessarily to work the patient.

Open Discussion

Dr. Brookens asked if there would be an interest in a unified protocol for all agencies involved. To get all the medical directors together to discuss this. This would cut down on confusion regarding drugs and supplies. Dr. Lindstrom reported there was an interest in the past with Dr. Goliver. Dr. Lindstrom reported there would be a couple of issues if we did it, (1) some departments use or do procedures currently not done by LCEMS, i.e., RSI in Whitehouse or (2) departments might not have same equipment options. A discussion ensued. Dr. Lindstrom said he will start by sending out an invitation to all medical directors including the private entities medical directors.

Cheryl Herr reported there was a discussion at the last ED Managers meeting and an item of discussion was new equipment used by pre hospital responders. Cheryl asked if pictorials and purpose could be made and it could be posted in the department. She asked Brent and Jon if they could attend the next ED Managers meeting in November to demonstrate the equipment.

Cheryl also brought up the issue of the LUCAS, citing she has seen a couple of charts where the nurse noted macerated and redness on chest of patients. She was wondering if placement on the skin was correct if there could be a gel pad between the thumper and chest. Jon reported the manufacturer suggests nothing underneath and paramedics are to make sure they constantly aware of placement.

Dr. Lindstrom said to let us know of cases so we can check to make sure device was properly placed. We can also want to how frequently it happens.

Marty asked if there have been any issues/concerns with the King Airway at the hospitals. Marty cited one ER just pulling them out. No one reported any issues. Dr. Lindstrom said to let him know and he will follow up with that physician.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 5th at 8:30a.m.