

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2012

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Paul Rega, MD for Dr. Brickman
Bob McCarthy
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.
Kristie Gallagher, R.N.
Captain Allison Armstrong
Jennifer Pasztor
Dr. Greg Hymel

Representing

Springfield Township Fire Department
University of Toledo Medical Center EC
Great Lakes Emergency Nurses Council
St. Vincent Mercy EC
Toledo Hospital EC
Toledo Fire
St. Vincent Mercy EC
St. Vincent Mercy/TFD

Staff

David Lindstrom, MD
Dennis Cole
Pat Moomey
Michael Ramm

Medical Director LCEMS
Emergency Services Director
Communications Manager
LCEMS CE

Absent

Mary Beth Crawford, MD
Domian Kandah, MD
Todd Brookens, MD
Pat Mattevi, MD
Dr. Sarsour
Cheryl Herr, R.N.
Rod Standiford (primary)
Matt Homik (alternate)

St. Luke's Hospital
St. Charles Hospital
Toledo / Flower Emergency Centers
Bay Park Community Hospital
St. Anne Mercy
St. Luke's Hospital/ED Managers
Paramedic Committee
Paramedic Committee

Call to order

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

Minute Approval

The minutes from the February 6, 2012 meeting were made available for review. The minutes were approved with one small change.

CE Update

Brent reported February's CE topic was on pediatric emergencies and March continuing the pediatrics with OB. April will have Medical Emergencies with case review. In May the paramedics will be introduced to the esophageal probe.

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Protocols

Dr. Lindstrom reported we have added Dilaudid to the drug license. Dave said he is working with Brent on a dose equivalency protocol for its use. There might be a preference for Dilaudid over morphine in some disease processes. Dr. Lindstrom reported we now have Dilaudid in stock which will be the backup for Morphine and Fentanyl. Dr. Lindstrom said he is trying to get Fentanyl from the hospitals. Dr. Lindstrom reported the DEA does set limits on the manufacturing of Fentanyl. Fentanyl has had a huge boom in use. Dr. Lindstrom said if we run out of the drugs before teaching everyone in CE, those paramedics that have been taught the protocol will be able to access the Dilaudid to use.

Brent reported memos have been sent out to the departments. Brent reported the paramedics will be given their pin code to the Knox box in CE this month.

Dr. Lindstrom reported the Fentanyl had been pulled off the first responders and put on the life squads. He said our intent is to put it back on the first responders once inventories improve. Also, the use of a partial dose, the methodology in the past for disposal was the paramedics were a witness to one another and staying away from anyone at the hospital. Dr. Lindstrom said they have to figure out how to handle if there is only one paramedic and a basic.

Old Business

Brent asked for clarification regarding a patient with ROSC to go to a STEMI hospital. Dr. Lindstrom said every cardiac arrest patient is to go to a STEMI hospital.

Brent asked if Lucas County was at the point of “icing” pediatric patients noting AHA now recommends this.

Dr. Lindstrom said that because AHA is recommending it, we should move toward implementing the policy. He asked the doctors to review this with their hospitals.

Kristie reported Toledo Hospital has had a couple of teenagers they have “ICED” with good results.

Brent brought up the issue of traumatic arrests and the issue of terminating as opposed to transport. A discussion of this issue ensued. Dr. Lindstrom reported we will continue the process of transporting all traumatic cardiac arrests.

New Business

Brent reported Lucas County is looking at “Smart Bag”. This controls the flow of air. Once it is engaged it will not allow to over inflate the patient. It restricts the flow. It also comes with a timing light. The problem with this product it is double the price (\$8 - \$16). The use would have to start with the first responders. The devices we are looking at was discussed at the Policy

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Board. A discussion ensued. Dr. Rega commented if it is purchased to support research for the product he would support the use. But at twice the cost, we need to clearly define the cost benefit for patient care delivery.

Dr. Lindstrom reported the County is moving towards the purchase of disposable CID's. Dr. Lindstrom citing the use of towel rolls and decrease the use of linen. Dr. Lindstrom said we would have to interface with other departments, like fire and the private ambulance companies.

Open Discussion

Dennis Cole reported he is hearing about "Triage Tuesdays" Dr. Lindstrom reported the Disaster Committee recommends this. It has to be decided what system is being used and how its going to be implemented. The hospitals were not aware of this.

Dr. Schwerin suggested every patient seen on Tuesday should be tagged. Chief Cousino said it was presented at the last Fire Chief's meeting. But nothing definitive was done.

A discussion ensued regarding ribbons and tags and the process.

Brent reported he is looking at CPAP and the COPD patient. He said he is looking at another device to use in the field. This device could dial levels of liters used per min. To get rid of the Whisper Flow fixed device. We currently have two and looking to see if there are others.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2012 at 8:30a.m.