

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2013

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.
Todd Brookens, MD
Paul Rega, MD for Dr. Brickman
Thomas Boggs, MD
Bob McCarthy
Kristie Gallagher
Dr. Danielle Hans
Captain Mark Benadum
Lt. Kirk Keane
Lt. Kim Hood

Representing

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

Staff

David Lindstrom, MD
Dennis Cole
Pat Moomey

Medical Director LCEMS
Emergency Services Director
Communications Manager

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 8:32 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the August 5, 2013 meeting were made available for review. The minutes were accepted as printed.

Introductions

Dr. Rega introduced Dr. Danielle Hans a UTMC resident doing her rotation in EMS.

Old Business

CE Dr. Lindstrom reported the paramedics completed ACLS in September which included small case breakout scenarios. The schedule for next year is out on the web.

Cooling Collars – Dr. Lindstrom reported a follow up on the cooling collars. Dr. Lindstrom said with the evaluation of the product used in the past submitted to the manufacturer saying the fit,

useability, wasn't very good, the manufacturer came back with a re-design. These collars were given to LS6 and 10 to trial. There is no negative feedback at this time. Two types of temperature devices were used the esophageal (nose/mouth) which are in the scope of practice for the paramedic and a tympanic which is imbedded in a sponge and put in the ear. Dr. Lindstrom said he thinks the paramedics will have a better compliance with this one. Both these products were sent to Toledo Hospital bio med department for evaluation to find out both products came in within a 1/10 of a degree of accuracy. We went back to the manufacture to ask for another 25 collars for further testing with the use of the tympanic. Dr. Lindstrom reported the rest of the life squads are still using the ice saline. Dr. Lindstrom also reported the cooling collars last 20 minutes and would leave a couple at the hospital until the hospital can switch to their devices.

Chief Cousino asked about the documentation process. Dr. Lindstrom reported its better, still have some deficits. He would like to see pre, post and at the hospital temperatures recorded.

LVAD patients – Chief Cousino asked about the LVAD patients' destination process. Dr. Lindstrom reported he had feedback from Toledo, St. Vincent and St. Luke's hospitals and it was reported all the cardiologists can handle these types of patients. Those patients who had their LVADs put in at UTMC and request to back there, there is no issue.

New Business

Disaster Drill – Dr. Lindstrom reported there was a disaster drill held at Owens College on September 25th and asked Pat for her input. Pat reported on communication. There were a few areas to be worked on. Initially there was a lot of confusion as a lot of crews were put on one channel. Initially there were issues with the transport officer and once direction was given to her, communication went smoothly. A meeting is scheduled to discuss drill communications on Oct. 9th.

Dr. Schwerin reported he was on the planning committee and gave his overview. Dr. Rega reported he was a controller in the treatment area and gave his aspect. Dr. Rega cited they should narrow the drill down and concentrate on one area and have more frequent drills with a narrow scope. Dr. Rega said it was well done and taken seriously.

Dr. Lindstrom asked if the new triage tags were used and Dr. Schwerin reported no.

Lt. Hood reported she had twenty students from Whitmer School participate as victims at UTMC. Kim said from a hospital standpoint it was interesting and a positive learning experience for the students.

FYI Captain Mark Benadum reported Chief Peter Jaegly passed away Sunday and there will be a pancake breakfast sometime this month to honor him.

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Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 2nd at 8:30a.m.