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**Medical Control Committee  
May 12, 2016**

**Attendance: Patrick Oliver, Joseph Ornato, Frank Ramsey, Allen Yee, Marsh Cuttino, Joanne Lapetina, Randy Geldreich, Eric Bachrach, Scott Hickey, Al Thompson, Brad Taylor, Mike Ortega, Kate Challis, Eddie Ferguson, Brandi Shumaker, D. Anydi, Christopher Lindsay, Heather Davis, Wayne Harbour, Charlie Sheldon, Joe Mason**

**By Phone: Charlie Deverna, Will Mills, Boyd Wickizer, Harinder Dhindsa**

**Staff: Heidi Hooker, Executive Director, Holly Sturdevant, Planning District Coordinator, Adam Alford, Training Director, Damien Coy, Field Coordinator.**

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Call to Order:</b>	Meeting was called to order by chair, Dr. Allen Yee. Phone participants identified themselves and it was determined a quorum was present.	
<b>State MDC Update:</b>	<p>Dr. Yee spoke regarding the HR4365 bill that would allow patient access to emergency medications without a prescription.</p> <p>Discussion regarding the EMT-Intermediate certification is a concern due to the incumbent cessation of support at the National Registry level. The committee is wondering what is the best course of action, considering making a valid test would have exorbitant costs associated.</p> <p>The ACS report was discussed in detail. TSOM has created several subcommittees to work on the recommendations and implementation.</p>	



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	<p>Dr. Yee reported that the MDC put forth an action item requesting Paramedic intubation required skills be changed to reflect 50 <b>live</b> intubations. Currently the academic program requirement is less than 5, some of which can be on high fidelity simulators. It was argued that many studies have proven proficiency takes many more intubations than this. The PDC had concerns regarding this item and has returned it to the MDC for reconsideration.</p>	
<b>Hospital Updates:</b>	<p>The only system to give report was VCU. Dr. Ornato informed everyone that VCU has taken delivery of the prestigious Weil Institute of Emergency and Critical Care Research, and it has become part of their department.</p>	
<b>Agency Updates:</b>	<p>The only agency to give report was Goochland Fire and Rescue. They are excited to announce they have put their Lucas device in service, and have implemented a BLS drug box that carries naloxone.</p>	
<b>ODEMSA Report:</b>	<p>Heidi Hooker was pleased to announce the Spring RSAF grant grading has been completed. The Regional Awards are fast approaching, the deadline for submission to the council is June 5, 2016. The state added a new category this year: Outstanding Contribution to Emergency Preparedness. The ODEMSA EMS day and awards ceremony will be on August 6, 2016 at the Metro Richmond Zoo, fliers and brochures were passed out. We have lost a staff member, but interviews are scheduled for 5-13-2016. Additionally, the ambulance simulator is finished.</p>	
<b>New Business:</b>	<p>ECMO – Dr. Ornato delivered a brief presentation on ECMO deployment in the EDs. To further discuss the pros and cons as well as the prehospital impact, Dr. Ornato offered to lead a workgroup/informational session.</p> <p>Dr. Yee reported that opioid overdoses are increasing in the communities. Pharmacies are stocked with narcan and it is accessible for IN administration by lay people. He reports new strains of heroin on the street have shown in increase in potency by approximately 20%.</p> <p>Dr. Yee advised the committee to be aware of the new street drug WD1800.</p>	<p>Holly to schedule this workgroup and distribute to the committee.</p>



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<b>Old Business:</b>	<p>Protocol discussion:</p> <p>4-13 Spinal Restriction: after lengthy discussion with this controversial subject, it was the will of the committee to follow the Nexus (Canadian) protocol standards. The age restraints will be changed to 14-65.</p> <p>4-14 Hemorrhage Control: TXA was changed to OMD option. #12 and 11 will be flipped and #4 will be removed.</p> <p>4-3 Burns: Rachael worked with Dr. Feldman at VCU burn center to modify the parkland formula for kids &lt;40kg and implemented the military model for patients &gt;40kg. After review at the committee level, the formula appeared confusing and harder to understand. The question was asked if the formula still needs to be included or if standardized wording regarding fluid resuscitation during the first hour is all that is necessary.</p> <p>4-9 Abuse Reporting: Changes to the protocol reflect new hunting accident reporting, suspected adult abuse must be reported directly by the provider, and confirmed that for suspected child abuse, reporting to the ED physician is adequate to fulfill the duty to report.</p> <p>4-12 Trauma Triage Scheme: this scheme was reviewed and after discussion, it was determined that no changes would be made.</p> <p>2-2 ACS/AMI: STEMI workgroup requested to add verbiage for serial ECGs every 10 minutes in patients negative for STEMI. The committee agreed to change this requirement. The workgroup also requested a review of morphine removal and using fentanyl only during ACS, which was denied after discussion. The issue of transporting NSTEMIs to PCI centers was discussed and continued.</p>	Holly to follow up with Dr. Feldman and simplify this protocol.



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	<p>3-5: Committee looked at this protocol to confirm it reflected the most current stroke scale. It was determined that the BeFAST scale was adequate and this committee would wait until the STEMI and Stroke committee had further recommendations.</p> <p>2-1 Non-traumatic Chest Pain: #6a will be changed to mandate ECGs be obtained in &lt;10 minutes after patient arrival and &lt;5 minutes to notify the ED of changes.</p> <p>In relevant protocols (shock, respiratory distress, non-traumatic chest pain, etc), add a PEARL: Extreme caution with RSI on pulmonary embolism, especially in profound shock.</p>	
<b>Business from the Floor:</b>	No business from the floor.	
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	August 11, 2016 at the ODEMSA Conference and Education Center at 0800 hours.	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	By unanimous vote at 10:09.	