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Medical Direction Committee

August 11, 2016, 08:00 am to 10:00am
Chair: Dr. Allen Yee, Regional OMD

Members and guests present: Jeffery Ferguson, Joanne Lapetina, Joseph Ornato, Frank Ramsey, Patricia Lane, Marsh Cuttino, Jane LaVerne, Gary Samuals, Mike Harmon, Al Thompson, Amy Ashe, Wayne Harbour, Stacie Stevens, John Reavey-Cartwell, Dennis Rivet, Christopher Lindsey, Ralph Layman, Heather Davis

Conference Line: Will Mills, Patrick Oliver, Carlton Stadler,

ODEMSA Staff: Heidi Hooker, Megan Young, Adam Alford

Minutes scribed by: Megan Young

Materials provided: Meeting agenda, previous meeting minutes, article on VAN, Data on Medications given in the Region

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Meeting Called to Order	Dr. Allen Yee called the meeting to order at 08:03am. Introductions were made, and it was determined that we had a quorum. The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed, and unanimously approved.	Motion by: Marsh Cuttino to approve the May minutes and August Agenda Seconded by: Jeff Ferguson Vote: May minutes and August agenda approved
Reports: State Medical Control	Allen Yee stated that the bill HR4365 (DA Regulations for EMS) is still in the committee and there is a companion bill in the senate and it does not seem like there is a lot of opposition.	



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HCA Hanover/West Creek EDs, Henrico Doctors	Marsh Cuttino – Henrico Doctors has been designated as a Level II Trauma center and has been receiving trauma patients. He stated it has been going very well. He introduced the new Trauma Surgeon at Henrico Doctors, Ralph Layman. Ralph talked about the types of traumas Henrico has been seeing such as blunt, penetrating, and some low velocity penetrating trauma. Henrico also has a hand and an eye panel. They will transfer out pediatric trauma, burns, and amputations.	
Powhatan OMD, Metro Richmond EMS Sub-Council Director	Joanne Lapetina – No report	
Bon Secours – St. Marys	Pat Lane – St. Marys was certified as a Comprehensive Stroke Center with Joint Commission.	
Chippenham	Heather Davis – She mentioned that the helipad at CJW is still waiting on approval. There will be a CEU dinner at Chippenham on psyche emergencies August 23, 2016.	
HCA – Henrico Doctors	Christopher Lindsey – No report.	
Bon Secours	Mike Harmon – No report.	
VCU	Jane LaVerne – Jane stated that there will be a CEU dinner held at RAA on Wednesday night, August 17, 2016, covering PED trauma.	
RAA	Wayne Harbour – No report.	
Odemsa	Heidi Hooker – The Odemsa Regional Awards and Picnic at the Richmond Metro Zoo was held last Saturday and had a good turnout. She congratulated Dr. Boyd Wickizer for being awarded OMD of the year and Dr. Jeff Ferguson and Catherine Henry for being nominated.	
New Business:		
Stroke Scale and tPA Transfer Questions	Allen Yee stated that the Stroke Committee has asked the group their opinion on if the move should be made to a stroke scale that identifies large vessel occlusions. Right now	



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<p>Adult Trauma Emergencies Field Triage Scheme</p>	<p>Odemsa is using the Cincinnati Scale but recently went to the BeFAST scale for the new protocol updates that have not been implemented yet. Stacie Stevens stated that the Stroke Coordinators talked with their neurologists and interventionists to get their input on which scale would be the best for EMS to use. RACE and BeFAST plus VAN were the two scales the Stroke Coordinators brought up. Stacie talked about how Be Fast is a very simple scale to use not just for the EMS providers that work every day but also for the rural agencies who don't get the call volume or training as much. It is sensitive to large occlusion strokes and if arm drift is positive then the provider would utilize the scale VAN and if that is positive take the patient to a CSC. Patricia Lane talked about the scale RACE. She stated that this scale covers more of the brain and is more inclusive of patients. PEMS is also using RACE and it is a more consistent care for the patient. It was brought up that VAN is a newer scale and using Be Fast plus VAN is a two-step approach while RACE is just one consistent scale. Allen Yee stated that if a large occlusion stroke scale was added to the protocol it would also change the stroke triage. A conversation began on taking every stroke patient to a CSC instead of a primary stroke center since there are three in the Richmond metro area. Many issues were brought up with this idea such as the other sub-councils of Odemsa a CSC could be more than an hour away while a primary could be a few minutes out. It was decided that a workgroup should be created to work on questions such as: What scale to use? What type of language to keep in the protocol: endovascular capable VS CSC? What the cut off score will be? What the decision tree will be? If every stroke should be transported to a CSC as long as it is within a certain time to get there. They will also pull data on different types of information on strokes. It was decided three medical directors will attend (Dr. Jeff Ferguson, Dr. Carlton Stadler, and Dr. Frank Ramsey) and three stroke coordinators which Megan Young will get with via email in the next week. The workgroup should meet before the next stroke and medical control meeting.</p> <p>It was decided to add "or motorcycle" to the end of the first bullet point of the High Risk-Auto Crash in Section Three and add "Intrusion, including roof: >12 inches; occupant site: >18 inches any site" as a third bullet point of the same section. It was also decided to remove the last bullet point of Section Three, "If available to providers, vehicle automatic crash notification data consistent with "High Risk if Injury"".</p>	<p>Megan will assist with getting a Workgroup started on stroke scales and protocol.</p> <p>Motion by: Marsh Cuttino to add the changes to the Field Triage Scheme Seconded by: Allen Yee Vote: The Field Triage Scheme changes was approved</p>
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Psyche/Mental Illness Plan Request	Allen Yee asked that this be tabled until Randy Geldreich can attend the meeting to help explain this psych/mental illness plan request.	Motion by: Allen Yee to table the Psyche/Mental Illness plan request Seconded by: Joanne Lapetina Vote: Tabling the discussion was approved
Wearable Patient Devices Guideline	Al Thompson asked the committee if they could come up with some type of guideline for EMS on what to do with wearable medical items such as the LVAD, Zoll Lifevest, and the Freedom Driver. Allen Yee stated he would talk to some experts and put something on draft for the next meeting.	
Old Business:		
Protocol Updates	No new protocol updates.	
ECMO	The first ECMO meeting will be on September 8, 2016 so the report from that meeting will be given at the next Medical Control Committee meeting.	
Military Model for Burn Resuscitation	The Military model for burn resuscitation was implemented into the protocols and was approved by the Committee.	Motion by: Joanne Lapetina to approve the burn resuscitation model for the protocol Seconded by: Marsh Cuttino Vote: the Military Burn Resuscitation model was approved
Snap Shot Data from Odemsa	Adam presented a slideshow of general EMS data in the Odemsa region.	



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	There was no further business from the floor.	
Next Meeting	November 3, 2016 at 08:00am	
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.	