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**Pharmacy Committee**

January 12, 2017; 08:30am to 10:30am

Co-Chairs: Ben Hester, VCU and Robin Sayles, JRMC

Vice Chair: Ian Orensky, SMH

**Members and Guests Present:** Ian Orensky, Michaiiah Alford, Cheryl Nelson, Robin Sayles, Ben Hester, Allen Yee, Wayne Harbour, Al Thompson, Brad Taylor

**Conference Line:** Susanna Dodd, Caroline Briggs, Courtney Fuller

**ODEMSA Staff:** Heidi Hooker, Megan Young, Annie Edwards

**Minutes Scribed by:** Megan Young

**Materials provided:** Meeting Agenda, Previous Meeting Minutes, CI Compliance Report, and Reference Binder

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Ben Hester called the meeting to order at 8:46am. Introductions were made, and it was determined we had a quorum. The October meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.	<b>Motion by:</b> Cheryl Nelson <b>Seconded by:</b> Ian Orensky <b>Vote:</b> October Minutes and January Agenda approved



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<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p>VCU</p> <p>Bon Secours – SMH</p> <p>HCA – John Randolph</p> <p>RAA</p> <p>ODEMSA</p>	<p>Ben Hester – No report.</p> <p>Ian Orensky – No report.</p> <p>Robin Sayles – No report.</p> <p>Wayne Harbour – No report.</p> <p>Megan Young – ODEMSA is hosting a Boot Camp class beginning on January 17, 2017 that involves fitness, nutrition assistance, stress reduction, and CEU classes.</p> <p>Drug Diversions - Ben Hester had an ODEMSA box 1319 brought in by a medic that had two broken fentanyl ampules. They were in a plastic fluid filled baggie inside the narcotic kit. He had the fluid tested inside the baggie and it came back with 10mcg of fentanyl which is only 20% of what was supposed to be in there and the fluid tested positive for calcium. He wanted to advise the pharmacies to look for this type of diversion and also, if possible, stock vials instead of ampules. Not only for this type of diversion but also for injuries that could occur with the broken ampules. Michaiah Alford asked if every pharmacy who receives broken drug containers with visible fluid should be tested and Ben stated since there is no policy on this it would be a judgement call for each pharmacy.</p> <p>Clearly Inventory Report – The report showed most of the hospitals improving and a reduction in number of ODEMSA moves. There was an error on this report on the total number of moves which Megan will correct and send out with the minutes.</p>	
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p>Drug Shortages</p>	<p>There were no drug shortages to report for this quarter. It was noted that there was a MAD device recall due to the devices not providing adequate aerosol when atomizing. Most EMS agencies and hospitals have resent the effected lot numbers back to the company and they have been replaced.</p>	



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Regional Med Admin Data	The state system report writer is down so this report was unable to be pulled. Adam has contacted the state but it has not been corrected yet. If it is fixed by next quarter Megan will get this quarters as well.	
EPI Labeling Changes	Ben wanted to remind everyone to be on the lookout for these epinephrine label changes: Epi 1:1,000 will be labeled as 1mg/mL and epi 1:10,000 will be labeled as 01.mg/mL.	
Plans for Pumps	The motion to ask the Medical Control Committee to implement a long-term goal of all ambulances equipped with IV pumps was tabled due to the Medical Direction Committee believing that the cost to purchase and maintain the equipment was hard to justify for the amount of drips EMS actually gives.	
Levophed Mix Questions	The Medical Direction Committee requested that the Pharmacy Committee look at giving the levophed in the bag of D10. Ben stated he could not find any information that supports stability in the D10 so they can not recommend that. The other suggestion was to consider stocking a bag of 250mL of normal saline in the drug box and add a Drip Chart in the protocols of levophed in the 100mL bag of D5W. A concern was brought up of EMS providers mistaking the bag of normal saline for the bag of D10. Wayne brought up using a cross-check card for every medication use with perhaps adding it to the ODEMSA Drug Kit. It was decided after some discussion to table this discussion until next meeting so the committee could come up with some ideas. Ben Hester stated he would make a drip chart using the 100 bag of D5 for the levophed and bring it to the next meeting for approval.	Wayne Harbour, RAA will email the safety card to ODEMSA to be discussed at the next meeting.  Ben Hester will create a drip chart for levophed in D5 to be approved the next meeting.
Toradol	The Performance Improvement Committee asked if Pharmacy would consider the idea of placing a non-opiate, Toradol, in the ODEMSA Drug Box. A report showing the number of patients who receive pain medication in reference to their number on the pain scale indicates EMS providers are not giving adequate pain medication. Allen Yee brought up that this is a culture problem with providers either not believing the patient is in that amount of pain or is a drug seeker. After speaking about the problems with Toradol and kidney function it was decided that the Pharmacy Committee will not recommend Toradol for the ODEMSA Drug Box.	Members declined to approve, at this time, adding Toradol to the ODEMSA drug box, will be placed on the Medical Direction agenda.



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<b>New Business:</b>		
New John Randolph Free- Standing	Robin Sayles – She stated that John Randolph is opening a new free-standing ER in the spring of 2017 and invited everyone to the opening ceremony.  There was no further business from the floor.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	April 13, 2017 : 8:30 AM	
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting adjourned at 09:39 AM.	