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Pharmacy Committee

October 15, 2015, 08:30am to 10:30am
Co-Chairs: Ben Hester, VCU and Robin Sayles, JRMC
Vice Chair: Ian Orensky, SMH

Members Present: Ben Hester, Ian Orensky, Michaiah Alford, Cheryl Nelson, Wayne Harbour, Al Thompson, Valeta Daniels, Brad Taylor, Liz Papelino

Conference Line: Susanna Dodd, Patsy Clary, David Fitts, Terry Sim, Allen Yee, Jessica Goodman, Mike Watkins

ODEMSA Staff: Rachel Dillon, Heidi Hooker (on conference line)

Minutes Scribed by: Rachel Dillon

Materials provided: Meeting agenda, previous meeting minutes, updated contents and schematics sheets, updated medication alternatives, committee summaries

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Meeting Called to Order	Ben Hester called the meeting to order at 08:36am. It was determined that we had a quorum. The July minutes were reviewed and approved.	Motion by: Wayne Harbour Seconded by: Ian Orensky Vote: July 2015 Minutes approved
Reports: Bon Secours HCA	Ian Orensky – The transition to new items in the drug box has gone well. Dexamethasone 10mg/1mL has not been obtainable, so we've been using 20mg/5mL vials. Michaiah Alford – We have had difficulty obtaining metoprolol and we are trying to reserve it for in-hospital patients.	



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	<p>The group reviews the medication alternatives sheet, and notes atenolol as the secondary. Rachel offers to review this with the Medical Direction Committee to see if they would agree to a different alternative, such as labetalol.</p>	
VCU	<p>Ben Hester – The rollout has been going well for us as well. We’ve started getting dexamethasone in again, so that shortage may resolved shortly. We did have a shortage of D10 bags when we tried to order them, but that also seems to be resolving.</p>	
RAA	<p>Wayne Harbour – The drug box changes have been going well. An alert on the box regarding the dexamethasone concentration has been helpful, as have our medication crosschecks.</p>	
Hanover Fire	<p>Mike Watkins – We’ve had one instance of using D10 where the crew was surprised at how it worked.</p>	
ODEMSA	<p>Rachel Dillon – Please make sure the 2015 alerts on going on the outside of the box, not inside. One major diversion from over the summer has been resolved in court; all other discrepancies have been due to empty vials not being replaced, so we will continue to educate EMS to toss the empty vials. Also, please make sure that there are signatures for narcotic waste and administration.</p> <p>The group then discusses the possibility of using an additional form inside the box specifically for the signatures and narcotics. Rachel offers to find the form that BREMS uses. The group also discusses the differences between full PPCRs and MIVTs, and what kind of documentation the hospital needs. The group agrees that a MIVT or the PPCR is sufficient, as long as it has the patient’s demographic information, administration of the medications, and the signatures. However, some form of documentation must be left with the drug box in order for it to be accepted.</p> <p>Rachel then references the Clearly Inventory report, and notes that we have been improving each quarter.</p> <p>Approximately 2/3 of the quarterly inventories have been received. Rachel notes that after two additional reminders, she usually gets the remainder.</p>	



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<p>Old Business:</p>	<p>Drug Shortages – As previously discussed, the main shortages of concern have been dexamethasone, and metoprolol. The group confirms that they are not currently having issues obtaining epi.</p> <p>BOP Regulation Changes – Ben reiterates that there is now a pharmacy-only, password-protected section on the ODEMSA website with agency protocols and OMD signatures to comply with the Board of Pharmacy regulations. If you lost the link/password, please contact Rachel. It is not recommended to simply keep a downloaded copy of these documents, as they will be updated periodically. However, you can access them as needed during a Board of Pharmacy inspection, and you will know that they are current the day that an inspector shows up.</p> <p>Delayed Drug Kit Exchanges – Rachel briefly summarizes the discussion from last quarter, where some agencies are not exchanging drug kits immediately after patient care. The group discusses, and agrees that while rural agencies are not close to a hospital, nor necessarily transporting all of their patients, no agency should unnecessarily delay exchanging a box. The agency that receives a drug box is responsible for the contents, security, and storage of the drug box.</p>	
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>Valeta summarizes a new practice in the HCA facilities, where a supply restocking form must be filled out when agencies restock in the ED. This is to prevent issues with kickback laws. The forms will be maintained by the hospitals. Heidi notes that a PPCR should be sufficient for hospitals, but EMS should comply with the supply forms if asked. The group agrees to discuss this further next quarter.</p> <p>Susanna asks if the filter needles can be placed back in the drug box schematic. Rachel apologizes, and promises to update it this week.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>January 2016 (date TBD) at 08:30am</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 09:27am.</p>	