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Pharmacy Committee

April 16, 2015

Chairs: Ben Hester, bhester@mcvh-vcu.edu; Robin Sayles, Robin.Sayles@hcahealthcare.com ;
ODEMSA CONFERENCE AND EDUCATION CENTER

Attending: Ben Hester, Ian Orensky, Robin Sayles, Cheryl Nelson, Allen Yee, Mike Harmon, Al Thompson, Wayne Harbour, Bryan McRay
Teleconference: Nadine Gilmore, Diana Willman, David Fitts, Caroline Briggs, John Sayers, Jessica Goodman, Brad Taylor
Staff: Rachel Dillon, Damien Coy
Materials Distributed: Agenda, previous minutes, regional non-entry statistics from Clearly Inventory, drafts of updated medication alternatives, content and schematic sheets, policies and procedures, and medication restocking and exchange plan, committee summaries

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Call to Order	Ben called the meeting to order at 08:35am. It was determined that we had a quorum. The minutes from the January 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.	Motion by: Wayne Harbour Seconded by: Ian Orensky Vote: January 2015 minutes approved
Reports	Most facilities and agencies had no report.	
Bon Secours	Ian Orensky – No report, but asks if the signature requirement that ODEMSA still has would also apply to the critical care truck. The group discusses it briefly, and the suggestion is made that it is a determination made by the PIC.	
Chesterfield Fire	John Sayers – We have 12 paramedics graduating next month. Station 21 will have its open house on April 26 th .	
RAA	Wayne Harbour – The plasma study is hopefully starting soon.	
ODEMSA	Rachel Dillon – The nominations for the regional EMS awards are open and available on the ODEMSA website.	



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	<p>Clearly Inventory – The non-move report is distributed. Rachel reminds everyone that she should be the main contact for off-hour moves, not Jessica, but to also be aware of the appropriate hours to call (ie not the middle of the night).</p> <p>Diversions – Rachel updates the group on three diversions over the last quarter. One person has been arrested for one of them, but the other two diversions are pending.</p>	
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>Drug shortages – Group agrees that magnesium sulfate is still an issue. Other recent shortage and recall issues include Baxter IV fluids, Zofran vials, and Toradol. Discussion turns to vasopressin, which is still single manufacturer and very expensive, although the room temperature stability may be approved. Group agrees to continue with not replacing expired vasopressin in the kits, but if it is still in date, leave it in the boxes. Vasopressin will remain on the medication alternatives sheet, as well as the contents and schematics sheets, for the next quarter, and these documents will be reevaluated at that time. Phenylephrine will be removed as a tertiary alternative for both epi and vasopressin. Rachel will send out a memo to both pharmacies and agencies updating them on the vasopressin situation.</p> <p>Discussion then turns to the possibility of replacing prednisone with Decadron and/or Solu-Medrol. While Decadron has periodic shortages, the group feels that the Decadron could be introduced as the only steroid in the box relatively easily. The group decides on the following formulations: Primary: Decadron, two 10mg/mL preservative-free vials Secondary: Decadron, four (subject to change) 4mg/mL preservative-free vials Tertiary: Prednisone, three 20mg/mL tabs These changes will not take effect until July after the protocols are updated and approved. At that time, the medication alternatives, contents, and schematic sheets will be updated as well with Decadron, removal of phenylephrine as a tertiary option, and the phase out of Vasopressin.</p> <p>Dr. Yee brings up the D10 discussion from Medical Control. The group has mixed feelings on the medication’s effectiveness. Dr. Yee says there will be continued discussion in Medical Control on the possible switch.</p> <p>Medication Restocking and Exchange Plan – Group reviews the document and decides on</p>	



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	<p>the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Instead of listing how many hospitals and free-standing emergency departments there are, changing it to “all acute care hospitals and free-standing emergency departments in the ODEMSA region.” - Page 9: “Any controlled substance medication wasted must be witnessed by the provider and a licensed professional at the receiving facility...” changed to “Any controlled substance medication wasted, shall be wasted in the ED, and shall be witnessed and documented by the provider and a single licensed healthcare provider on the team receiving the patient...” - Page 10: section F under Hospital Pharmacy Responsibilities – change “three months” to “thirty days” - Update the pharmacy license for ODEMSA to the current one <p>Document is unanimously approved.</p> <p>Committee Policies and Procedures Review: The group reviews the updated policies sent out several months ago, and requests the following addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add section under “Members” of “There shall be an ad hoc, non-voting member from the ODEMSA Medical Control Committee, as well as 2 EMS agency representatives, at the discretion of the Committee Chairs.” <p>Document is unanimously approved.</p>	<p>Motion by: Allen Yee Seconded by: Ian Orensky Vote: Medication Restocking and Exchange Plan approved</p> <p>Motion by: Allen Yee Seconded by: Al Thompson Vote: Committee Policies approved</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Dr. Yee brings up the out-of-hospital DEA regulations and the group discusses briefly.</p> <p>Ian mentions the Drug Supply Chain Security Act and the group discusses how that may impact pharmacies and the drug kits.</p> <p>Robin asks the EMS providers if they have seen a oxycodone tablet that is actually fentanyl. No one has seen it.</p> <p>A suggestion is also made to permanently reduce the number of magnesium vials to 2 on the medication alternatives sheet.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>July 16, 2015 from 08:30 – 10:30 am.</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 09:53 am.</p>	