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**Pharmacy Committee Meeting**

Meeting at ODEMSA  
July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 08:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Chair: Ben Hester, VCU  
Vice Chair: Carrie Suders, Bon Secours

**Members Present:** N/A

**Conference Line:** Carrie Suders, David Seay, Greg Neiman, Kimberli Burner, Mike Watkins, Susanna Dodd, Taylor Flowers, Karen Hancock, Tu Le, Monty Dixon, Ben Hester, Chad Vaughn, Margaret Cavanaugh, Jackie Griffith, DeJuan Branch, Allen Yee, Michaia Alford, Mike Harmon, Laurie Efremidis, Courtney Fuller, Kerri Johnson, Janice, LeRon Lewis, Nadine Gilmore

**ODEMSA Staff:** Tarsha Robinson, Lynette Eanes

**Minutes Scribed by:** Tarsha Robinson

**Materials provided:** Meeting Agenda, Previous Meeting Minutes, Quarterly Reports

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action; Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Ben thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. Introductions were made.  Quorum was present.	<b>Motion:</b> Carrie Suders <b>Seconded:</b> Susanna Dodd <b>Vote:</b> Minutes from previous meeting were approved.
<b>Reports:</b> <u>Hospitals</u> Carrie Suders with Bon Secours-Mercy	Requesting that agencies please try to exchange boxes before they expire	

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HCA	No firm plans to reopen West Creek at this time	
Ben Hester with VCU Health	New Kent FSED is open; seeing approx. 40 patients a day; ongoing construction at downtown campus but no interference with getting to ED	
<u>EMS Agencies</u>		
Henrico Fire	Increase in call volume; no other issues to report	
Chesterfield Fire/EMS	Increase in call volume; no other issues to report	
Richmond Ambulance Authority	Nothing to report	
Goochland Fire	Sheltering Arms has opened, causing an increased call volume; no other issues to report	
<u>ODEMSA</u> Tarsha Robinson	Nothing to report	

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<u>Drug Diversions/Discrepancies</u>	None noted	
<b>Old Business:</b> <u>Regional Medication Administration Data</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No glaring outliers; trend Toradol use over the last few quarters</li> <li>Westchester and New Kent FSED's need to be added to Clearly Inventory report</li> </ul>	

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<p><u>Drug Shortages</u></p> <p><u>Ketamine</u></p> <p><u>Stroke Transfer Protocol</u></p>	<p>Still having an epinephrine shortage (specifically pre-filled syringes)</p> <p>Plan is still on track for Ketamine to be rolled out on October 1<sup>st</sup>; though ketamine is being phased in, there needs to be a long term replacement due to shortages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update Tier Medication Sheet to add fentanyl as a Tier 3 drug; update drug box schematics; look into putting info “cheat sheets” into drug boxes</li> <li>• Tier 1 – Ketamine; Tier 2 – Ketoralac; Tier 3 – Fentanyl</li> </ul> <p>HCA states can’t order ketamine, and believes it may just be an HCA issue</p> <p>Send back to Stroke Committee to determine drugs and dosages to use</p>	
<p><b><u>New Business:</u></b></p> <p><u>Terbutaline</u></p> <p><u>Epinephrine Kits</u></p>	<p>Use of terbutaline has been recommended as first line drug for respiratory distress instead of duo-nebs to reduce risk of aerosolization due to COVID; possible roll-out on September 1<sup>st</sup>? It was initially suggested to remove duo-nebs from drug box until post-COVID, but suggested that duo-nebs be kept for patients that are treated and released; suggested rolling out terbutaline gradually with ketamine beginning October 1st</p> <p>There is concern for use of flushes to dilute epinephrine</p>	

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Next Meeting	October 8 <sup>th</sup> 2020 at 08:30 TBD	
Motion to Adjourn	Meeting Adjourned 09:52 am	Motion: Susanna Dodd 2 <sup>nd</sup> Multiple Vote: motion passed