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Pharmacy Committee Meeting

Meeting at ODEMSA
January 5th, 2023 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: Chris Bales, Jerry Martin, Caroline Briggs, Kim Burgner, Jessica Goodman, Greg Neiman, Suzanne Hopkins, Wayne Harbour, Susanna Dodd, Mike Watkins, Haley Ransom, Brian Lanham, Debra Anderson, Trey Akridge, Carrie Suders, Chris Corbin, Craig Bride, Laura Covington

ODEMSA Staff: Ryan Scarbrough

Minutes Scribed by: Tarsha Robinson

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

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action; Follow-up; Responsible Person
Meeting Called to Order	Carrie thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. Introductions were made. Quorum was present.	Motion: Suzanne Hopkins Seconded: Caroline Briggs Vote: Agenda and previous meeting minutes approved
Reports: <u>Hospitals</u> Bon Secours	Have noticed an increase with a lot of incomplete PCR's; SFMC advised experiencing a shortage of duo-nebs and may have to reduce the amount of nebs currently in box until stock is sufficient; advised to put an alert on the box if duo-nebs aren't in box; Bon Secours facilities have also begun placing racemic epinephrine in the boxes; it was stated that the drug box schematic, in the upper tray on the left side of the box, showed Zofran as ODT instead of vial; advised that it had been updated; Tarsha will also double check to make sure ketamine is no longer on list of meds in box; it was also stated that providers are continuing to try to exchange expired boxes at FSED's; due to limited supply	

	and limited availability of pharmacists at these facilities, they will not be exchanged; Tarsha will send out a notice to agencies to remind providers to go to main facilities to swap boxes	
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HCA	Still having some difficulties obtaining racemic epinephrine; will put an alert on boxes if they restock a box and don't have it to add	Carrie reiterated to please remind all providers to leave a PCR or MIVT when exchanging drug boxes;
VCU	No report	
Sentara Williamsburg	Received a box approx. a month ago that was used outside of ODEMSA and the patient was taken to Riverside; Tarsha advised spoke with both Riverside and the provider; Riverside advised that they replace any used meds on site with the provider, then reseal; Riverside restocked the medic (a cardiac drug) but did not open narcotics kit to verify; provider returned box to Sentara Williamsburg where the narcotics were accounted for, and the box resealed; the question was what should the facility do when this happens again; I stated that I advised the crew to bring the box back to an ODEMSA facility and committee agreed; committee also stated that if there is any usage or waste of narcotics, to have that done with the facility they're transporting to, and to make sure the provider obtain the names and signatures of the MD and nurse/pharmacist who wasted/accounted for meds, then return the box to an ODEMSA facility to be restocked/resealed	
<u>EMS Agencies</u>		
Goochland Fire	No report; during the racemic epinephrine discussion, Mike Watkins advised what could be done about adding saline (for volume) to the nebulizer so that the patient can receive the intended dose (racemic epi bullet is 0.5mL and	Motion: Susanna Dodd Seconded: Suzanne

	would nebulize in just a couple of minutes whereas a full dose of a duo-neb would take approx. 10; if there isn't anything to increase volume, most of the medication would be wasted before the treatment could do anything) and suggested adding a saline bullet to the box to go with the racemic epinephrine	Hopkins Note: add a bullet of normal saline to box for racemic epi administration (3mL 1 st tier/5mL 2 nd /15-20mL 3 rd); keep racemic epi under "old business" for next quarter's meeting for any updates
RAA	No report	
Henrico	No report	
Hanover	No report	
<u>ODEMSA</u>	Congratulations to the State EMS award winners, and thank you for your support during PDC last year, as that won for Innovation in EMS	

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<u>Drug Shortages</u>	Some facilities are still having issues obtaining epinephrine abbojects and racemic epi; will put any notices on box if needed	
<u>Drug Diversions/Discrepancies</u>	No diversions to report; discrepancies have been cleared	
Old Business: <u>Regional Medication Administration Data</u>	Will make sure that Chester EC is on the next report	

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<p><u>DEA Regulations/Ketamine</u></p> <p><u>COVID-19</u></p>	<p>n/a</p> <p>n/a</p>	<p>Will remove COVID as a standing item</p>
<p><u>New Business:</u></p> <p>Business from the Floor</p>	<p>Roster – Tarsha advised had been updating roster whenever told of any changes, but wanted to make sure it was as up-to-date as possible; during roll call, Tarsha and Carrie went through and updated the facilities’ voting representation</p> <p>Drug Box Inserts – Tarsha went to Southside Medical Center to repair a box, and was advised that with the new square boxes in the narcotics box (instead of the long rectangular one) that some meds may be packaged as a syringe and don’t fit; committee was in unanimous agreement that they liked the boxes and wanted them to stay, but stated would be ok with a facility removing ONE of the square boxes when a syringe needs to be stocked instead of a vial</p> <p>Drug Box Seals – ODEMSA no longer has any of the flat yellow seals; all facilities should have the new seals, either delivered by me or their respective EMS liaison; please use the old flat seals until your supply has been exhausted, then can use the new seals on any box that doesn’t have a grommet; Tarsha is working with Ryan to schedule dates with pharmacies to have grommets placed and to replace torn sleeves</p>	<p>Motion:</p> <p>Seconded:</p> <p>Vote:</p>

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Next Meeting	April 5th, 2023	
Motion to Adjourn	Meeting Adjourned 09:53 am	