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Minutes of the Medical Advisors Committee
Wednesday, March 22, 2006
Sentara Heart Hospital, Norfolk, VA
12:00

1. Following the Joint TEMS/PEMS Medical Advisors Meeting, the Peninsula MAC was called to order by Dr. Mitchell at 3:00 p.m.
2. Members Present:

Members:

Dr. Kim Mitchell
Dr. James Dudley*
Dr. Cheryl Lawson
Dr. Karen Link
Dr. Jason Garrison
Dr. Miguela Gutierrez
Dr. Chris Haas*
Dr. Thomas Camp
Lou Ann Miller

Guests:

Craig Topping
Chuck White
J. Kevin Janney
Lorna Ramsey

Staff:

Jim Masten
John Cooke
Jeff Meyer
John Davenport

3. Review of Minutes from December Meeting:

Question of whether the Pediatric Seizure protocol and the D 50% need to be revisited. Discussion Motion to approve by Dr. Link, second by Dr. Garrison; approved.

4. ALS Coordinators:

Kevin Janney	Approved
Jill Peacock	Approved
Tony Talbot	Must appear initial certification.
Ronnie Thomas	No Paperwork

MAC recommends that PPP Committee revise the guidelines for initial, re-certifying, and extending ALS Coordinators and present to next MAC meeting.

5. Old Business:

Neonatal Transport Exemption approved by OEMS as written, will be put into protocol.

6. AHA Changes:

Lengthy discussion of this subject was conducted during the joint session that preceded this meeting. At that meeting, it was decided to make implementation of these changes an agency decision. A letter will go to providers, physicians, and emergency departments that outlines the new guidelines and reinforces that implementation of these changes, must be on an agency and not an individual basis. Protocol will be revised by June, at that time agencies will be expected to deploy these changes.

The MAC instructed the PPP to meet in May to make revisions to protocols involving the new AHA Guidelines. They will be presented to the MAC at their June meeting for approval.

7. PPP:

On Scene Provider Seniority

- Lengthy discussion of wording of this protocol
- Debate the practice of EMT-I being allowed to transport patients after that patient has been attended by a Paramedic. Municipal agencies often assign “more senior” technicians to fire apparatus, which often are first on scene. Discussion of whether that Paramedic must call Medical Control to release this patient to EMT-I.
- Text should read “A higher certified technician who provides care beyond the scope of practice and or protocol of a lower certified...”
- Include wording on standard of care
- Examples should be added.
- Sent back to PPP for revision.

Regional Medication Box

- Grammatical changes only
- Approved

Acute Allergic Reaction

- Acute Allergic Reaction # 5 now reads “Administer”
- Anaphylaxis # 4 now reads “IM”
- Remove all text next to the bell

Bradycardia

- To be considered later due to AHA changes

Combative Patients

- Approved
- Changes around somewhere!

Spinal Immobilization

- Approved

Adult Seizure

- # 10 now reads ... administer Diazepam (Valium) 5 mg IV push. If seizure activity continues, repeat 5 mg after 5 minutes.

- # 11 If Diazepam (Valium) is ineffective: Consider Midazolam IV over 1 to 2 minutes.
 - ??? IM note
 - Approved
- Glucagon (Pharmacy Page)
- Approved

8. Dr. Mitchell:
Candidates for the MAC chairperson were being accepted. Elections to be held in September.
9. Regional Trauma Triage Criteria:
Added:
Blunt Trauma: Significant signs of bruising and/or tenderness to the Head, Neck, Chest (*Torso*), or Abdomen
Approved
- Jeff Meyer reviewed the QA process for the new protocol and the entire Trauma Plan is online for review.
10. Hospital Diversion:
Jim Masten reported that Hospital diversion of ambulances was at an all time high and that the practice of selecting "Forced Open" was being well received by facilities and EMS providers.
11. QA/QI Plan:
Jeffrey Meyer reviewed the QA/QI plan. A request was made "That the MAC appoint a physician to sever as Chair of the QA/QI committee." Dr. Mitchell advised to send out an interest email to all physician of MAC.
12. Staff Reports:
EMS Week May 14 – 20, 2006
Awards Submission deadline April 17, 2006
Awards Picnic June 10, 2006 at PEMS office from 3 to 7 p.m. Live Band
The STAT Box Trial Phase II was outlined
Rappahannock Community College EMS Programs progress report. Site visit pending.
13. For the Good of the Order:
Dr. Gutierrez reported that Ft. Eustis (McDonald Army Hospital) was no longer functioning as a hospital but rather an urgent care facility. She also announced that she will be turning her responsibilities over to Dr. James.
14. Meeting Adjourned:
5:10 p.m.