

**PPP Meeting
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Members Present

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Minutes from previous meeting

Not discussed

On scene Medical seniority

Group discussed on scene medical seniority page A-18 and agreed on consideration of the following wording.

The senior certified pre-hospital provider will have authority for patient care and management at a scene. In the case of mutual aid, the senior on-scene technician operating within that locale, who can meet the assessed needs of the patient, will maintain/attain patient control.

Physician on scene

Group discussed on Physician on scene page A-23 and agreed on consideration of the following wording.

Indications: A physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse or other allied Healthcare Provider, who wishes to participate in patient care.

Policy: Patient care is established by regional protocol and on-line Medical Control physicians. A statement card/form developed and approved by the Medical Advisors Committee should be provided to allow timely and appropriate handling of physicians' on-scene (see next page).

Procedure:

1. All medical professionals who offer assistance should be treated with courtesy and respect. EMS providers must validate proof of identity and credentials of the individual offering assistance.
2. Physicians are the only medical professionals that may assume control of patient care. This may only be accomplished with permission of on-line medical control. On-scene physicians who accept responsibility for patient care must accompany the patient to the hospital and sign the patient pre-hospital care report.
3. EMS personnel shall only accept orders from inline medical control physician, to include delegated physician authority on-scene.
4. Physicians Assistants, Nurses, and other allied healthcare providers may assist under the direction of the attendant-in-charge. This requires permission from on-line medical control.
5. Medications are dispensed in the field ONLY by approved certified pre-hospital providers operating under the license of the ALS agency's OMD according to the PEMS pre-hospital patient care protocols and/or under the direction of the on-line medical control.

Inter-facility transports

Mary Sychterz presented the group with suggested transport protocols including pharmacology, air-to-ground & ground-to-air transport, and other varied transports. Initial drafts were reviewed; however the committee decided to table the discussion and forward to a working group including all regional inter-facility transport agencies and their respective OMDs.

Spinal Immobilization

Group reviewed draft of spinal immobilization policy and checklist. Group suggested condensing the checklist into a shorter form. See attachment.

Pediatric epinephrine administration

Group discussed primary and secondary dosing of epinephrine. The committee chose to forward the decision of use of 1:1000 vs 1:10,000 to the MAC committee.