



**Western Medical Center Santa Ana
Regional Paramedic Advisory Committee
Minutes
August 23, 2007**

Attending

Western Medical Center S.A.

Genise Arizon
Michelle Schleuter RN MICN
Gagandeep Grewal MD
Janet Hewson RN
Sean Stokes RN MICN
David Swets RN MICN
Carmen Tsuchiyama RN MICN
Stewart Brash MD
Amy Beth Sirk RN MICN
Hanlon Peterson EMTP Student
Kathy Kelly RN MICN
Bonnie Schmidt RN

Hoag Hospital

Melissa Dover RN MICN

Orange County Communications

Marten Miller

Orange County EMS

Sam Stratton MD
Greg Boswell RN

Orange County Fire Authority

Ben Sebok EMTP

Santa Ana Fire Dept.

Don Clevenger EMTP
Brian Woods EMTP
John Cloughen EMTP
Andres Vasquez EMTP
Jeff Talmage EMTP Paramedic Coordinator
James Larsen EMTP
Glen Dolin EMTP
Erick Roel EMTP
Manny Monreal EMTP

Al Dasher RMTP

Coastal Community Hospital

Patrick Aguilera MD

Mission Hospital

Christi Denton RN MICN

Irvine Regional Hospital

Jacqueline Cameron RN

I. Introductions/Announcements

- **Sam Stratton MD** was introduced as the new Medical Director of Orange County Emergency Services. We welcome him.

II. OCEMS Report - Greg Boswell

- Orange County is waiting for the completion of the sale of Anaheim Memorial Hospital. At that time, AMH will begin proceedings to return as a full Base Hospital. RNs will have to be educated as MICNs. Anaheim medics will, again, make Base Hospital contact, in keeping with the rest of county.
- There may be changes in ambulance rates in October 2007.
- Orange County Data Task Force is preparing for possible electronic PCR possibilities.
- ReddiNet is still working out kinks in the new system. Beverly Nighswonger went to almost all receiving centers in the county to check on the system. Not all-receiving centers have a notification light or alarm yet.
- Because there are so few re-implantation specialists in the county, UCI and Western Medical Center are sharing coverage on an every-other-day basis. It is very important for the MICN to check the schedule each day so re-implantation candidates are triaged to the appropriate facility. Greg also reminded us that crush injuries and finger amputations, except for the thumb, are not appropriate candidates. The best results for re-implantation occur after clean-cut injuries to an extremity.
- ASA will be returned to the Treatment Guidelines for cardiac chest pain. Education regarding this change will be held in the fall.
- Amiodorone will replace Lidocaine in the field. Education regarding this change will also be held in the fall.

III. STEMI Report

- Dr. Stratton gave a power point presentation regarding the Cardiovascular Receiving Center data. From 2005 until the present, the confirmed positive STEMI rate is 67% - 70%. Although this percentage seems low, it is about the same percentage as treadmill stress tests, per Orange County cardiologists.
Door to Balloon time nation - wide is 90 minutes. Door to Balloon time in Orange County is 70.7 minutes.
Mortality rate of STEMI patients nation - wide is 4%. Mortality rate of STEMI patients in Orange County is 2%.
OCEMS will soon begin tracking Field 12 Lead EKG time to Balloon time to ensure there are no specific areas of the county with delays. It will be very important that field EKG time is reported and documented accurately.
OCEMS continues to investigate why there are so many false positives.

IV. Base Hospital Coordinator Report - Kathy Kelly RN

- There will be a MICN class starting October 17, 2007. It will be held at Huntington Beach Hospital. There are approximately 20 candidates.
- Protocol for field exposures was discussed. Kathy explained that there is an exposure form from OCEMS for all fire personnel. There is a different form for law enforcement. She also explained the importance of signing the HIV consent for drawing and testing the blood, and another consent form for disclosure of the results.
- There was another "Safe Surrender" last month. Kathy reminded everyone that although the parent's information is vital, there should be no delay in transporting the child to the NRC.
- OCEMS has compiled a list of "Cool Stations" where Emergency Department staff can refer individuals who may be at risk for heat-related illness during the hot months. The list is at the Charge Nurse desk in the nurse's station at WMC, and hopefully at all other receiving centers as well.
- There is a Skills Review Day tentatively scheduled for the end of October at WMC.

V. Reports

- Irvine Medical Center
Jacqueline Cameron RN, ED Manager, reported the IMC is undergoing some construction to their emergency department. They are moving their triage area, and adding fast track beds.

VI. Open Forum - none

- Meeting was closed. Education was then held, with a presentation by G.Grewal MD

VII. Education

- **"Breech Presentation in the Field"**
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