



**Western Medical Center Santa  
Regional Paramedic Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
January 24, 2008**

**Attending**

**WMCSA**

Gina Fetherston RN MICN  
Carmen Tsuchimaya RN MICN  
Susie Kingma RN MICN  
Daniel Patterson RN  
Janet Hewson RN  
Zwi Steindler MD  
Nguyen Khuu MD  
Chris Vu MD  
Filomena Nunes RN MICN  
Michelle Schleuter RN MICN  
Brenda Scapelatti RN MICN  
Joe Kim MD  
Gagan Grewal MD  
Stuart Brash MD  
Larissa Zeltser DO

**Orange County EMSA**

Sam Stratton MD

**SAFD**

Jeff Talmage  
Frank Ochoa  
Don Clevenger  
Al Dasher  
Dawn Cooper  
Lewis Carletta

**OCFA**

Jon Jones

**Orange County Communications**

Pat Campobasso  
Jerome Cheung

**Coastal Community Hospital**

Carol Frank RN

**I. Introductions/Announcements**

- A. Western Medical Center S.A. congratulates Colleen Cerecedes for passing her MICN exam.
- B. Western Medical Center S.A. welcomes Dr. Rank to our emergency department.
- C. Greg Boswell at OCEMS has a new secretary, Amy Ashland.
- D. Birth announcements:
  - Genise Arizon has a new baby boy.
  - Tammi McConnell has a new baby girl.
  - G.Godrov MD has twins - a boy and a girl.
  - Sean Stokes has a new baby girl.

**II. Kathy Kelly RN MICN,Base Hospital Coordinator**

- A. Kathy announced that OCEMS winter update schedule is available for all Base Hospitals. It is mandatory that all MICNs and paramedics attend one class. Prior to attending class, all attendees must complete the study guide provided by EMS. Two CEUs will be given for the class, and 1 CEU for completing the study guide prior to class.
- B. The Base Hospital Coordinator's Trauma Audit has been completed, and submitted to OCEMS. 408 patients were included in the study. 88% (360 patients) were designated as trauma patients in the field. 7% (30 patients) were transported to the nearest receiving center. All of those who were transported to the NRC were eventually transported ,via interfacility transfer protocol, to a trauma center, except for one patient who expired at the NRC. 5% were transported to a trauma center, but not designated as a trauma patient. 10% (40 patients) were ALS No Contact pateints. 8% ( 33 patients) were designated as BLS patients.
- C. Fast Splints have become a staple in most Or.Co. medic and BLS ambulances. They are the most efficient, and versatile splint for immobilization in the field. It just takes a second to form it around the injured extremity, and can be deflated for treatment, and then re-inflated again for comfort. Kathy has been offering inservices to all staff, and suggests that anyone who has not yet learned about this splint to request an inservice from Kathy, or ask medics when they come in.
- D. The annual No Fear Conference will be held on May 16, 2008, at Mission Hospital. As usual, there will be four very interesting speakers, vendors, prizes, and great food. Four CEUs will be offered for all RNS. Brochures are now available at each Base Hospital. Registration should be done as soon as possible because there is limited seating.
- E. There is a MICN class being held this spring . It is being hosted by St. Jude Hospital. The candidates will be prepared to take the county exam by the end of April 2008. We wish all candidates good luck! Another class is planned for September 2008.
- F. Kathy discussed changes in the pre hospital education schedule for 2008. Because of the high number of mandatory classes, MICN classes, and Audits being done by the Base Hospital Coordinators there will only be education after RPACs, and not monthly, as in the past.

### III. Sam Stratton MD,OCEMS Medical Director

- A. Dr. Stratton spoke about the MCI protocol changes. Plans are not yet complete, so education and implementation dates have not been selected.
- B. Dr. Stratton also discussed the plan for Stroke-Neurology Centers. The policy will probably be ready by June 2008.
- C. Dr. Stratton reminded all that Safe Place is not affiliated with the emergency department at Anaheim Memorial Hospital. They simply lease space from the facility. They do not do medical screening, so medical assessment and treatment must be done at the nearest receiving center prior to the patient being transported to Safe Place. Sexual assault victims should not be sent to Safe Place until after a medical assessment has been done by the emergency department physician. No genital exams should be done in the emergency department unless there are physical injuries. If the victim denies medical or trauma issues, the victim can be transported directly to Safe Place by law enforcement. Victim's clothes and belongings should be placed in paper bags for evidence collection. Plastic bags are not appropriate for evidence collection. A law enforcement officer should stay with the victim at all times.
- D. National criteria for Cardiovascular Receiving Centers includes at least 36 cath lab cases per year per each hospital. When recertification comes again , the county may decertify a few Or.Co. CVRCs because they just do not get enough cases to meet criteria. Orange County is doing approximately 10,000 field 12 lead EKGs per year.

### IV. Reports

- A. Janet Hewson RN, Director of Trauma Services at WMCSA, stated that WMC had 1470 designated trauma patients in 2007.
  - B. Orange County Communications - Pat Campobasso, OCC Training Officer, introduced Jerome Chelung, OCC Supervising Coordinator. This was Jerome's first RPAC at WMC, and we welcome him.
- V. Open Forum - None
- VI. Education - "Trauma Case Review"  
Kathy Kelly RN MICN
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