



**Western Medical Center Santa Ana
Regional Paramedic Advisory Committee
Minutes
December 1, 2008**

Attending

WMCSA

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Gary Godorov MD
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Greg Chrisman EMT-P
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St. Joseph Hospital

Yvette Boyle RN

Introductions / Announcements

- WMCSA has five RNs who just passed the OCEMS MICN exam. This is the first class in known Orange County history where all candidates passed the exam. Kudos to the candidates, and the instructors.
- With great sadness, it was announced that Bev Nighswonger, Facilities Coordinator of OCEMS, passed away in October. A memorial services was held on November 14, 2008. Our EMS community has lost a valuable member.
- Planned Gang Violence presentation for today was canceled at the last minute due to traffic issues. Dr. Stratton graciously offered an impromptu presentation on "Infections in EMS". Thanks to Dr. Stratton.

Old Business

- Stroke/Neurology Receiving Centers
Application process is delayed. The applications are out, and designations should begin in December 2008. The OCEMS policy is ready. OCEMS Updates Spring 2009 will include triage criteria for SNRC.

New Business

- Irvine Medical Center OB services will close on December 1, 2008. The emergency department will close on January 9, 2009. The remainder of the hospital will close on January 15, 2009. It will be closed for 12-18 months, and will then re-open as an acute care facility affiliated with Hoag Hospital. Kaiser, Irvine is expecting to receive the majority of the EMS patients in the area. They will accept all patients, regardless of insurance status. The nearest CVRC will be Western Medical Center S.A.
- Field trial studies are in progress for EZ-IO, AutoPulse. Trials for transcutaneous pacing and CPAP will be coming soon.
- OCEMS Update Spring 2009 - classes will be starting in January. All Base Hospitals and many Fire Depts. will be offering classes. They will be 2 hours each. Watch for dates/times posted.

Reports

S. Stratton MD, Medical Director of OCEMS

- There will be no changes in Diversion/Home Hospital policies.
- Golden Guardian Drill was held on November 13, 2008. This was a statewide drill. Approximately 5 million people throughout the state participated. The system was inundated with messages via the ReddiNet. We all need to think about how we can reduce the number of messages we send.
- Kudos to all fire and ambulance personnel for a job well done during the recent fire season.
- Diversion hours for October 2008 were the lowest in many years.
- There will be an increase in the scope of practice for EMT-1 to include

- D-Stick
- 12 lead placement
- Epi-Pen assistance
- Assisting patients with their own NTG
- Placement of AutoPulse
- Transport of patients with PVAD/IFT

No further reports.

Open Forum - none.

Adjournment

Education - "Infections in EMS" by S. Stratton MD