



REGIONAL PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 20, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

EMS

Sam Stratton, M.D.

Huntington Beach Hospital

Lee Weiss, M.D.
Denise Woolson, RN
Denise Flaws, RN
Kelly Knight, RN
Chris Comstock, RN
Tita Jaramillo, RN
Erica Moojen
Fran Cohen, RN

Fountain Valley Hospital

Peter Anderson, M.D.
Kris Toms, RN

Orange Coast Memorial

Hubert Wong, M.D.

Los Alamitos Medical Center

Bruce Jetton, M.D.
Kathy Robidoux, RN

Long Beach Memorial

Samantha Verga, RN

UCI

Stephanie Lush, RN

Costa Mesa Fire Department

Chris Holmes, EMT-P

Fountain Valley Fire Department

David Dukellis, EMT-P
Tim Saiki, EMT-P
Tony Coppelino, EMT
Damon Breeler, EMT-P
Joe Cucinotti, EMT

Huntington Beach Fire Department

Jason Tweet, EMT-P
Gabriel Diaz, EMT
Brian Springer, EMT-P
Kevin Wyman, EMT-P
Greg Oberst, EMT
Paul Fredericks, EMT-P
Anne Stratton, RN
Eric McCoy, EMT-P
Andrew Crichton, EMT
Philip Cheung, EMT
Eric Forshay, EMT-P

Santa Ana Fire

Chris Roelle, EMT-P
Dawn Cooper, RN EMT-P

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Base Physician Report-Dr. Weiss

- HB ED has not been significantly impacted due to the flu season.

CPAC-Fran Cohen, RN

- Mid January has seen a spike in ED diversions.
- The after action report of the "Golden Guardian" exercise is pending.
- EMS is compiling data for 2009 emergency preparedness "wish list."
- Final signed treatment guideline revisions will soon be distributed by EMS.
- Announcement of Neuro-Stroke receiving center designations is planned in the next couple of months.
- Home hospital policy has not changed. The State Attorney has been consulted for a ruling as it related to EMTALA.
- Implementation of the MCI policy and treatment guideline updates is March 16.
- It is expected that Kaiser Irvine and Saddleback Hospital will see an increase in ED census due to the closing of Irvine Regional.
- A meeting is scheduled in LA regarding the establishment of Regional Trauma Centers throughout California. This should have little impact on OC as we already accept patients from other counties. There will be a need for standardized documentation and implementation of a QI process.
- Recently an increase in wait times for off loading patients in some ERs (wall time) has been noted. EMS is attempting to find a solution to the issue. These are mostly BLS runs but it impacts the ALS units.
- Please discard all old PCRs. They do not have a sequence number. This number is used for call identification.
- Holly Vale is the interim Health Care Division Manager under which EMS functions.

EMSA Report-Samuel Stratton, M.D.

- Kaiser Irvine will accept all BLS and ALS patients. They have contracts with many insurance companies and function as an acute care hospital and PRC.
- Anaheim General is no longer a PRC. They are working very hard on re-designation.
- Hopefully any glitches in the MCI policy can be worked out during training before implementation on March 16.
- Due to the economy, the County has instituted a hiring freeze. This has heavily impacted EMS daily functions.

PCC Report- Fran Cohen, RN

- HB Base will begin teaching EMS Updates on Jan 26 at Gothard training center. A comprehensive list of times and locations of scheduled classes is posted.
- A County-wide list of RPACs and inservices for 2009 is posted. HB Hospital inservices will generally be 1 hour unless following RPAC or is a skills review.
- We have 4 MICN candidates completing their radio preceptorships.
- ED staff will be training on the Base component to the MCI policy during OCFA MCI drills. The complete use of the ReddiNet is a new concept to the MICNs. ReddiNet training is scheduled Feb 2 and 4 in the computer lab.
- Please remember to attach a copy of the 12-lead EKG to the base copy of the PCR.

- It is very important to do an indicated 12-lead EKG as soon as possible to determine designation. Although the receiving center may be a CRC if the EKG shows a STEMI, they need time to activate the cath lab process. That is the purpose of field 12-EKG acquisition.

Quality Improvement Activities

- **Review of ALS No Contact Criteria**

Patient is stable, as defined by:

Mild or Moderate status

Vital Signs are within this range:

Pulse **50-130**

Respirations **12-26**

BP **≥ 90***

ALS Interventions

Oxygen

IV at TKO or saline lock

Blood Glucose Determination

Cardiac Monitoring

The patient has any of the following conditions:

- Hypoglycemia (BS<60)
- Asthma / COPD
- Ischemic chest pain
- Suspected narcotic ingestion
- Pain due to skeletal trauma
- Croup

And

The patient is asymptomatic or significantly improved following a **single dose** of only one of these medications:

- Albuterol
- NTG, ASA
- IV dextrose, IM glucagon or PO glucose
- Narcan
- Morphine Sulfate
- Nebulized saline

OR the return of vital signs to approved parameters* following a single normal saline IV bolus of 200 - 250 mL

FACILITY REPORTS

Trauma Centers

UCI-

Stephanie Lush RN-presented trauma "Great Saves"

Long Beach Memorial – Samantha Verga, RN

No Report

Receiving Centers

Fountain Valley Hospital-Dr. Anderson

- Monthly paramedic inservices are held in Saltzer Conference Room at 0830. There is not inservice in December.

Huntington Beach Hospital- Denise Flaws, RN

- Diagnostic procedures have been successful. Plans are to be interventional in the next 12 to 18 months.
- The hospital has been awarded full JCAHO accreditation.

Los Alamitos Medical Center- Dr. Jetton

- No report

Orange Coast Memorial-Dr. Wong

- The hospital is hosting a paramedic continental breakfast and inservice on 1/28 at 0900 in Conference Room A. Topic is "Obstetrical Emergencies".

Fire Departments

Fountain Valley Fire

- Captain Joe Cucinotti introduced himself as the new department EMS, Training Officer and Designated Officer.
- The Agency has lost 3 firefighter/paramedics. Open testing is in progress.

Huntington Beach Fire- Anne Stratton, RN

- Three firefighters are still in paramedic training.
- The Autopulse trial was suspended.
- Training for the EZ IO and external pacing begins in February.

Educational Presentation

"Pediatric Emergencies" by Dr. Cesar Aristeiguieta

Respectfully Submitted,



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Base Physician Director



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