



REGIONAL PARAMEDIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AHMC ANAHEIM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

August 27, 2009

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MINUTES**

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I. Welcome and Medical Director's Report – Dr. Zarate

- A. Hospital Name Change:** The sale of the hospital is complete and the name has officially changed to Anaheim Regional Medical Center.
- B. Stroke Neurology Receiving Center:** Orange County currently has nine Stroke Neurology Receiving Centers. It is the first countywide comprehensive stroke care system in the United States.
- C. Poison Control Centers:** Funding for the Local Poison Control Center has been cut and we are now using the National Poison Control Center for information and guidance.

II. EMSA Report – Dr. Stratton

- A. Trial Discontinuation of Emergency Department Diversion and Clarification of “Home Hospital”:** The Diversion Trial was developed to address the conflict with Home Hospital requests and hospitals on diversion that might violate federal EMTALA regulations. Orange County Cardiovascular Receiving Centers and Stroke Neuro Receiving Centers are required to accept designated patients whether they are on diversion or not. Once announced, the Trial Discontinuation of Emergency Department Diversion received a legal challenge so is currently delayed.

III. Paramedic Liaison Nurse/QI Report – Mary Massey, RN

- A. OCEMS Policies:** Policy 720.00 Section 404: OCEMS EMT Accreditation/Ground Ambulance Attendant Requirements, and Policy 470.00: FEES: Certification, Licensing and Designation,” and Policy 1174 are currently out for a 50-day review. Please review and send comments to Patrick Powers at OCEMS (714) 834-6233.

B. DEAG: The August Meeting was cancelled but the November 12th meeting is scheduled for 1000 at OCEMS. A summary of updates from Jane Elder included:

- **CPAP:** Drs. Miller and Stratton are following currently available equipment, clinical studies and California LEMSA utilization; development of an OCEMS **treatment guideline is pending if implemented locally**
- **Intranasal drug administration:** Naloxone and Midazolam. Anticipated implementation in Orange County sometime later this year; there may need to be an adjustment in dosage (dispensing) forms of these two drugs
- **Research on Child Restraint Systems** in ambulances is ongoing by Phil Robinson of Doctor's Ambulance and Lewis Carletta of the Santa Ana Fire Department
- **Zofran (Ondansetron):** The Emergency Medical Directors Association of California voted earlier in the month to recommend to the California EMS Authority that this anti-nausea drug be added to the paramedic basic scope of practice; recommendation was for both IV and orally dissolving tablet

VI. Other Agency Reports -

- a. **Anaheim Memorial Medical Center** – Dr. Zarate. See Base Physician report.
- b. **Anaheim Fire** – Denise Mitchell, RN
 - The Disney Half Marathon is scheduled for September 6th. Six medic teams will be stationed along the route that is expecting approximately 12,000 runners. Anaheim Fire will be pre-declaring an MCI for equitable patient distribution. Close proximity hospitals may have access and traffic issues that morning.
 - All 911 EMS calls are being screened for influenza-like-illness to allow first responders to wear appropriate personal protective equipment
 - Medics will be stationed at the Anaheim Ducks games starting in September like the teams at the Angel Games.
 - New Cal/OSHA Airborne Transmissible Disease Standards (ATD) will require a higher particulate mask (N95 or higher) for high risk procedures which Anaheim Fire Department is defining as airway related such as suctioning and intubation.
- c. **Anaheim General** – No representative

- d. **Kaiser Permanente/Anaheim** – Jess Langerud. Kaiser is continuing with pandemic influenza plans. Hospital volume has not dropped off yet from the spring event.
- e. **West Anaheim Medical Center** – West Anaheim Medical Center has noted an increase in influenza cases requiring ventilators and is also working on pandemic influenza planning.
- f. **Western Medical Center, Anaheim** – Fernando Duro. West Med Anaheim is also continuing with pandemic influenza planning.
- g. **OCC** – No Updates
- h. **Mercy Air** – No representative

Open Forum: There was a discussion on a noted increase in Interfacility Transports where the sending facility does not make an attempt to use an ALS ambulance. Dr. Stratton will review the cases.

Education: Stroke Neurovascular Update: Dr Zarate

Attachments:

Eye on Influenza

**Trial Discontinuation of Emergency Department Diversion and Clarification of “Home Hospital”
Memo**

Stroke PowerPoint