

EMS/Inter-Hospital Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Bureau of EMS Auditorium

Total Meeting Time: 1 Hour 50 Minutes

Welcome from EIC Chair Dr. Julie Fox. Meeting called to order at 09:04

Appreciation of Service Presentation

Plaques were made for Ed Hildebrand, MD and Marti Ransom thanking them for their years of service to the EMS/Inter-Hospital Committee.

Protocol Revisions Sub-Committee: Ross Fowlks, UFA

Asystole/PEA: reviewed changes

Cardiac Emergencies: reviewed changes

A motion was made to approve the above protocol changes. APPROVED

12 Lead ECG Sub-Committee: Steve Joyce, MD

Criteria for STEMI Hospitals: Some questions that need a little clarification are: cath lab requirements, protocol within hospitals when cath lab is full, data capture, and ACLS certification for physicians. A motion was made to approve as is, for an implementation date of June 1st, with the idea that this will be sent back to subcommittee to have final revisions ready for the May EIC meeting. At this point the item is not approved. The revisions will be presented during the May EIC meeting.

Recommended District 2B STEMI Hospitals: APPROVED.

- UUMC
- IMC
- St Mark's
- Salt Lake Regional
- Jordan Valley
- Pioneer Valley
- VAMC – for veterans only – if nearest hospital

STEMI Diversion Protocol: APPROVED

- Hospitals may go on STEMI divert if their cath lab is mechanically non-functional
- Next nearest STEMI hospital will be the destination
- Non-STEMI chest pain patients will go to the nearest appropriate facility per current protocols
- Patient request may be over-ridden in STEMI transports

Minimum training standards for EMS field ECG transmission: APPROVED

EMS personnel will be taught to:

- Acquire and transmit a 12-lead ECG
- Recognize ST segment elevation
- Properly interpret 10 static ECG's for presence or absence of ST elevation
- Successfully transmit 3 ECG's prior to performing field ECG's
- EMS Medical Directors may expand these criteria as they see fit

Diversion Report: Mike Veenendal, VECC

A reminder was given that when hospitals call in divert status it only lasts for a period of two hours. Once that two hours is up, divert status will automatically be removed and the hospital is required to call and request to continue status.

Mike Veenendal will provide a diversion report that contains a full narrative during the May meeting.

Website Status: Julie Fox, MD and Mike Bohling, UFA

The website is up and running. Protocols are updated on the site as they are approved by the EIC. A bulletin board feature is also now on the website and could be used as a discussion spot for protocols. Let Dr. Fox or Mike Bohling know if you are interested in participating in that.

Still looking for agency photos you would like to have added to the site. High quality jpeg files work best.

Dr. Fox will be contacting members shortly to double check that contact information is accurate and you are okay with having your info added to the website.

Financial Update: Julie Fox, MD

Dr. Fox looked into creating a 501 (c) (3) account for the EIC. It will cost \$250 to apply and register as a Utah company. An additional \$200 is required to obtain tax-exempt status and make the EIC a Utah Corporation. We will also need to go over the bylaws and write Articles of Incorporation. A motion was made to file for this body to become a Utah Corporation. APPROVED

EMS Update: Jim Hansen, BEMS

EIC Meetings will continue to be held at the BEMS auditorium

Utilizing UTRAIN for registration for all courses

Still about one year out from EMT-IA status

The term of appointment for members of the EMS Committee and Sub Committee is about to expire. Please visit the BEMS website and fill out an application if you are interested in applying for either committee.

UAEMT Conference will be held in St. George May 13, 14, and 15, 2010.

The Public Health Waiver was approved by the EMS Committee. The intent is to give licensed EMS agencies the ability to operate at a reduced level of staffing if personnel are unable to respond due to contracting HINI or in the event of a disaster.

Medical Directors Workshop up at Snowbird March 25, from 08:30-15:00. All offline medical control is welcome. Contact Allan Liu with any questions.

SB 178 passed. Grants available 25% and up per capita up to 75%. Up to EMS Committee and Grant Subcommittee as to how to disperse funds. Must be compliant with data submission to be eligible for grant funding.

Old Business

Radio Reporting: Tabled until next meeting

CARES: Dr. Hunt will have more information to present during the May meeting.

Meals for EMS Crews: Grab and go items that are accessible to hospital employees and patients are acceptable for EMS crews. Sit and stay type meals are not. Issue closed.

New Business

Divert Issue:

Discussion regarding ambulances responding to injuries on a hospital campus
It was agreed that the patient should ideally be transported to the hospital where the injury occurred.

UTA Exercise Update:

On Sunday, March 21 there will be an exercise involving UTA Trax, Front Runner, along with EMS equipment and personnel from across the valley. They would like this exercise to be as realistic as possible, and will restock any equipment used. Invasive interventions should only be simulated. A complete safety briefing will be done after the exercise.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 18, 2010 09:00 BEMS Auditorium