



**MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
DRUG & DEVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 7, 2006 – 8:30 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Allen Marino, M.D., Chairman
Rob Nichols, EMT-P, American Medical Response
Sandy Young, R.N., Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Scott Vivier, EMT-P, Henderson Fire Dept (Alternate)

Richard Henderson, M.D., Henderson Fire Department
Philis Beilfuss, R.N., North Las Vegas Fire Department
Larry Johnson, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance (Alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Aaron Harvey, EMT-P, Henderson Fire Department
John Higley, EMT-P, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Lawrence Pellegrini, D.O., Las Vegas Fire & Rescue

Jo Ellen Hannom, R.N., Clark County Fire Department
Deb Dailey, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance

CCHD STAFF PRESENT

Joseph Heck, D.O., EMS Operational Medical Director
Mary Ellen Britt, R.N., Regional Trauma Coordinator
Trish Beckwith, EMS Field Representative
Moana Hanawahine-Yamamoto, Administrative Assistant

Rory Chetelat, EMS Manager
David Slattery, M.D., Assistant Operational Medical Director
Marc Johnson, QI Coordinator
Eddie Tajima, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The Drug & Device Committee convened in the Clemens Room of the Ravenholt Public Health Center on Wednesday, June 7, 2006. Chairman Allen Marino, M.D., called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. and the Affidavit of Posting was noted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Chairman Marino noted that a quorum was present.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

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Chairman Marino asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Discussion of Request to Pilot The Intubate Mate™ - Eddie Lane

Eddie Lane presented The Intubate Mate™, an oral airway adjunct intended to protect the teeth during oral intubation. Over-aggressive intubations can result in accidental trauma to the teeth and this device acts as a safeguard. The Intubate Mate™ can also be used: prior to insertion of an esophageal obturator airway, prior to/during rescue breathing using a BVM or pocket mask,

for patients who have a gag reflex, for post-anesthesia patients in the recovery room and as a bite block during suctioning. The adjunct is disposable, cost-effective and easy to use.

Mr. Lane asked the committee for approval to provide transport agencies with the device for trial use in the field for 60 – 90 days. Dr. Slattery stated he was concerned about or there are ethical issues with using a new device that has never been tested in humans. Dr. Slattery suggested that the study occur under a structured clinical trial that's approved by an EMS institutional review board. Dr. Marino agreed and suggested that a hospital setting, perhaps working with a group of anesthesiologists, might be a starting point. Mr. Lane informed the board that he has been trying to contact Dr. Malone at UMC to do just that but to no avail. Mr. Lane added that The Intubate Mate™ was a one-of-a-kind device and there was nothing on the market to compare it to. Therefore, providing historical data on similar products was impossible.

Dr. Heck applauded Mr. Lane's entrepreneurial spirit but agreed with Dr. Slattery about the safety of the device. He suggested that the first thing the Health District would need is a letter from the FDA stating whether The Intubate Mate™ device qualifies as a medical device. Mr. Lane thanked the committee and stated that he would contact the FDA.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY

None

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No response.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Marino adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.