

MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

PROCEDURE/PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

May 4, 2005—1:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Henderson, M.D., Chairman
Allen Marino, M.D., SWA/NLVFD
Aaron Harvey, EMT-P, HFD
Sandy Young, R.N., LVFR

Philis Beilfuss, R.N., NLVFD
Derek Cox, EMT-P, AMR
Brian Rogers, EMT-P, SWA

ALTERNATES

John Higley, MFR

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chief David Petersen, MFR

Batt. Chief Trent Jenkins, CCFD

CCHD STAFF PRESENT

Rory Chetelat, EMS Manager
Eddie Tajima, Admin. Asst
Judy Tabat, Rec. Secretary
David Slattery, M.D., Assistant Medical Director

Mary Ellen Britt, R.N., QI Coordinator
Trish Beckwith, Field Representative
Rae Pettie, EMS Program Coordinator

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Jay Craddock, EMT-P, NLVFD
Pete Carlo, EMT-P, SWA
Jo Ellen Hannom, CCFD
Sydney Selitzky, EMT-P, HFD
Tim Crowley, EMT-P, LVFR
Steve Patraw, EMT-P, SWA

Lawrence Pellegrini, D.O., LVFR
Larry Johnson, SWA
Randy Howell, EMT-P, HFD
Jon Kingma, EMT-P, BCFD
Russ Cameron, EMT-P, CCFD

I. CONSENT AGENDA

The Procedure/Protocol Committee convened in the Clemens Room of the Ravenholt Public Health Center on Wednesday, May 4, 2005. Chairman Rick Henderson, M.D., called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and the Affidavit of Posting was noted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Dr. Henderson noted that a quorum was present.

Minutes Procedure/Protocol Committee Meeting February 2, 2005

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2005 meeting was not called therefore it will be added to the next meetings Consent Agenda.

II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Review of Draft Protocol Manual

The Procedure/Protocol Committee reviewed each protocol of the draft manual one-by-one, making recommendations for modifications. The Protocol Manual Summary of Changes, which includes modifications applied as recommended by the committee:

1. Forward
 - a. Add the Agency which each Medical Director represents.
2. General Patient Care Protocol
 - a. Item #3, Circulation – Use of AED's for children
 - b. Discussion tabled until next meeting
3. Abdominal Pain (Non-Traumatic) – No change
4. Advanced Airway Management
 - a. Item 1g, Etomidate 0.3 mg/kg
 - b. Discussion tabled until next meeting
5. Allergy / Anaphylaxis – No change
6. Altered mental Status – No change
7. Behavioral Emergencies – No change
8. Burns – No change
9. Cardiac Arrest – No change
10. Cardiac Dysrhythmia: Asystole – No change
11. Cardiac Dysrhythmia: Bradycardia
 - a. Item #6 Change from Administer to Consider
 - b. Item #7 Change from Administer to Consider
12. Cardiac Dysrhythmia: Pulseless Electrical Activity
 - a. Delete item #2a. Transcutaneous Pacing
13. Cardiac Dysrhythmia: Supraventricular Tachycardia
 - a. Item #10, Etomidate 0.3 mg/kg
 - b. Discussion tabled until next meeting
14. Cardiac Dysrhythmia: Adult Ventricular Ectopy
 - a. Item #7 – repeat Lidocaine continuous infusion table in the formulary
15. Cardiac Dysrhythmia: Ventricular Fibrillation or Pulseless Ventricular Tachycardia – No change
16. Cardiac Dysrhythmia: Ventricular Tachycardia
 - a. Lidocaine versus Cordarone
 - b. Phillis will work with Scott Vivier
 - c. Discussion tabled until next meeting

17. Adult Chest Pain of Suspected Cardiac Origin
 - a. Change title to Non-Traumatic Adult Chest Pain
 - b. Item #3 change from assist to consider assisting
 - c. Item #11 change from Administer to Consider
 - d. Item #12 change from Administer to Consider
18. Adult Hyperkalemia – No change
19. Obstetrical / Gynecological Emergencies – No change
20. Overdose / Poisoning
 - a. Item #7, add ‘unless intubated’
21. Adult Pulmonary Edema / CHF
 - a. Item #8 change from Administer to Consider
 - b. Item #9 change from Administer to Consider
22. Respiratory Distress with Bronchospasm – No change
23. Shock – Non-Traumatic – No change
24. Trauma – No change
25. Chronic Public Inebriate – No change
26. Do Not Resuscitate – No change
27. Emergency Department Closure - Deleted
28. Inter-Facility Transfer Of Patients By Ambulance
 - a. Item #1 add ‘that’ after the word aware
29. Pediatric Patient Destination Protocol – No change
30. Prehospital Death Determination
 - a. Item #4 change EMS personnel to Licensed 911 Responders
31. Quality Improvement Review – No change
32. Combitube / Combitube SA – No change
33. Defibrillation – No change
34. Nasogastric / Orogastric Tube Insertion – No change
35. Nasotracheal Intubation
 - a. Highlight use of BVM prior to intubation in educational program
36. Needle Cricothyrotomy – No change
37. Needle Thoracentesis – No change
38. Orotracheal Intubation

- a. Highlight use of BVM prior to intubation in educational program
39. Synchronized Cardioversion
- a. Item #6, Delete reference to specific joules and add the wording for device specific instructions on page 81 #5.
40. Tracheostomy Tube Replacement
- a. Discussion regarding what level of provider can perform the procedure.
 - b. Tabled until next meeting
 - c. Recommendation made to clarify level of provider on all procedures.
41. Transcutaneous Pacing – No change
42. Vagal Maneuvers – No change
43. Vascular Access
- a. Need to address Hickman Catheters / Central lines
 - b. Discussion tabled until next meeting
44. Formulary
- a. Make it user friendly
 - b. Show dosing variants
 - c. Phillis will provide a formulary she has been working on for the next meeting.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY

None

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No response.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Dr. Henderson called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 2:25 p.m.