



## Medical Oversight Committee Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2008

Committee Members Present: Tom Collins  
Michael Cudnik  
Carol Cunningham  
David Fiffick  
Vickie Graymire  
Antonio Lazcano  
Gary Richardson

Committee Members Absent: Ross Campensa  
Mark Marchetta  
John Pakiela  
Wendy Pomerantz

Others in attendance: Ellen Owens  
Mark Burgess

The regular meeting of the Medical Oversight Committee (MOC) was called to order at 10:07 by the Mr. Fiffick who was chairing the meeting in Dr. Pakiela's absence.

#### **Acceptance of Minutes**

Motion by Dr. Collins, second by Dr. Lazcano to accept the minutes of the July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting. Minutes were accepted without change.

#### **EMT-P Administration of Vaccinations**

The Board of Pharmacy has reported that some EMS agencies are requesting to add TB testing to their drug license. The most recent agency had indicated they did not have a nurse, but wished to have their employees administer the vaccine to other employees. In prior meetings with the Board of Nursing and Board of Pharmacy, it was determined after review of legislative language, this is outside the scope of practice for the EMT-P. It was discussed that the committee may wish to revisit this at a later time, along with the Board of Nursing and other appropriate organizations as we look to the role of EMS in the future.

It was agreed that information regarding the restriction on administering vaccines and immunizations could be reiterated with the release regarding the filing of O.A.C. 4765-6-03 (Additional services in a declared emergency) and 4765-6-05 (Exposure to a nerve or organophosphate agent).

### **Research Rule**

The research rule - O.A.C. 4765-6-04 is now in effect. The committee discussed how any request received should flow through to the Board. It was agreed, the Medical Oversight Committee would serve as the initial reviewer to look at scope of practice issues. The Research Committee would review the request to determine soundness of the proposed research process and review the final findings. The Research Committee will bring the final results and recommendations back to the Medical Oversight Committee for discussion on potential changes to scope of practice as a result of the study and on to the EMS Board. Other committees, such as the Education Committee and Rule Committee will also be involved as appropriate.

### **O.A.C. 4765-6-03 & 4765-6-05**

At the last meeting, the committee made recommendations for changes to be made to O.A.C. 4765-6-03 to make it less confusing to the EMTs in the field. Those concerns and recommendations have been reviewed with legal counsel. It has been suggested we pull the current language pertaining to drug administration in response to exposure to nerve or organophosphate agents from O.A.C. 4765-6-03 and create a new rule (4765-6-05) to include that language. The proposed rule revisions were reviewed and accepted by the committee.

### **Rapid Sequence Induction**

Copies of Draft 3.0 of the Rapid Sequence Induction (RSI) for Endotracheal Intubation position paper, along with copies of all comments received pertaining to draft had been sent out for review prior to the meeting. Dr. Cunningham reminded the committee members that this was only a position paper and did not carry the authority of law or rule.

The committee was in agreement on the following changes to the conclusions section:

- Add nurse anesthetist to acceptable supervision during training in the operating room
- Change to 'recommended' indications for RSI
- Drop absolute and add recommended to contraindications for RSI
- Under contraindications, change Glasgow Coma Scale score to  $\geq 9$
- Under "Note" change to "is considered a rescue airway..."

The committee agreed the RSI draft, as amended, was ready to move forward to the EMS Board. It will be distributed at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting for review with discussion to be held at the October meeting. It was suggested that the paper be distributed to the Regional Physician Advisory Boards and to Ohio ACEP once approved.

Dr. Collins agreed to follow-up with Tim Erskine to further review the data in this area, including looking at average transport times, rate of transports by population and incidence of paralytic agent administration without intubation.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:20.

**Next meeting will November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ 10 am - ODPS - Room 109**