

# EMS REGIONALIZATION PHYSICIANS ADVISORY BOARD

~ REGION 8 ~

July 26, 2007, 1:30 p.m.; Akron, Ohio

MINUTES

**Board Members Present:** Drs. Gradisek, Campensa, Mencl, Lutes, and Steer

**Board Members Absent:** Drs. Bartkowski, Kyriakedes, Fallon, and Adams

**Guests Present:** Berni Martin, R.N., Jon Zalewski, Chief Dale Evans, Rita Chambers, James Willoughby, Ray Poynter, Dr. Eric Schwiger, D.O., Brian Trichler, and Vickie Broadway

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by Ross Campensa, M.D., FACEP, at 1332 and introductions were made.

Dr. Campensa led a discussion on the current membership of the Region VIII RPAB. Dr. Campensa made a motion of support for Dr. Mencl to fill the open seat on the Board and Dr. Mencl had the unanimous support of the Board Members on hand to fill the open seat. Dr. Mencl acknowledged their support and indicated he will be undertaking the steps to seek appointment. The question was raised concerning how many Board positions are available and Dr. Campensa reported the Board may be up to nine seats for our Region.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Dr. Campensa reported that the Medical Oversight Committee has agreed to change the scope of practice to include CPAP in the scope of practice for EMT-B. They also accepted a recommended guideline for CPAP. The Board reviewed the guideline and had some local revisions including a provision to ensure that the any drugs referenced in the protocol be called by its generic name. A question was also raised about the definition of "recent" gastric surgery. Dr. Campensa is to get the State's definition of "recent". It was further agreed that the protocol will be updated by each system internally to reflect the preference of IM Epinephrine over Sub-Q Epinephrine. Finally, the board considered the competing CPAP systems and agreed that the protocol is and will continue to be generic and not specific to any particular manufacturer or system.

Discussion was held concerning the EMS scope of practice and research. Dr. Campensa reported the view of the State that if the subject of the research was already within the existing scope of practice, the EMS Board does not need to sign off on the subject matter of the study. However, if one wants to undertake a study of something outside of the existing scope of practice, the study must first be submitted to the EMS Board for review and approval.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Data Collection**

No report.

### **Performance Improvement**

No report.

### **Medical Protocols**

Dr. Campensa asked that the Board re-review the Region VIII protocol and ensure that it is up to date. He asked that if you have any interest in helping with the review or in leading the review of any particular section, please contact via e-mail. He requested that Children's Hospital lead the review of the Pediatric portion of the protocol.

### **EMS Training and Continuing Education**

No report.

### **EMS Equipment**

Dr. Campensa will follow up with Chief Evans to see what data the Summit County Fire Chiefs' Association has.

Vicki asked that pediatric patient's no longer be transported to Children's Hospital in car seats or in mother's arms. They prefer a pediatric EMS transport device – specifically, the Pedi-mate. It is available through Ferno at approximately \$170.00. Please contact Vicki for more details. She will bring supporting literature to a future meeting.

### **Medical Directors**

No report.

### **Mutual Aid**

No report.

### **Research and Experimental Procedures**

No report.

### **Restocking**

No report. Dr. Bulgrin will be replacing Dr. Adams. There was discussion regarding the Akron Regional Hospital Association committee that handles this topic as well and Dr. Campensa asked that Dr. Adams attend their meetings to represent the Board. Their next known meeting is August 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A discussion was led by Dr. Campensa regarding concerns forwarded by the members concerning the length of their appointment to the Board, attendance requirements for membership, how to apply / re-apply to be on the Board etc.

Dr. Campensa then covered the recertification process for the current Board Members:

- Submit the application (can be found on the State EMS website)
- Submit a current copy of your complete Curriculum Vitae

And the attendance requirements:

- Must attend 50% of all RPAB meetings

Based on questions asked by the group, Dr. Campensa will get answers to when in the calendar year your appointment to serve on the Board expires and how you will be notified that it is time to apply for re-appointment.

Rita asked about Chempack training from the State on the website. There are problems with intermittent availability / functionality.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Brian reported that the ARHA Hospitals have agreed to a unified Narcotic replacement policy. After transporting a patient to an ARHA Hospital, the Paramedics must present a photo ID, a copy of the run report, and their drug addendum to the pharmacy to get Narcotics re-stocked.

A discussion was held concerning the new AGMC Stow facility and potential diversion issues. Dr. Gradisek noted that unstable heart or stroke patients will need to be transported to the main campus. More discussion will take place in the future.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Nothing brought forward for the good of the order.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 1445 hours. Next meeting information – October 25, 2007

Respectfully Submitted,

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