

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2010

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Kristie Gallagher, R.N.
Pat Mattevi, M.D.
Kris Brickman, M.D.
David Miramontes, M.D.
Bob McCarthy
Captain Jeff Romstadt
Allison Armstrong

Representing

Springfield Twp. FD
Toledo Hospital EC
Bay Park Hospital EC
UTMC
Toledo Fire/Mercy Health Partners
Great Lakes Emergency Nurses Council
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire

Staff

David Lindstrom, M.D.
Dennis Cole
Brent Parquette
Jon Ziehr
Pat Moomey

Medical Director LCEMS
LCES Director
QA/QI CE
EMS CE
Communications Manager

Absent

Mary Beth Crawford, M.D.
Kenneth Chelucci, M.D.
Domian Kandah, M.D.
Cheryl Herr
Dr. Todd Brookens
Rod Standiford (primary)
Matt Homik (alternate)

St. Luke's Hospital
St. Anne Mercy Hospital
St. Charles Hospital
St. Luke's Hospital/ Nurse Manager's Assoc.
Toledo and Flower Hospitals EC
Paramedic Committee
Paramedic Committee

Call to Order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the June 7, 2010 meeting were made available for review. Minutes were accepted as written.

CE

Brent reported there was no CE in July and August. September's CE covered AMA issues, refusals, when it's appropriate to make medical control and cardiac scenarios in skill stations. October's CE will have 12-lead review and skills stations covering pediatrics and obstetrics. November and December no CE.

Kristie Gallaher reported on a case that came to Toledo Hospital. She said a PA questioned the use of Procainamide vs. Amiodarone in v-tach. Dr. Lindstrom reported there is no consensus with cardiologists of one over the other. Dr. Lindstrom reported we are staying with American Heart's protocol.

Old Business

Barry asked if there were any protocol changes. Dr. Lindstrom reported staff will review for 2011.

Sandhu Collar – Brent reported there has been a delay for Life Core Technologies in getting the collar out. The company is hoping to get the collar out in mid November for us to implement. Dr. Lindstrom reported the company is still working on the cost, but it will be significant. \$500.00 is the target cost range. One of the directions is to approach the hospitals to purchase and if they purchase and they could re-supply us to help with costs. The company will supply ten no-neck to each life squad to evaluate along with Life Flight and ProMedica Air. Dr. Lindstrom also gave information regarding Dr. Lurie's and his concerns in recent lab study with supraglottic airway use and the potential for occluding flow in the carotid arteries. There was a discussion on the use of the collar.

LifePaks – Brent reported the paramedics are evaluating three different monitors/defibrillators. They are looking at Zoll, Phillips and Physio. The evaluations will be brought back to the Paramedic Committee for discussion and then to the Policy Board. We are looking at making a purchase in early 2011.

Automatic CPR Devices – Brent reported we are trialing the Zoll Auto Pulse and Lucas. One is a banding system and the other a plunger system. We are also looking to purchase in 2011.

CirQlator – Brent also reported that he is working with Dr. Lindstrom in trialing this device on cardiac arrest patients. There have been nine applications to date. Brent reported on an anecdotal case where a patient was in asystole for 20 minutes and was brought back.

Dr. Miramontes reported on American Heart and their approach to CCR (Cardio Cerebral Resuscitation). Which means no active ventilations during initial phases of cardiac arrest case and to continued emphasis on constant continuous chest compression..

New Business

Dr. Miramontes brought up the issue of traumatic cardiac arrest patients, catchment hospital and the grid system. The issue of sending traumatic arrest patients to trauma hospitals vs. the closest hospital. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Dr. Lindstrom reported he met with Toledo Fire new paramedics. Dr. Lindstrom reported he went over the protocols and how the medical director county system operates.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25. The next meeting is Dec. 6th at 8:30.