

Medical Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2012

Present

Chief Barry Cousino
Paul Rega, MD for Dr. Brickman
Bob McCarthy
Daniel Schwerin, M.D.
Kristie Gallagher, R.N.
Todd Brookens, MD
Andrew Melone
EMS Chief Martin Fuller
Matt Viertlbeck
Julie DiCecco
Ken Rousia

Representing

Springfield Township Fire Department
University of Toledo Medical Center EC
Great Lakes Emergency Nurses Council
St. Vincent Mercy EC
Toledo Hospital EC
Toledo / Flower Emergency Centers
UTMC
Whitehouse Fire
Toledo Fire 122
Stemi Initiative ProMedica
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Staff

David Lindstrom, MD	Medical Director LCEMS
Dennis Cole	Emergency Services Director
Brent Parquette	QA/QI/CE
Pat Moomey	Communications Manager
Jonathan Ziehr	Continuing Education

Absent

Mary Beth Crawford, MD	St. Luke's Hospital
Domian Kandah, MD	St. Charles Hospital
Pat Mattevi, MD	Bay Park Community Hospital
Zak Hussain, M.D.	St. Anne Mercy Hospital
Cheryl Herr, R.N.	St. Luke's Hospital/ED Managers
Captain Mark Benadum	Toledo Fire EMS Bureau

Call to order

Chief Cousino called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

Minute Approval

The minutes from the October 1, 2012 meeting were made available for review. The minutes were approved as written.

CE Update

Jon reported that during the month of November Aisilin Dennis from Springfield Township Fire presented a nice lecture on Infectious Diseases. Jon also reported that he presented a lecture on

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Drownings and Brent presented Blood Product Administration to keep current with the Nation Curriculum for Paramedics.

Dr. Lindstrom stated that the new National Standards have been edited for Paramedics and we need to address these changes in CE. Hence the reason you hear Brent and Jon training the medics on Chest Tube maintenance and Blood Product Administration. This does not necessarily mean the Paramedics are going to be performing these skills, however, they need to be familiar with them.

Protocols

Brent reported that the CPAP devices and EZ-IO devices have been distributed to the Paramedic First-Responders and all protocols have been made up to date.

Dr. Schwerin asked if Lucas County EMS could address the need for the EMT's to have CPAP in their protocol. Dr. Lindstrom and Dennis Cole replied that the purpose of Lucas County EMS is designed for Paramedics and does not have the budget or the training to support all Lucas County EMT's.

Old Business

Dr. Lindstrom updated the attendees on the current medication shortages. Etomidate is still on backorder. We did receive a small amount of Sodium Bicarb and it has been placed on all LifeSquads and in all lockers. We will hold off on placing Bicarb back in the First Responders boxes until the shortage has subsided. Dr. Lindstrom stated that Brent and he are still working on proper distribution and protocols to put Versed into the First Responders hands.

Dr. Lindstrom stated that those who care to keep a watchful eye on the national drug shortage situation can use RXSHORTAGES app on any smart phone. This site is updated daily.

Barry Cousino asked about Plavix. Dr. Lindstrom reported that the county did place Plavix on the drug license in case the cardiologist wanted us to place this in our protocol. Dr. Roush (Cardiologist) stated that it is a good idea to hold off on deploying Plavix at this time. Cardiologists are studying a new drug (Titegralon) that may work better. The new STEMI guidelines from the ACC and AHA are to be out in the next month. Dr. Roush stated that they will keep us informed of the suggested treatments.

New Business

Dr. Lindstrom stated that the county received 2 new Chevy Tahoes for MD response in the field. Each Resident or Physician that is to respond with lights and sirens will need to have an EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operator Course) or similar safe driving course with a certificate.

Dr. Rega asked if the Public Health students at UTMC had any means of riding in the street for observation. Barry Cousino stated that that should be handled through each FD. They are welcome to ride in Springfield, and that they would just have to fill out a release form.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2013 at 8:30a.m.