

PC EMS COUNCIL
PROTOCOL REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 26, 2017 – 8:00

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File.

Call to Order

Cynde Rivers was not present. Norma called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Introductions were made around the room. Previous meeting minutes were provided, voted on and accepted as written.

Unfinished Business:

Review what is 'Protocol' versus 'Procedure'

The group went through the protocol book section by section, discussing their designations and voting to decide which category they fell into. They referenced the handout on RCW Definitions and WAC Definitions.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY: Norma commented that it was a bit of both, so the group went through each part separately.

- I. Scope of Practice = Protocol
- II. Physician on Scene = Procedure
- III. Withholding Resuscitation = Protocol
- IV. Vulnerable Populations = Procedure
- V. Crime Scene Preservation = Procedure
- VI. Non-Patients = Procedure
- VII. ALS Cancellation = Procedure
- VIII. On-scene Patient Care = Procedure
- IX. Release of Responsibility/Against Medical Advice = Procedure
- X. Patient's Right to Privacy = Procedure
- XI. Hazardous Materials = Procedure
- XII. Documentation = Procedure

COMMUNICATION POLICY = Procedure

TRANSPORT POLICY = Procedure

GENERAL PRINCIPLES/ROUTINE CARE: it was decided it was a mix of both.

- I. Utilize Standard Precautions = Protocol
- II. Airway/Breathing = Protocol
- III. Circulation = Protocol
- IV. Neurologic Exam = Protocol
- V. Expose/Environment = Protocol
- VI. Pain Management = Protocol
- VII. Immobilization = Protocol
- VIII. Consider Blood Draw = Protocol
- IX. Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking = Procedure
- X. Patients with Access and Functional Needs = Procedure
- XI. Mass Casualty Incidents = Procedure

TRAUMATIC EMERGENCIES = Protocol

CARDIAC EMERGENCIES = Protocol

PAIN MANAGEMENT = Protocol

RESPIRATORY EMERGENCIES = Protocol

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES = Protocol

ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCIES = Protocol

BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCIES

- I. General = Protocol
 - II. Types = Protocol
 - III. Transport = Procedure
- OB/GYN EMERGENCIES = Protocol**

APPENDICES

- A. Standard Reporting Format = Procedure
 - B. PC Prehospital Trauma Triage Procedures = Procedure
 - C. PC Prehospital Cardiac Triage Procedures = Procedure
 - D. PC Prehospital Stroke Triage Procedures = Procedure
 - E. ALS/BLS Transport Guidelines = Procedure
 - F. Rapid Sequence Intubation = Protocol
 - G. Glasgow Coma Scale = Protocol
 - H. Wong-Baker FACES = Protocol
 - I. APGAR = Protocol
 - J. Blood Alcohol Draw = Procedure
 - K. Pediatric Cardiac Arrest Guide = Protocol
 - L. Agency Phone Numbers = Procedure
 - M. Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment (START) Guideline = Procedure
 - N. Spinal Immobilization Guidelines Algorithm = Procedure
- MEDICATION/IV GUIDE = Protocol**

New Business:

There was discussion on format. Norma asked if the group a couple questions: have you queried your people on format preferences or feedback? Do you want to change it?

Norma suggested removing the “teaching stuff” to make the book a bit smaller.

Dr. Gerecht said that in Ohio, they went with a chief complaint in flow chart form. But he added that it was a massive undertaking to redo it.

Norma provided several different examples of format: Grays Harbor uses a color coded format as does South Kitsap. Snohomish County uses checklists. Norma also displayed WREMS as a possible model.

Norma reminded everyone that we got Kudos from the State on our 2017 Protocol Book and the State reviewed all these other books, as well. Todd suggested we take a couple sections and put them into a couple different formats, then send them out to everyone for input/feedback.

Dr. Misner commented that Maine.gov uses colored sections.

Tim Lookabaugh suggested that we use Todd’s idea, make 3 examples, and send it out to the medics to choose which they prefer: 1, 2, or 3.

Norma asked everyone to go back and query their people to see what format template they prefer or stay the same since folks are familiar with it.

Dr. Gerecht recommended use of a quick tool, such as a checklist. He also requested editable copy to work on.

Norma concluded by giving the deadline of Aug 30 to present template proposals so we have something to work with for discussion and decision at the Sept meeting.

Tim requested links to all the varied styles we looked at today.

Unscheduled Business: None.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned @ 8:56 am.

Respectfully Submitted: Laurelee, Scribe EMS Office