

**Medical Direction and Practice Board**  
**18-March-2009**  
**Minutes**

**In Attendance Members:** Anthony Bock, Matt Sholl, Peter Goth, Colin Coor, Tim Pieh, Kevin Kendall, Jonnathan Busko, Steve Diaz

**In Attendance Staff:** Jay Bradshaw, Dawn Kinney, Alan Leo, Jon Powers

**In Attendance Guests:** David Ettinger, Butch Russell, Jeff Regis, Rick Petrie (Ops Rep), Ginny Brockway, Joanne LeBrun, John Kooistra, John Brady, Tim Nangle, Norm Dinerman, Scott Cook, Lori Metayer (Board Rep), Rebecca Dyer, Jason Failbrother, Dan Batsie (Ed Rep), Tony Linforth, Dan Pugsley, Heather McGlaufflin, Sean O'Connell, Donald Charette, Liz Read, Kelsi Bean, Sandy Benton, Donnie Carroll

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action(s)</b>
1) Introductions and Announcements	Done, and specifically introduction of Jon Powers, new MEMS staff	None
2) February 2009 Minutes	None	Motion by Busko to accept with second by Pieh with unanimous approval
3) MEMS Update	Handout. Approximately \$54,000 reduction to MEMS (includes losing EMSC grant). \$30,000 restored to support MEMS Journal, but still down \$20,000	None
4) Critical Care Transports	Request to have committee assigned to discuss. Goth helped frame the question for us since this can range far and near – really the question is when is a transport beyond MEMS protocols	Interested parties to contact Dr. Goth
5) PIFT Clarification	"Regarding interfacility transfers, patients who are endotracheally intubated (or have a tracheostomy/cricothyrotomy and acutely require mechanical ventilation) are not appropriate for PIFT transfer. In particular, it is not appropriate to remove the ventilator and substitute bag valve mask ventilation."	Consensus to adopt
6) IRB Review	"Assessment of Patient Destination outcomes from a Rural Alternate Destination Program." Handout provided by Dr. Busko	Patient Risk: No Patient Interventions Needed: No Commercial Bias: No Report Back: To MDPB once initial data collected Motion by Busko to approve, second by Kendall, unanimous approval except abstentions by Pieh and Busko
7) Airway Discussion	April MDPB due for report back from the different subcommittees. Busko's group has 250 objectives they need to wean down. Image trend update will come back here to see if we can get QI data easier	None
8) PIFT Survey	Operations Committee planning how to get this out with as much going electronic as possible – one month collection time	None

9) OLMC Update	Done – Sholl to take copy to Maine ACEP	None
10) MDOC	Medical Direction Overview Course from NAEMSP has been planned twice with “no go” twice based on student numbers. We will try again with Sholl to help target EM residents, Pieh to target FM residents at Maine-Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency, Diaz to request hospital reps, and Regional Medical Directors to request attendance by PIFT medical directors and others	Looking at October 17 <sup>th</sup> @ MaineGeneral Medical Center, Waterville – maximum of 40 students.
11) Specialty Program Update	To MEMS Board	None
12) Companion Book Update	Brinkman with version control – in edit review	None
13) MEMS QI Committee Update	Working on airway, will report out next month	None
14) Education Committee	TCAP and education-related items update	None
15) Operations Committee	EMS Memorial – Donations coming in slowly. Diaz reiterated his challenge to the MDPB and requested a list of MDPB members who had donated. Joanne updated to committee on the status of the PIFT surveys. MEMS collecting e-mail addresses of service contacts and Medical Directors so the survey link can be sent to them. The Training Center Approval Process (TCAP) has been approved by the Board with voluntary implementation Sept 1, and mandatory implementation Jan. 1, 2010. OPS Team working with Highway safety to pilot a <i>transporting kids safely in ambulances</i> program in Basic EMT programs this fall.	None
16) Roundtable Discussion	Presentation of Critical Reading of Medical Literature. Teaching Articles (1) <i>Clinical evaluation of an inspiratory impedance threshold device during standard cardiopulmonary resuscitation in patients with out-of-hospital cardiac arrest</i> , Aufderheide, T <i>et al</i> , Crit Care Med 2005, Vol 33, No 4, pp 734 - 740. (2) <i>Validity of a set of Clinical Criteria to Rule Out Injury to the Cervical Spine in Patients with Blunt Trauma</i> , Hoffman, JR <i>et al</i> , New Eng J Med, July 13, 2000, Vol 343, No 2, pp 94- 99. (3) <i>Impact of Impedance threshold Devices on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled studies</i> , Cabrini, L <i>et al</i> , Crit Care Med, 2008, Vol 36, No 5, pp 1625 – 1632.	Busko, Diaz and MDPB members

**17) Next Meeting: April 15, 2009 with Roundtable discussion of spine assessment...**

**Footnote: we had entertained a request to give our consent for Res-Q-Pod use or not and tabled to end of meeting so we could discuss during roundtable – did not “loop back” but e-mail consensus is that Res-Q-Pod is not approved at this time.**

