

July 2021



Quality Assurance & Improvement Committee  
Minutes for July 21, 2021

“The mission of Maine EMS is to promote and provide for a comprehensive and effective Emergency Medical Services system to ensure optimum patient care with standards for all clinicians. All members of this committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this committee, we commit to serve the respective clinicians, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of the mission statement
3. Attendance
  - a. Committee Members
  - b. Maine EMS Staff, Melissa Adams
  - c. Public Members'
    - A. Steve Almquist, Cody Fenderson, Lee Philbrook, Robert Sharkey, Christopher Easton, Steve Leach
0. Public Comments
1. Minutes
  - a. June Minutes
2. Old Business:
  - a. Open Committee Positions
    - A. Mid Coast rep
      1. Jon Powers
    - . Trauma Newsletter
      - A. Review
  - a. Sepsis Newsletter
    - A. Measures
      1. Was a SPESIS alert made to the receiving facility
        1. 248/1175
      0. Was End Tidal CO2 used for patients

1. Chip has a concern about using this measure, not sure how helpful it will be to identify sepsis. We do not want to encourage its use when it is not necessary.
  2. Steve likes the measure
  3. Matt - be cautious if we are moving beyond the protocols
  4. Kate - sends a mixed message, thinks we are not ready for it yet,
  5. Alan agrees with the doctors, not the job of the committee not to write the protocols
0. Clinical presentation of SEPSIS, did the crew identify SEPSIS if the clinical indications were otherwise documented
    1. NOREPInephrine dosing compared to patient size
    2. Fluid Bolus in hypotension
    3. Normal Saline vs. Lactated Ringers usage

9. New Business

- a. Committee Chair Nominations
  - A. Define the roll,
- b. Newsletter planning template
- c. Next Newsletter Topics
  - A. Safety
  - B. Quality Assurance

10. Motion to adjourn ben, second by Joanne

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