



20250319-Maine-EMS-QI-Committee-Meeting-Notes

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 1:31 PM

"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
 - a. Called to order at 1344
2. Reading of the mission statement
 - a. Chip read the mission Statement
3. Attendance
 - a. Committee Members - **There is no quorum at 1339** -
 - a. Chip Getchell
 - b. Matthew Sholl, MD
 - c. Kate Zimmerman, MD
 - d. Beth Collamore, MD
 - e. Benjamin Zetterman,
 - f. Dwight Corning
 - b. Guests
 - a. David Ireland
 - c. Maine EMS Staff
 - a. Jason Oko
 - b. Jason Cooney
 - c. John DeArmond
 - d. Wil O'Neal
 - e. Melissa Adams
4. Public Comments
 - a. No comments were made
5. Modifications to the agenda
 - a. No modifications offered
6. Previous Meeting Minutes



- a. Tabled??? January minutes are forthcoming, the February meeting was cancelled

7. Old Business:

- a. Performance Measures

- a. How do we move this down to a few measures?

- i. Dr Sholl - NEMSQA -

- 1. Dr Sholl spoke about his recent work with NEMSQA.
 - 2. Jason Shared a link to the measures:
<https://www.nemsqa.org/nemsqa-measures>
 - 3. Director O'Neal, crosswalk the measures from Chip's list to NEMSQA and determine the system's needs.
 - a. EMS to Balloon time, 12 lead transmission
 - 4. Are some of these items already being measured by external resources, STEMI registries, etc.? How do we connect with those entities?
 - 5. What we do matters. Our documentation is essential.

- ii. Chip

- 1. Let's crosswalk this list to NEMSQA
 - 2. Some things may not be measurable until you get down to the local chart review.
 - 3. Continue work on QI Manual in offline mode.

- iii. Jason

- 1. Can we build these to be systemic and then narrow them down to the local level by making them more granular?
 - 2. The NEMSQA measures and more are available in biospatial.

- iv. EMS to balloon - overcoming resistance to this as a metric. The data may make folks uncomfortable.

- 1. Matt, this could be an issue, but they are asked to report from first medical contact, which is EMS in some instances.
 - 2. Local Cath labs want to have influence over system design to grow and evolve. To work with agencies to determine the best model for their community



- v. John DeArmond - Does the data capture 12 lead, does it capture aspirin and nitro admin, etc.?
- vi. Build one measure out from start to finish and create educational content about it.
- vii. Jason Cooney - When was the last time the QI Manual was updated?
 - 1. Need to update that manual. Goes hand in hand with the standards to measure things.
 - 2. Chicken vs. Egg - Start with the manual and the education piece.
- viii. Melissa - EMD has a great QA process, it is easier with recordings.
 - 1. In addition to the manual, we could also provide some templates for focused reviews that can be utilized for QA/QI.

8. New Business:

- a. Jason to crosswalk chips list with NEMSQA measures
- b. Chip to discuss the qi manual with Sharkey
- c. Jason to determine system's largest need
- d. Send January meeting minutes.

9. Next Meeting

- a. The meeting adjourned at 1446 with no quorum.