

Maine EMS Trauma Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, January 28, 2014

Present: Pret Bjorn – Chair, Gail Ross, Chris Paré, James Curtis, David Burke, Joanne Lebrun, Anna Moses, Kim McGraw, Norm Dinerman, Tom Judge, Matt Sholl, Peter Goth, Harry Grimnitz, Tim Pieh, Heather Cady, Pete Tilney, Geno Murray, David Ciraulo (Polycom), Jay Bradshaw
Staff: Rick Petrie

Topic	Discussion	Action/Follow up
Called to order at 12:37; Introductions	The meeting was chaired Pret Bjorn. Members and others in attendance were introduced. The confidentiality policy was stated by the chair, and the confidentiality statement was circulated for signature.	
Minutes of 10/22/2013	The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.	Motion by Dr. Burke; second by Kim McGraw. All in Favor. Approved.
Case Review	<p>Dr. Burke from EMMC presented a case highlighting the increase in falls from a roof/ ladder during this winter. EMMC has seen 13 so far this year, with 8 patients being admitted to the hospital including 2 to the ICU.</p> <p>77 yo male who was shoveling his roof, found by wife after she noticed he had been gone a long time. Patient transported to a local hospital, where he spent 4 hours before be transferred by ground ambulance to EMMC. Patient was hypotensive and tachycardiac, but initial exams were inconclusive. Patient taken to OR, found blood in the pericardium; drained 300cc's fluid. Patient did fine and was discharged several days later.</p>	Group interaction/questions
<p>Trauma Coordinators</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Doris Laslie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trauma Center Designation</p>	<p>Pret Informed the group that Doris has resigned as the Trauma Coordinator at CMMC to take another position in the Hospital.</p> <p>Given that Dr. Winchell was not able to attend this meeting, and the publication of the new ACS guide to Trauma Center Designation was expected in late February or March, the</p>	Group decided by consensus to defer this discussion until April

<p>Review of updated TAT Process/Documents</p>	<p>recommendation of the Trauma Coordinators was to defer this discussion until April</p> <p>The discussion about the updated TAT visit process and documents. The Trauma Coordinators decided to review the documents after the last TAT visit to see if we could streamline the documents so that it wasn't such an intimidating process. Pret took the group through the current process and documents and compared them to the proposed changes.</p> <p>Group Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggested fixing the “Stay, Can't say, Send Away” language in the objectives to something like “Keep, Consult, Transfer” - Add Respiratory Therapist to Hospital resources Self-Assessment - Add interventional Radiology to Hospital Resources Self-Assessment - proposed adding a transfer mode decision tree to the document. - Adding identification of a process to collect critical times, including to acceptance by Trauma Center. - Add development of a standard packet for trauma transfers. - Add ENT and OMFS back into personnel listing, remove Dentist. - Add multiple patients plan. - Remove Neurosurgeon from Personnel - Re-prioritize the injury criteria to list critical injuries first, then other trauma - Process to discriminate between level of transport capabilities available to the sending facility <p>Motion to accept the new TAT evaluation tool with suggested changes</p>	<p>Accepted <i>Criteria tabled</i></p> <p>(H. Grimmritz/ D. Burke) All in favor</p>
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Technical Assistance Program	The RTTD/TAT program has been scheduled for February 10, 2014.	Informational Only
Trauma Director Meeting	There was no Trauma Director Meeting	Informational Only
Other Business MDPB Update	<p>M. Sholl presented the 2013 protocol update. There is a move nationally to create a set of evidence-based protocols to be universally used by EMS, and some are due to be released in the near future. Dr. Sholl is part of several Regional and National Committees working on this project.</p> <p>Dr. Sholl also prepped the committee on the coming shift in EMS spine management and referred to the joint NAEMSP/ACS position paper. Dr. Sholl would like to come back to the TAC in April or June to do a formal presentation and possibly develop a TAC position paper. Drs. Sholl, Goth, and Pieh will review the literature in anticipation of presenting to TAC</p>	Informational Only.
Adjourn	Next Meeting: April 22, 2014. 12:15 – 2:30 at Maine EMS.	Meeting was adjourned at 2:27. Dr. Burke/A. Moses AIF