

Maine EMS Trauma Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, April 22, 2014

**Present:** Pret Bjorn – Chair, Gail Ross, Chris Paré, James Curtis, David Burke, Joanne Lebrun, Anna Moses, Norm Dinerman, Matt Sholl, Harry Grimmnitz, Tim Pieh, Heather Cady, Pete Tilney, Geno Murray, Jay Bradshaw, Jacqueline Turcotte, Michael Holcomb, Tammy Lachance, Julie Ontengco, Anita Praba-Egge, Ian Reight, Josh Dickson, Mike Choate, Don Sheets, James O’Reilly (by phone), Rob Winchell (1:45)

Staff: Rick Petrie

Topic	Discussion	Action/Follow up
Called to order at 12:32; 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 1/28/2014	The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.	Motion by Dr. Burke; second by Dr. Reight. All in Favor. Approved.
Case Review	Deferred until July because of full agenda	None
Agenda Change	Pret requested that we alter the agenda sequence because Dr. Winchell would be late and wanted to participate in the Trauma Center Designation discussion	Agreement by Consensus
MDPB	<p>Drs. Sholl and Pieh made a presentation to the TAC regarding the new research and literature concerning spine injury management. The presentation is attached as a separate document.</p> <p>Key points concerning the research: Patients with suspected spine injuries may still need to be immobilized, but the literature opens up the options available to the prehospital provider on method</p> <p>Allow patients to self-extricate when possible</p> <p>Long Board can be used for movement, but consideration should be given to taking the patient off the board and immobilizing to stretcher.</p> <p>Patients should not be immobilized on a long</p>	

	<p>board for interfacility transfer.</p> <p>Matt and Tim reiterated to the group that the MDPB was still in the early stages of their discussions surrounding this topic, but would come back in July to update group.</p> <p>Once a direction was established, the MDPB would like to partners with TAC to help educate hospitals</p>	<p>Information Only</p> <p>TAC members supportive of direction, and anxious to work with MDPB on roll-out and implementation</p>
<p>Trauma Coordinators</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NMMC</p> <p>Review of updated TAT Process/Documents</p>	<p>We did the NMMC RTTD program and TAT review on February 10. The programs were well received by the NMMC Group</p> <p>Pret reviewed the updated TAT review documents with the group</p>	<p>Informational Only</p> <p>Consensus was that the documents reflected the changes that were approved at the January meeting. Once they are utilized for the first time, Pret/Rick will report back to the group</p>
Trauma Director Meeting	There was no Trauma Director Meeting	Informational Only
Trauma Center Designation	<p>Pret introduced the topic of Trauma Center Designation according to the Maine Trauma Plan, and then invited Dr. Winchell to introduce and comment on the letter he sent last fall regarding the recognition of ACS level III centers.</p> <p>Pret referenced a comparison documented he created for Level I, II, III centers.</p> <p>Dr. Reilly expressed concern about diluting the trauma patient base further. General discussion</p>	Informational Only.

	<p>followed, with the theme being ensuring the delivery of the right care to the patient.</p> <p>Renewed discussion about need for/value of ACS trauma review</p> <p>Motion by Dr. Reilly, second by Dr. Grimmnitz to form a sub-committee to study the issue and make a recommendation to the TAC at the July meeting</p>	<p>(Reilly/Grimnitz) AIF</p> <p>Committee members: Matt Sholl, Tim Pieh, Ian Reight, Carlo Gammaitoni (in absentia), David Burke, Anita Praba-Egge, Julie Ontengco, Rob Winchell, Tammy Lachance, Joanne Lebrun, Chris Pare, Anna Moses, Geno Murray, Pete Tilney, Jim Curtis, James Reilly, Jay Bradshaw, Rick Petrie</p>
Adjourn	Next Meeting: July 22, 2014. 12:15 – 2:30 at Maine EMS.	Meeting was adjourned at 2:34. Dr. Burke/T. Pieh AIF