

Maine EMS Trauma Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, April 23, 2013

**Present:** Pret Bjorn – Chair, Kevin Kendall, Doris Laslie, Gail Ross, Chris Par , James Curtis, Tammy Lachance, David Burke, Julie Ontengco, Tom Judge, Mike Choate, Harry Grimmnitz, Heather Cady, Peter Tilney, Joanne Lebrun, Alicia Paquette, Robert Winchell, Spencer Robinson, Jack Nicolet, Dave Ciraulo, Betsi Jane Taylor, Tim Pieh

Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Rick Petrie

Topic	Discussion	Action/Follow up
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 1/22/2013	The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.	Dr.Grimnitz; second by Dr. Ciraulo. Approved.
Case Review	Dr. Ciraulo from MMC presented a case involving a male crushed between a forklift and a car. Patient presented to ED with B/P in the 60's, crushed pelvis and intra-abdominal bleed; numerous bleeding vessels; FAST was negative in the ED; Patient taken to the OR for pelvic packing and then to the Angio OR to complete bleeding control. For significant pelvic injuries, hemorrhage is difficult to control. Dr. Ciraulo re-iterated the need for EMS crews to use an external pelvic splint to stabilize the pelvis and help control the bleeding	No action necessary
Trauma Coordinators	Tammy Lachance reported that planning for the fall MCOT conference was beginning, and the Trauma Coordinators were looking for input on the content and potential vendors. MCOT will be working with APEMS again to deliver the program. Pret brought up that he thought presentations surrounding the Boston Marathon Bombing would be timely and well-received, and that we certainly all had close connections to the medical community in that area.	Informational Only

<p>Trauma Coordinators (Cont.)</p>	<p>Dr. Ciraulo was concerned that it might be too soon and that it would be difficult to get healthcare professionals from that area. The Trauma Coordinators will continue discussion with Dr. Ciraulo to establish the theme for the conference.</p> <p>There was no update to the teletrauma system. Everyone is still working to establish the right system with compatible hardware/software. Pret reported that the Trauma Coordinators had a discussion about the current Trauma Plan and whether or not there was a need to review/update the plan. The concern was that the cost of an ACS review would be prohibitive, and that even finding the staff time at any of the current Trauma Centers to complete the less-expensive, but time-consuming, ACS BIS would not be an option. Decision made to form a committee to review the current Trauma plan and make recommendations back to the committee by the end of the year.</p>	<p>Informational Only</p> <p>Committee selected to review the current trauma plan: Pret Bjorn, Tammy Lachance, Doris Laslie, Tom Judge, Julie Ontengco, Rick Petrie</p>
<p>Consensus Statement and Clinical Advice Guidelines Development-TXA</p>	<p>Dr. Ciraulo presented the Consensus statement on the use of Tranexemic Acid (TXA) in Maine, After review and discussion, the only requested change was to replace the "contraindication" in section "E" with the word "Caution".</p>	<p>Motion by Julie Ontengco, Second by Joanne Lebrun to approve the TXA consensus document with the requested word change. AIF.</p>
<p>Technical Assistance Program</p>	<p>We conducted a very successful Technical Assistance Visit scheduled on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Millinocket Regional Hospital and scheduled the visit with Southern Maine Medical Center for April 29<sup>th</sup>. We also conducted a RTTD program in Millinocket in concert with the Technical Assistance visit, and it seemed to work well and is a model we will probably use again in the future for rural hospitals. Fort Kent has expressed an interest in a program as well.</p>	<p>Rick will follow up with NMMC in Fort Kent</p>

Trauma Director Meeting	The meeting of the Trauma Directors was conducted via polycom, which went very well and will probably become the standard for future meetings. The only discussion at this last meeting was the formulation of the TXA consensus document, which was presented earlier in the meeting.	Informational Only
Other Business RTTD  MDPB	Rick reported that the June RTTD program at Thayer was cancelled because of preparations for the Hospital move. Fort Kent has expressed an interest, and Rick is reaching out to other hospitals.  The current protocol revision should be wrapped up in the next couple of months, with review and educational program development over the summer and roll-out in the fall. The plan would be for a December 1, 2013 implementation date	Informational only  Informational only
TAC Chair	We are still seeking interest in the soon to be vacant TAC Chair position. Anyone who is interested should contact Pret or Rick	Informational Only
Adjourn	Next Meeting: July 23, 2013. 12:15 – 2:30 at Maine EMS.	Meeting was adjourned at 2:20.