



STATE OF MAINE
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 MAINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
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Medical Direction and Practice Board
 Feb 15, 2012
 Minutes

<p><u>Medical Directors Present</u> – Cormier, Chagrasulis, Busko, Randolph, Sholl, Pieh (by phone) <u>Medical Directors Absent</u> – Klein, Goth <u>MEMS Staff Present</u> – Bradshaw, Powers, Kinney, Leo</p> <p><u>Guests</u> –</p>		
Nov 2011 Minutes	Presented - approved as amended	<p>Motion to Accept: Cormier Seconded: Busko Approved By: All</p>
ME EMS Update	Bradshaw – Budget update – possible 1% decrease for general funds and other decreases in special revenue accounts also in discussion	
New Devices	None Submitted	
Special Circumstances Protocol	None Submitted	
Agitated Patient Pilot Project	Update - continue to enroll and going through the process. Met last month and waiting to hear from the services – beginning to plan for education.	
Question – Matching MEMSRR impressions with NEMSIS	JP – some are NEMSIS compliant, others are matched to the protocols but need to be updated and this is to be discussed in the next data committee	
Community Paramedicine	Governor’s resolve was approved and will be sponsored by Rep. Mike Willette, Presque Isle. Expected to be completed quickly.	
Drug Shortages	<p>Update from the Regions - Including</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What medications are in short supply? 2) Discussed - Current mechanisms for communication re: shortages 3) Discussed communication with EMS providers at the time of drug box pick up and acknowledged that this is an area in which we need to stress excellence in communication to ensure patient safety. Further discussed how these communications are occurring in other 	<p>TO DO: TP to write a “best practices” letter focusing on patient safety</p>

	regions – TP discussed “best practices” in Region 3 4) Discussed - <u>Rules</u> – boxes must be locked by an authorized representative of the hospital (does not need to be a pharmacist) 5) Reviewed and approved alternate protocols for the following medications – Zofran, Versed (final protocols products available through MEMSEd.org)	for distribution by the regions
Discussion: Patients with decision making capacity refusing transport	Further discussion tabled	TO DO: (JB/MS) <i>need to look into legal issues (J->LL/PG) , especially regarding minors – how would indemnification for medical control authorizing protocols be affected?</i>
Out of Drug Box Medication discussion	Discussion and MDPB vote on taking all drugs out of the drug box	MOTION - JB: Suggest to the MEMS Board that all EMS medications be “out of drug box” medications. Seconded – Approved - All
Old Business		
MEMS Education	None	
MEMS Operations	None	
MEMS QI	Working today on model QI systems	
IFT Subcommittee	None	
HART Update	None	

Next Meetings – March 21, 2012

IFT Sub Committee – 8:30
MDPB – 9:30 – 12:30
QI – 1:00 – 3:00