

**Protocol Sub Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2015**

Call to Order: Tricia Derr called the meeting to order at 1000 hours.

Present:

Excused:

Guest's Present:

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented, with changes as recommended by the staff.

Ventricular Assist Devices: The group discussed the devices that were being used in the region and the information that needs to be added to the protocols. Chris Payne is going to develop some draft language for a future meeting to address this need. There was also a discussion about the LifeVest and video training that was available online.

Naloxone (Narcan) Use by Public: There was some discussion about the upcoming legislative changes that permit the use of this medication by lay persons. There was discussion about the role of this change as it pertains to EMS.

STAT Kit (aka BLS Box): There was discussion about the use, contents, and role of this in the patient care setting. This is an ongoing project with the pharmacy committee and depending on the final outcome there may need to be some revisions to the protocols to cover the personnel and medications that are ultimately included. At this point, the medications that are being discussed for inclusion are Albuterol, Atrovent, Aspirin, Narcan, Nitroglycerin, and Zofran ODT. Waiting to see what the final form will look like from the other committees. There is also training that will be necessary for providers – especially BLS providers – that are going to be using the BLS medications.

Altered States of Comfort protocol: There was some discussion about the use of ODT Zofran and whether or not to add it back as an option, depending on the formulary and potentially having both as an option.

Altered Mental Status protocol: There was a recommendation to delete Thiamine from the protocol as it has been removed from the state EMS formulary.

Chest Pain protocol: There was some discussion about #5 and #7.

Respiratory Distress protocol: There was discussion about removing Furosemide (Lasix) from the protocol as it has fallen out of favor for many physician's preference. Recommend that this be put forward as a question to the medical direction committee for guidance.

Reference Section: There was some discussion about updating the facilities and services that are available in the region. Potomac Sentara Hospital is now a stroke center, and possibly a STEMI center as well. This needs to be updated in the documentation.

Rapid Sequence Induction / Airway Management: There was some discussion about creating a regional RSI protocol. There are currently several agencies that have a protocol for this procedure. The group would like to see the protocols from Orange and Spotsylvania to build a regional protocol.

Next meeting – Monday June 8 at 10:00 am at the REMS Council.

Current Proposed Action Items: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1130 hours.