

Rappahannock EMS Council  
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PROTOCOL SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES  
AUGUST 1, 2008

Members Present: Lori Knowles (Chairperson), Chris Corbin, Dave Morris, Greg Leitz, Chance Kimble, Jenni-Meade Hartle, Ryan Fines (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 1300 hours.

Items Discussed/Changes:

- James Quinn's inquiries discussed. Some changes have already been made, other changes made (see further).
- Dopamine needs to be changed to 2 – 20 mg/kg/min on page 13 of the Medical Section. It currently states 5 – 20 µg/kg/min, but the protocols state either 2 – 10 µg/kg/min or 5 – 20 µg/kg/min.
- CO<sub>2</sub> needs to be changed to CO on page 11 of the Environmental Section.
- Put revision dates on both sides of the pages. Original pages will have the release date, the first set of changes will have the date of the last protocol meeting, and future changes will have the date of change.
- Change does of valium from 0.1 mg/kg to 0.3 mg/kg for pediatric IV/IO on page 9 of the Medication Reference Section. Also remove or correct the chart on same page.
- Dose of Magnesium Sulfate for status asthmaticus needs to be added to page 25 in the Medication Reference Section. 45 mg/kg first does and 30 mg/kg second dose.
- Committee reviewed inquiry from Chris Payne. Items already corrected in protocol.

Additions to Protocols:

- Scope adding to the end
- OG tube protocol reviewed. Removed #1 and #3 from indications and deleted the word "adult" from #2. Need to add actual procedures. Send to Robert Usher to fix and then send by email to the committee for approval.
- STEMI Alert requested by Dr. Garth and Dr. Roberts. Dave Morris will be working on this item.
- Transmission of 12-Lead protocol is on hold until cables are purchased and distributed.
- CPAP for BLS providers is on hold (possible trial).
- Impedance Threshold Device protocol reviewed and approved with one change. Change made to make the skill standing orders for Enhanced providers and EMT's.
- EZ IO protocol for adults reviewed and approved. Chris Corbin will email the EZ IO protocol for pediatrics to the committee members for review and approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Use of Zofran by Enhanced providers was discussed and approved as standing orders for adult patients only.
- Chest decompression by Enhanced providers was discussed and approved for those providers that have documented training (skill will be listed as “C” conditional).
- Remove intubation from Enhanced Providers on pages 32 and 34 of the Clinical Procedure Section.
- Discussed hospital diversion policies.

## Guidelines and Training Action Items:

- 1) OG Tube protocol (once fixed and approved by committee via email)
- 2) Impedance Threshold Device Protocol
- 3) EZ IO protocol for adults
- 4) EZ IO protocol for pediatrics (once approved by committee via email)
- 5) Use of Zofran by Enhanced Providers
- 6) Chest decompression by Enhanced Providers

The next meeting will be held in October 2008, the date TBD. The meeting was adjourned at 1530 hours.

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PROTOCOL SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES  
June 03, 2009

Members Present: Lori Knowles (Chairperson), Greg Leitz, Keith Moore, Emmett Price, Linda Harris (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 1000 hours.

Reviewed August 2008 minutes.

Items Discussed/Changes:

- Dopamine needs to be changed to 2 – 20 mcg/kg/min on page 13 of the Medical Section. It currently states 5 – 20 µg/kg/min, but the protocols state either 2 – 10 µg/kg/min or 5 – 20 µg/kg/min.
- Put revision dates on both sides of the pages. Original pages will have the release date, the first set of changes will have the date of the last protocol meeting, and future changes will have the date of change.
- Change dose of valium from 0.1 mg/kg to 0.3 mg/kg for pediatric IV/IO on page 9 of the Medication Reference Section. Also remove the chart on same page.
- Epinephrine protocol 13.5 – the reference to the epi infusion needs to be moved to 12.6 above the pediatric dose.
- Make a global document change of the microgram symbol to mcg. This is a nationwide medical abbreviation change.
- Remove all pediatric medication charts and replace with “Use current weight based charts for pediatric dosage information”.

Additions to Protocols:

- OG tube protocol has been approved and needs to be added to the document.
- STEMI/12 Lead Transmission protocol – Dr.’s Garvey and Garth want to meet with Dave Morris to discuss further. Copies of the protocol were handed out to those present.
- CPAP for BLS providers suggested that this be on-line medical control for BLS and Enhanced providers.
- Chest decompression for Enhanced providers should be conditional. Under the notes for conditional add the following: Current ITLS/PHTLS for chest decompression for Enhanced providers.
- Add an index of changes to the front of the protocol document.
- After this round of changes and additions is made add a revision date to the document.

Guidelines and Training Action Items:

1. CPAP for BLS providers.
2. Removal of pediatric medication charts.

Linda Harris will email Dr. Garth the requested changes for his approval.

The next meeting will be held in July 15, 2009 1300 at the Stafford County Public Safety Center. The meeting was adjourned at 1230 hours.