

Rappahannock EMS Council
Protocol Sub-Committee Minutes
February 12th, 2007

Members Present: Heather Calhoun, Chris Corbin, Greg Leitz, Lori Knowles, Mark Shiflett, and David Morris.

Members Absent: Jenni Carter and Robert Usher.

Meeting called to order at 1010 hours at the REMS Council Training Center.

Protocol review and discussions continued:

- Dr. Garth has requested for us to make our protocols to look like Fauquier and Culpeper's protocols. The committee agreed that since we are producing regional protocols, the others should conform to us.
- Dr. Garth is able to meet with us 1 hour before or after his shifts in the ER.
- Dr. Garth is not approving the AutoPulse. Studies have shown that it works best when applied with 2-6 minutes and none of our agencies have a 2-6 minute response time.
- We will look into BiPap & CPAP for CHF patients.
- We will continue to make changes in our old format. Once all of the changes are completed, we will work on typing them into the WVEMS Council format, possibly contracting out in order to get them done in time.
- Dr. Garth doesn't want the protocol book to be too wordy. The committee agreed that the new AHA changes need to be wordy because it could be two years before all of our providers have taken an ACLS class with the 2005 Guidelines.
- The company that manufactures diltiazem has decided to no longer make it.
- Heather will work on a protocol for Elder Abuse to put in the Administrative Section.
- Dave went over the Non-Traumatic Chest Pain, Pacing, PRN Adaptor, ASA for EMTs, and Nausea & Vomiting Protocols. Phenergan will be changed to zofran in the Nausea & Vomiting protocol. He is working on a WMD protocol and making the AED protocol to reflect the new guidelines.
- Mark is looking at a Traumatic Arrest and Burn Management Protocols. Would like for the IOs to be a Paramedic & Intermediate procedure. He will add in consider a tourniquet into the appropriate trauma protocols.
- Environmental & Behavioral Protocols are completed.
- Greg added what to do if your communications system fails to the Communications Section. He will make a page to include the hospital numbers and HEAR radio designations.

- Procedures Sections: Intranasal drug will be Narcan & Versed and will be indicated for adults and pediatrics.
- Etomidate will be our 1st drug in the Med Assisted Intubation.
- Dave is working on the protocols reflected by the new PALS guidelines in the Pediatric Section. The rest of the pediatric protocols were divided up among the other members to complete.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 12th, 2007 at 1300 hours at the REMS Council Training Center.

Meeting adjourned at 1210 hours.