

Rappahannock EMS Council
Protocol Sub-Committee Minutes
June 7, 2011

Meeting called to order at 1800 hrs.

Members present: Greg Leitz, Emmitt Price, Linda Harris (staff) and Wayne Perry (staff).

Excused: Brain Weston, Robert Usher

Absent: Keith Moore, Chris Corbin, Brian Weston, Dave Morris, Eric Lasky, Tim Malanka, Alistair Capewell, John Griffin

Update from April 14, 2011 Protocol Meeting

- Chemical restraint and the combative patient – Greg Leitz and Emmett Price provided research. [Keith will readdress with the OMD Committee](#)
- Provider feedback survey-Linda will contact Mark Crnarich concerning poll options on our website. Survey showed 4 x 6 spiral color coded book
- Nerve Agent Antidote (Mark 1 Kit) Keith and Emmett Price had information on providing this for agency use. The OMD Committee supported adapting the Protocol that was created for the Boy Scout Jamboree concerning Mark 1 Kits and WMD and added to the new protocols. [Emmitt will work on this for the next meeting.](#)
- 12-lead acquisitions for BLS - Already in protocols. Will be provided at meeting. [Greg sent Keith this information and will forward it to Linda Harris.](#)
- Crush Syndrome - Brian Weston brought information that will be forwarded to Keith and the Medical Direction Committee. Keith presented this information to the Medical Direction Committee and they were hesitant on supporting this concept. Keith & Brian will work on the protocol and present it again at the next Medical Direction committee meeting. [This has been tabled for now.](#)
- REMS Regional Stroke Committee met in January, 2011 and created the REMS Stroke Triage Plan that incorporates a new protocol. It was approved by the REMS BOD pending approval by the Medical Direction Committee. Changes were made and the plan was approved and has been posted. [This protocol will be shortened for the new protocols](#)
- Therapeutic Hypothermia - This was presented to the Medical Direction Committee with mixed response. Keith and Brian will check with Stafford about the protocol. [Emmitt went to the Stafford website and printed the Protocol off for the members attending the meeting](#)
- WMD/CBRNE - See Mark 1 Kits above.
- Transfer of care to lower level of care - Greg Leitz provided a proposed protocol. The Medical Direction Committee was supportive of this guideline.
- Hemostatic Agents – Dr. Roberts informed Keith that he already has a protocol for this and will get Keith a copy so the committee can review it at the next meeting. [Keith is still working on this- he will get with Dr Roberts again](#)

New Items:

- New medications that the Medical Direction Committee approved are Fentanyl, Amiodarone and Atrovent. Robert is working on protocols for these medications and will present at next meeting. [Robert emailed the protocol for Fentanyl and Amiodarone. There was some discussion on the amount of Amiodarone to be carried in the med boxes. Emmitt suggested total 450mg in 150 mg doses. Another suggestion was under Management, Stable Patient 'section a. Consider Adenosine' add If the 12 lead indicates Monomorphic](#)

V Tac. Also was suggested that a Pearl be added at the bottom of the page
Whichever anti-disrhythmic you choose you have to stay with that one. The
boxes will also need 100 ml bags of saline for mixing.

On the protocol for Fentanyl the questions that need to be answered are:

1. Under Signs & Symptoms #2 – definition for rule-out potential for CVA?
 2. Under S& S - #3 what is considered Multi-system trauma-stable?
 3. Under Management - #7 needs to be rewritten to say if patient has burns of what level and to add either/or before cardiac chest pain and to reference the Morphine Sulfate protocol as opposed to giving the doses
- Trauma Triage Plan Protocols –Keith will review
 - Discussion concerning removing AHA-change to ECC references in the protocols and making it a generic reference.
 - Other items to look at adding to the protocols: The new EMS levels that will be adapted in June 2012; adult & pediatric I O changes; pediatric allergies/anaphylaxis 2010 guidelines; agencies carrying EPI-Pens on their ambulances; EMT-Enhanced use of EZ IO.
 - Make sure to add dates to the bottom of all protocol pages

There is not a meeting scheduled at this time. Committee members that are working on projects communicate via e-mail. And meet briefly just prior to the G & T Committee meeting on June 27