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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.