

Protocol Sub-Committee Minutes October 11th, 2006

Members Present: Heather Calhoun, Jenni-Meade Cochran, Lori Knowels, and Robert Usher

Members Excused: Dave Morris (work)

The purpose of this meeting is to identify the aspects of the protocols that need to be corrected, added, deleted, or changed.

The following items were discussed.

1. Additional drugs for asthma: xopenex, atrovent, advair, and mag sulfate. Robert agreed on adding atrovent & mag, but stated there's no reason to add all four.
2. Linda and the pharmacy committee are working on a Medication Diversion protocol. The title should be changed to Medication Discrepancy. It will discuss what to do if your drugs are missing, ect. Robert wants them to include expired drugs and drugs that have had an environmental exposure for an extended amount of time. The committee feels this should be a policy and not a protocol and be agency based verses council based.
3. Robert will look into Spotsylvania's Sternal IO protocol.
4. Dr. Garth wants the new book to be ready to go to the printers February 2007 at the very latest. The committee feels that the deadline can't be met, but will be able to have the new protocols out to the stations by June 2007.
5. Code Gray/DOA cases: Heather has a meeting with the ME in 2 weeks and will report back what is discussed.
6. We would like to see the Council mandate that every provider in the region attend a protocol class every 2 years. This will be a 6 hour long class held on a Saturday. Robert agreed to do an ALS Preceptor Update for 2 hours after the Protocol Class. Tentative start date of January 2007.
7. Enhanced Protocols: This issue will be taken to the Guidelines & Training Committee for discussion. The sub-committee feels that the Council should not promote EMT-Enhanced.
8. Heather will contact Rob Logan @ WVEMS Council to see if we can get an electronic version of their protocols to utilize their format.
9. 12 lead protocol: Not delaying transport to obtain the reading must be stressed.
10. We need to look into requiring agencies to carry adaptors for the monitors that are compatible with what Mary Washington uses.

11. We need to institute a pain management protocol.
12. Heather will invite Chris Corbin, Mark Shiflett, Ray Tricarico, and Tim Kimble to join the committee.
13. We need a standardized procedure for agencies instating their own protocols. They should have to go through the protocol committee, therefore if it we feel it'll be beneficial for the Council, it can be updated in the Regional Protocols.

All items will be discussed further at the next meeting when all members are present.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13th, 2007 @ 1000, located at REMS.