



NASEMSO Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Project

February 8, 2016

1:00 PM EST

Work Group Meeting

Meeting Record

Attending: Carol Cunningham, Rich Kamin, Brian Moore, Doug Kupas, Rick Alcorta, Susan McHenry, Mary Hedges

Call to Order, Roll Call – Drs. Cunningham and Kamin called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

Review January 11th Meeting Record (attached) - The meeting record was reviewed and there were no editions or amendments suggested.

Review Latest Revision of Cardiac Guideline (attached) – The draft revised Resuscitation chapter was reviewed. To address the inquiry remaining following the previous teleconference, Brian Moore confirmed that the pediatric dosing was correct as written. Carol noted that all of the accepted editions from that teleconference were included in the most recent draft along with the addition of the hyperlink regarding pit crews in item 6 of the General Cardiac Arrest Process section of the cardiac arrest guideline. She also noted that, in a separate draft of the full Guidelines document, she added NPA (nasopharyngeal airway) and OPA (oropharyngeal airway) to the glossary.

Members discussed sending the revised guideline out for public comment. Susan McHenry commented on the importance of distributing for public comment because the cardiac arrest guideline is a critical guideline and this will notify/remind people that it has changed. Also discussed was how to note the changes so that people knew what parts were changed. It was recommended that we maintain a running list of the changes made in the set of guidelines. Carol suggested creating and maintaining a summary document that indicates what and when changes were made separate from the Guidelines document. Rick liked the idea that we periodically list the changes in the guidelines in a summary document, but he does not believe it would be practical to try to keep the changes in different color fonts for different years.

Discussion of Potential Next Steps:

- Review List of Guideline Titles; determine which to complete next - Carol suggested distributing the list of guideline titles to be completed and request feedback as to which ones to complete next. Rich said he likes the idea of requesting this feedback, but recommended that we also specify how we are going to determine which ones to complete next (so that people are not offended if we do not agree with their recommendations).
- Distribute Guideline Titles and revised cardiac guideline for public comment – Carol suggested we distribute both the revised cardiac guideline and the list of potential additional guideline titles at the same time for public comment. The ability to obtain feedback on potential future guidelines now, along with their priority of importance, may



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save valuable weeks of time if the sufficient resources of finance, time, and manpower are available to consider expansion of the Guideline document.

- Invite other EMS physician organizations to appoint representative and alternate – Carol referred to the letter she drafted to invite the EMS related physician organizations to designate members to participate in the work group. Members reviewed the letter and suggested a response deadline of March 31st.

EMS Compass Update (Evidence Review Group) – Dr. Cunningham reported that five of the work group members will be meeting (during the Spring Meeting in Bethesda) along with five other physicians selected by Dr. Garza to review the performance measures. Brian Moore, who is a member of the EMS Compass Steering Committee, added that they realized that the process of developing a performance measure is one of the more important outcomes of the project. They intend to identify additional measures to develop when the Steering Committee meets on April 6.

EBG Consortium Update – Dr. Cunningham explained that the Prehospital EBG Consortium met at the recent NAEMSP meeting. Peter Taillac attended the meeting; she was there for part of it. Chris Martin-Gill was elected to lead the consortium, which they hope will eventually become an independent body. NAEMSP is providing administrative support presently. Rich Kamin spoke to Chris Martin-Gill about the possibility of the EBG consortium hosting an electronic format for the Model Guidelines. He is agreeable to the idea but does not have the resources at this point.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 1:53 PM EST. The next meeting will be **March 14**.

The meeting record was respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges.