



## NASEMSO Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Project

February 13, 2017

1:00 PM EST

### Work Group Meeting

#### Meeting Record

**Attending** – Carol Cunningham, Richard Kamin, Brian Moore, Julio Lairet, Susan McHenry, Mary Hedges, Doug Kupas, Chip Cooper, Matt Sholl, Joe Nelson, Rick Alcorta, Julia Martin, Allen Yee, Kevin McGinnis, John Lyng, David Lehrfeld, Manish Shah

**Call to Order, Roll Call** – Dr. Carol Cunningham called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM EST.

**Review Jan 21-23 Meeting Record** – The meeting record was reviewed. Carol said she should be added to the toxins group. No other corrections were made and the meeting record was approved.

**Pairing Signs & Symptoms with NEMSIS Codes** – Following discussion, it was clarified that Chip will add the codes to the completed draft guidelines. Chip requested that the author provide a list of symptoms for each guideline. He also suggested a clinical impression and/or diagnosis be included.

#### **Small Group Updates**

- **Universal Care** - Joe Nelson said the universal care guideline is captured pretty well, thanks to Carol, and is ready to be submitted to Kevin. Allen said he will send information related to Traffic Incident Management to be included in Scene Safety in the Universal Care Chapter.
- **Cardiovascular** – Jim Suozzi was not able to join the call today but submitted his guidelines and comments earlier today. He is looking for a citation that BP cuffs are not accurate when using LVAD. Julia Martin said she has completed a literature search on this topic and could not find any research to support this theory. She will send more information to Jim Suozzi. Allen Yee is waiting to obtain an article that will soon be published in *Circulation* on implantable cardiac devices.
- **General Medical** – John Lyng reported that the draft abdominal pain guideline is written and waiting for comment from the group. He obtained a sepsis protocol from Kevin Munjal. He still needs the sickle cell guideline and back pain guideline; however, no one from the group has offered to do these. Unfortunately, he was unable to participate in the working session in New Orleans due to a conflict with the NAEMSP Board meeting. He has spoken with Lynn Wittwer but has not been able to speak with Harry Sibold. Julia Martin has a nausea and vomiting guideline that, following a discussion during this teleconference, will be included in the General Medical guideline.
- **Resuscitation** – Allen Yee reported they have done some revisions but have not yet completed the key words or the palliative care guideline.



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- **Pediatric-Specific** – Brian Moore said he and Manish have assembled a group of who will review all of the guidelines for pediatric aspects. The pediatric-specific guidelines are completed.
- **OB/GYN (formerly GI/GU/Gyn)** – Lynn Wittwer was not on the call. Julia Martin reported that she is working on items and will be connecting with Lynn later today. She has citations, but she still needs to choose the best ones.
- **Respiratory** – Doug Kupas reported that they completed most of their work in New Orleans and will be submitting their drafts soon.
- **Trauma** – Peter Taillac was not on the call. Julio reported that Allen finished the cervical spine guideline and the high threat guideline. He has almost finished his guideline. John Lyng recommended not citing anything that is not final or published yet.
- **Toxins** – Rick Alcorta reported that they have finished a tremendous amount of work and thanked John Lyng for providing numerous comments. They have already received comments from two of the pharmacist reviewers. He is looking for riot control agents from Rich Kamin, who said he is working on them. He is waiting for Craig's assigned guidelines which he expects on Wednesday.
- **Environmental** – Matt Sholl said they are updating eight sections and reported that six sections are completed so far.

**Review Timeline** – Carol reminded all that the leads are to submit their draft guidelines to Kevin and Mary by February 15 (and absolutely no later than February 22). Carol said she and Rich will be drafting an updated introduction for the document. She added that Chip Cooper and his colleagues from the NASEMSO Data Managers Council have submitted a draft guideline on universal documentation that could be used as an appendix. She will distribute the draft to the workgroup for the purpose of providing feedback to Chip and to decide whether or not the workgroup believes that this guideline will be helpful.

**Other Concerns/Issues** – Rich Kamin said that the bird-dogging is an unfortunate reality to ensure the work gets done. He thanked everyone for the work contributed. Carol reiterated thanks to the workgroup for their efficiency and productivity thus far.

**Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 PM EST.

**Next Meeting – March 13, 2017**

*The meeting record was prepared by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges.*