



## NASEMSO Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Project

**December 2, 2013**

**1:30 PM EST**

**Work Group Meeting**

### **Meeting Record**

**Attending:** Carol Cunningham, Rich Kamin, Craig Bates, Tony DeMond, Mary-Katherine Harper, Mary Hedges, Doug Kupas, Kevin McGinnis, Brian Moore, Joe Nelson, Manish Shah, Peter Taillac, Allen Yee

**Review/Approval of November 11 Meeting Record** – Dr. Cunningham asked if everyone had a chance to review last month's meeting record. No one offered any changes.

**Review of Timeline** – Dr. Cunningham reviewed the slightly revised timeline. She will present the draft guidelines at the March 3-5 NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting. After the presentation to NASEMSO, we will be soliciting public comments on the draft. One issue is when the NHTSA evidence-based guidelines will be released and how our work group will align them into our guideline format. Peter Taillac said they will be released at the NAEMSP meeting, but he has a copy (not final) if she needs an advance review.

### **Discussion of Next Steps**

**Technical Writer to Begin** - Kevin McGinnis, the project's technical writer, has joined the call today. Carol encouraged him to ask questions as they arise. The subject of whether to include algorithms was discussed. Rick Alcorta noted that some protocols lend themselves to an algorithm format, whereas others do not. Rich Kamin commented that in previous discussions, the group agreed to keep it simple so that the guidelines can be more easily adopted. Peter and Doug said that the first step should focus on the information and not risk putting it into an algorithm format which may not appeal to everyone. Carol confirmed that there is nothing in the contract that specifies format of the guidelines.

**Agenda for January 15 evening meeting in Tucson** -For the January 15, it was suggested we use Go-to-Meeting for those not able to attend in person. More will be discussed on adding a glossary, definitions and medication list. A draft introduction to the guideline document is being created by Carol and Rich, and it will be presented to the work group during the meeting in January for comments.

**Guideline Group Reports** – Group Leads or designee provided their respective updates as follows.

- **Cardiovascular** - **Joe Nelson**, Eric Beck, Mary-Katherine Harper, Matt Sholl: Joe said everything has been uploaded or updated, but he will check this evening on box.com.
- **General Medical/Other** - **Allen Yee**, Cunningham, Tony DeMond, Doug Kupas, Manish Shah: Allen apologized for his absence noting that he was busy with boards and work. He believes all of the assigned guidelines for his group have been written, but he will check again. Tony DeMond queried the group as to whether he should reference other protocols in Altered Mental Status, as some comments he has received suggest that he get more specific. Allen noted that referencing other protocols would mean less chance of error, especially as



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protocols are revised. Rich Kamin and others agreed. Tony also asked if he needs to mention tools in airway management as some comments have suggested.

- GI/GU/GYN - **Doug Kupas**, Eric Beck, Rich Kamin: Doug said the group is a little behind in addressing the comments. He will also try to reach Eric Beck.
  - Pediatric-specific - **Brian Moore, Manish Shah**: Brian said there is only one he saw (newborn resuscitation) that need comments to be addressed.
  - Respiratory - **Joe Nelson**, Eric Beck, Mary-Katherine Harper, Allen Yee: Joe said he needs to touch base with one author on the comments.
  - Resuscitation - **Eric Beck**, Craig Bates, Rich Kamin, Matt Sholl, Allen Yee: Carol has not heard from Eric Beck since he changed jobs and moved. Matt said he has two guidelines that he needs to update based on comments. He will do so in the next two days. Craig Bates referred to the DNR guideline he recently added, and asked if stopping and starting resuscitation should be combined or kept as separate guidelines. Doug and Allen advised they be kept separate. The consensus of the workgroup was that these topics should remain separate. Rich and Matt offered to assist in the completion of the cardiac arrest and other associated guidelines for which pending comments needed to be addressed or incorporated into the drafts.
  - Toxins/Environmental - **Rick Alcorta**, C Bates, T DeMond, C Cunningham, M Sholl, H Sibold: Rick thanked Carol for her comments. He reminded people to include the revision date in their updated guidelines. He is comfortable with where the group's progress.
  - Trauma - **Peter Taillac**, Sabina Braithwaite, Eileen Bulger, Tony DeMond: Carol noted that trauma guidelines seemed to be complete. Tony said facial trauma was mistakenly placed in the pediatric folder, so he just added it to the trauma folder. Mary will remove it from the pediatric folder. Peter said he will send an email to the trauma group to review the facial trauma protocol and asked for review by Brian and Manish for the pediatric perspective. Tony said due to the current paradigm shift in spinal mobilization, this guideline may need to be updated.
- Universal/General Care - **Carol Cunningham**, Craig Bates, Harry Sibold: Carol has not heard back from Harry Sibold on Functional Needs, which still needs to be drafted. If this guidelines remains pending, Carol will complete the Functional Needs guideline.

**REMINDER: Author and Contributor Information** – Carol reminded everyone to submit the author/contributor information.

**Questions / Other Considerations** – Rich Kamin thanked Carol for her work in keeping this project moving forward.

**Next Meeting** – Those attending the NAEMSP meeting in January will meet the evening of January 15 at the conference hotel in Tucson, from 6 – 9 PM. There will be no teleconference meeting in January.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM EST.

**Save the Date: May 6- 8, 2014 – Final Work Group Meeting, Washington, DC**

*The meeting record has been respectfully prepared by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges.*