



NASEMSO Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Project

February 10, 2014

1:30 PM EST

Work Group Meeting

Meeting Record

Attending – Carol Cunningham, Rich Kamin, Rick Alcorta, Sabina Braithwaite, Mary Hedges, Kevin McGinnis, Douglas Kupas, Susan McHenry, Joe Nelson, Manish Shah

Call to Order and Roll Call – Dr. Cunningham called the meeting to order and the roll call was taken.

Approval of January 14 Meeting Record – The meeting record was approved without changes.

Guideline Group Reports -Group Leads reported as follows:

- Cardiovascular (**Joe Nelson**, Eric Beck, Mary-Katherine Harper, Matt Sholl) - Dr Nelson stated he would complete Eric Beck's assignment. No one has heard further from Eric Beck with regard to this project after his employment change and relocation.
- General Medical/Other (**Allen Yee**, Cunningham, Tony DeMond, Doug Kupas, Manish Shah) - Dr. Yee was not on the call to report. Mary was asked to email him to inquire if he the abuse guideline has been completed.
- GI/GU/GYN – (**Doug Kupas**, Eric Beck, Rich Kamin) - Dr Kupas said he will talk to Kevin individually about these guidelines, but feels they are complete.
- Pediatric-specific (**Brian Moore, Manish Shah**) - The pediatric-specific work group has completed its work.
- Respiratory (**Joe Nelson**, Eric Beck, Mary-Katherine Harper, Allen Yee)
- Resuscitation (**Eric Beck**, Rich Kamin, Matt Sholl, Allen Yee)
- Toxins/Environmental (**Rick Alcorta**, C Bates, T DeMond, C Cunningham, M Sholl, H Sibold) - Dr. Alcorta reported the group's work is in good shape.
- Trauma (**Peter Taillac**, Sabina Braithwaite, Eileen Bulger, Tony DeMond) – Dr. Braithwaite reported their work is complete. Dr. Kamin proposed adding the hemorrhage control guideline that he and Dr. Cunningham learned of at a national meeting last week.
- Universal/General Care (**Carol Cunningham**, Craig Bates, Harry Sibold) – Dr. Cunningham completed the universal care guideline when Harry was unable to finish this assignment.

Update from Technical Writer - Kevin McGinnis asked for feedback on the bulleted format he sent to group members yesterday. He used Matt Sholl's resuscitation guideline as an example because it is often put into an algorithm format. Kevin pointed out that he did not remove any content from the original guideline but placed some language in the pearls section. Rick Alcorta commented favorably on the bulleted style but requested that it be numbered to make it easier to reference each section. Rich Kamin suggested numbering the original guideline also for the same reason, especially when comparing the original to the revised version. Carol asked Kevin to send each newly revised guideline to the author for review and to copy Rich, herself and Mary. She also asked Kevin for a deadline to ensure he receives all necessary changes in time to complete the draft for the NASEMSO Mid Year Meeting, March 3-5. Kevin replied the deadline would be February 26.



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Incorporation of NHTSA's EBGs into the Guidelines – Carol reported that she and Rich will incorporate the newly released evidence-based guidelines into the draft. Susan McHenry identified the four that have been published and noted that one more will be published by the American College of Surgeons.

Reminders – Carol reminded members to submit their author/contributor information to Mary to ensure their employer information is included in the final document.

Long Term Considerations: Plans for Adding Guidelines, Updating Guidelines – Carol initiated the discussion on how to best maintain and update the guidelines during the long term, as NASEMSO is interested in the group's recommendations. Rich Kamin suggested holding quarterly meetings and possibly creating an area on the website to collect new guideline information. Rick Alcorta suggested establishing a date after which no changes are made to the published document. Carol agreed that we would not want the guidelines to become stale, but quarterly reviews may be too ambitious. Time will be needed for the guidelines to be embraced and we may want to consider reviewing every six months with annual updates. Rick Alcorta said it would be ideal to have a protocol wiki where comments could be collected. Doug Kupas responded that these are valid points which must be weighed with available resources. He added that Dave Page is very interested in working with the project and may be a resource to the group. Dr. Kupas also suggested a two year update cycle. Mary asked the group to consider when it would like to complete the project with additional guidelines since this current set is a core group. Susan McHenry pointed out that it would be important to first see how the current product is accepted and used by the EMS community before drafting additional guidelines. Doug agreed that we should first complete this project before proceeding with another project.

Update on May 6-8 Meeting – Mary reported that we are receiving hotel bids for the May meeting. It will not be in Baltimore due to competing events but will likely be near National Airport in Washington. Mary will notify work group members when a hotel is confirmed so they can make airline reservations. May 6 will be a travel day and the meeting will be May 7-8.

Questions / Other Considerations – Susan McHenry said it has been exciting to see the work group move forward with the project.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.