



## NASEMSO Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Project

March 10, 2014

1:00 PM EDT

### Work Group Meeting

#### Meeting Record

**Attending** – Carol Cunningham, Rick Alcorta, Eileen Bulger, Mary Hedges, Kevin McGinnis, Douglas Kupas, Susan McHenry, Manish Shah, Harry Sibold, Peter Taillac, Allen Yee

**Call to Order and Roll Call** – Dr. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. She apologized for having to start the meeting early, explaining she had another conference call at 2 PM which she was unable to miss, and that Rich Kamin was unable to chair the meeting as he was scheduled to work today.

**Review and Approval of February 10 Meeting Record** – Carol said she would defer approval of the February 10 meeting record because there were only four people on the call so far and two of them had not been at last month's meeting.

**Guidelines Requiring Work** – It was noted that the guidelines in red were identified by Kevin as needing changes. These were reviewed as follows.

- Cardiovascular (**Joe Nelson**, Eric Beck, Mary-Katherine Harper, Matt Sholl)  
**Cardiac Arrest (VF/VT/Asystole/PEA)** – Although none of the group members were on the call, it was noted that Matt Sholl is revising the guideline as requested by Kevin (basically, to condense it into bullets because it is more comprehensive than others). Manish noted that the pediatric component was being incorporated by Matt.  
General Medical/Other (**Allen Yee**, Cunningham, Tony DeMond, Doug Kupas, Manish Shah)  
Carol requested that all authors review the guidelines that they wrote and submitted to ensure that all of them are included in the draft guideline document. As an example, she noted that some of those she had submitted were missing, including the one for opioid overdose. She has already informed Kevin of the absence of this guideline and has directly resubmitted it to him.
- GI/GU/GYN (**Doug Kupas**, Eric Beck, Rich Kamin)  
**Childbirth, Ob/Gyn Conditions** – Doug requested further information from Kevin as to what needs to be revised in these two guidelines. He will confer directly with Kevin. Carol informed him that the guidelines that are written in red on the agenda either needed to be placed in a bulletized format, had citations linked to references creating software issues that were not conducive to editing, or had nothing written under a section in the guideline. For the sections with nothing written, Kevin has written “None” to flag the area to the author for review to ensure that this is description was appropriate for these respective sections.
- Pediatric-specific – (**Brian Moore, Manish Shah**)  
**Prehospital Airway Management of Children** – Manish reported that he has reformatted this guideline from paragraphs into bullet points as requested by Kevin.
- Respiratory (**Joe Nelson**, Eric Beck, Mary-Katherine Harper, Allen Yee) – No report
- Resuscitation (**Eric Beck**, Rich Kamin, Matt Sholl, Allen Yee) – Carol stated that Rich Kamin, Matt Sholl, and Allen Yee will share the leadership role for this workgroup as there is still no response from Eric Beck.



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- Toxins/Environmental (**Rick Alcorta**, C Bates, T DeMond, C Cunningham, M Sholl, H Sibold) **Hypothermia/Cold, Conducted Electrical, Drowning, Lightning Strike, Poisoning Universal Stimulant Poisoning/OD, Cyanide, Beta Blocker OD, Bites Evenomation, Calcium Channel OD, Carbon Monoxide** – The concern with this section is the embedded citations which have created formatting problems. Rick Alcorta has been correcting the concerns per Kevin’s instructions.
- Trauma (**Peter Taillac**, Sabina Braithwaite, Eileen Bulger, Tony DeMond) **Facial Trauma** – Peter said he is addressing the facial trauma guideline and also intends to update two other guidelines. He will complete this by the end of the day. Eileen Bulger requested she be able to share this section with the ACS EMS Committee before their meeting on March 20. Carol was concerned about showing favoritism as she has informed other requestors that everyone will receive the document on the same date. After much discussion, it was agreed Eileen could send the trauma section to the 15 people on the ACS EMS Committee on March 18.
- Universal/General Care (**Carol Cunningham**, Craig Bates, Harry Sibold) – Carol reported that one guideline is being slightly revised and was discussed with the guideline author, but this section is otherwise ready for release.

**Update from Technical Writer** - Kevin McGinnis briefly joined the call (he was engaged in another meeting). He noted that several of the guidelines have blank sections, where he inserted “none.” He would like for everyone to review these. It must be determined how to handle those with missing information before the document is released for public comment. Kevin advised everyone to review their guidelines in the document to ensure they are look as expected after he made any necessary edits to standardize formats. Kevin added that he will be discussing any concerns with Carol, Rich and Mary before the document is finalized early next week.

**Incorporation of NHTSA’s EBGs into the Guidelines** – Carol stated she and Rich Kamin will be incorporating the new evidence-based guidelines into the document. She hopes they will be able to complete this before the document is made public early next week.

**Request for Public Comment** - Carol noted the public comment period is March 18 through April 30. She asked work group members if any questions should be included to focus those submitting comments. Other than asking stakeholders to identify what may be missing from individual guidelines, no other questions seemed necessary provided that the purpose and background of the project is explained. It was recommended that the document be released in a locked PDF format when it is distributed for comment.

**Reminders** – Carol asked Mary to send an email to those who have not yet submitted their author and contributor forms as many are missing.

**Update on May 7-8 Meeting** – Regarding the May 7-8 meeting in Washington, Mary added that she needs reservation requests from **Alcorta, Beck, Braithwaite, Bates, Kamin, Moore, Sholl, and Sibold**. She added that the project will be able to cover the travel of the alternates for this last meeting, due to the modest expense incurred at the first work group meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM EDT.