



NASEMSO Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Project

April 8, 2013

1:30 PM EDT

Work Group Meeting

Meeting Record

Attending: Rick Alcorta, Eric Beck, Sabina Braithwaite, Tony DeMond, Mary-Katherine Harper, Mary Hedges, Doug Kupas, Brian Moore, Joe Nelson, Matt Sholl, Harry Sibold

Call to Order and Roll Call – Matt Scholl called the meeting to order in the absence of co-chairs, Carol and Rich, both of whom had commitments they were unable to change.

Review of Progress – Matt referred to the progress to date (listed below) and asked Mary to report on the last two items related to sending the documents out for public comment. Mary explained she sent the Guideline Titles and Essential Components to the NASEMSO EMS stakeholder list of 100-plus members. The first message she sent on March 29 with the documents attached and a public comment form with four questions. NHTSA advised her that the comment form resembled a survey, which is problematic in view of the Paperwork Reduction Act. NASEMSO then created an open –ended comment site on the project website, of which the same stakeholders were notified on April 5. Comments have started arriving. She encouraged members to log onto the project website and see the comment site at [Model-EMS-Clinical-Guidelines-Comments](#). Members should also feel free to publicize the request for comments.

- EMS Clinical Guideline Titles selected and reviewed
- Essential Components of Guideline selected and reviewed
- Guideline Groups established; some groups have met
- Guideline Titles and Components sent to EMS stakeholders for feedback (3/29)
- Public Comment site created on project website (4/3)

Next Steps

- Small Guideline Groups begin or continue meeting

Guideline Group Reports – Matt asked the lead members to report on their small group activity.

- **Cardiovascular** - Joe Nelson said they have their first meeting scheduled for April 24. (Members: Eric Beck, Mary-Katherine Harper, **Joe Nelson**, Matt Sholl)
- **General Medical/Other** – Tony said he is not aware that this group has met. (Members: Carol Cunningham, Tony DeMond, Doug Kupas, Manish Shah, **Allen Yee**)
- **GI/GU/GYN** – Doug Kupas said the OB group has not yet met. (Members: Eric Beck, Rich Kamin, **Doug Kupas**)
- **Pediatric-specific** - Brian Moore said the pediatric group has met. They are soliciting feedback from other APA stakeholders. (Members: **Brian Moore**, **Manish Shah**)
- **Respiratory** - Joe Nelson said this group has the first meeting scheduled for April 24. (Members: Bill Gerard, Eric Beck, Mary-Katherine Harper, **Joe Nelson**, Allen Yee)
- **Resuscitation** - Eric Beck said the group has had trouble coordinating dates, but he sent another email today. (Members: Eric Beck, Rich Kamin, Matt Sholl, Allen Yee)
- **Toxins/Environmental** - Rick Alcorta said they have been doing a fair amount of work reviewing reference articles, and are beginning to outline the different treatment modalities. (Members: **Rick Alcorta**, Tony DeMond, C Cunningham, Matt Sholl, Harry Sibold)



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Doug Kupas asked if they are using the model template since we will not know if it is finalized until after reviewing the comments. Rick replied they have not reached that point. Joe Nelson said it may be reasonable to start with the template.

- Trauma (head, multi-system, spine, thorax, extremity, amputation, eye) –Tony reported that the trauma group has made good progress. Sabina said they have assigned guidelines to the members and are well-organized. (Members: Sabina Braithwaite, Eileen Bulger, Tony DeMond, Jeff Salomone, **Peter Taillac.**)
- Universal/General Care - Carol Cunningham, **Bill Gerard.** No report.

May asked if she should email the comments to the relevant sub-group as they are submitted. Matt Sholl felt that would be appropriate, but cautioned members about making the requested changes without further review. Others felt it would be best to send it to the small group for review and recommendation to the full work group.

Disclosure Reminder – Disclosure forms have been received from Bulger, Cunningham, DeMond, Gerard, Kamin, Sholl and Sibold. Matt reminded the others to send their disclosure form to Mary. A copy of it is in the Drop Box folder.

Face to Face Workgroup Meeting – Mary reminded members (including alternates) to send her their hotel reservation dates for the July 30-Aug 1, 2013, meeting in Minneapolis, MN. She will be making all the reservations in order to secure the reduced rate, including any extra nights people may want to stay at their own expense. She said it is better to over-estimate the days you will need, as they can be cancelled. Reservation requests should be sent to Mary Hedges by **April 10**. She has received reservations from Alcorta, Braithwaite, Cunningham, Gerard, DeMond, Harper, Kamin and Shah. Mary noted that some are finding the airfares to be costly at this point, so she suggested waiting to see if they come down. Tony suggested trying the discount airlines, such as Sun Country. Mary said members do not need to send their air reservations to her unless the price is excessively high. If they can save considerably by adding an extra day to the trip, the project may be able to cover a third night.

Questions / Other Considerations – There were no further questions and the meeting adjourned at 2:05. The next meeting is May 13.