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Medical Directions and Practice Board Meeting
October 21, 1998
MINUTES

Members present: Drs. John Burton, Paul Liebow, David Stuchiner, Harry Grimmnitz, Rebecca Chagrasulis

Staff: Jay Bradshaw

Guests: Randy Bumps, Jeff Regis, Wayne Werts, Cam Martin

I. Previous Minutes

Discussion: Changes/correction III. Lifelight of Maine Protocols, Action (2): clarify FOR AIR TRANSPORT. New reading: "The MDPB approves these protocols as presented, with modifications as identified for use by appropriately trained nurses and paramedics, FOR AIR TRANSPORT. Implementation issues for use of these MEMS Air Ambulance protocols are to be referred the Board of MEMS for discussion and action prior to any paramedic practice under these protocols". (See October minutes for discussion of implementation issues as addressed by the MDPB.)

II. Protocol Review

Discussion: The remainder of protocols re-reviewed. See draft version for proposed changes, to be summarized after November meeting. Additional questions brought up at this meeting.

- 1) RE: 12-Lead EKG (Guidelines to the Prehospital Use of 12-Lead EKG added to protocol revisions). Questioned level required for such training. Discussion tabled.
- 2) Re: Pink (Peds). Dr. Grimmnitz discussed new guidelines for recommended dose for pediatric albuterol. Information to be presented at November meeting.
- 3) CVA Checklist/Guidelines: Dr. Chag obtaining info, to be presented at November meeting.
- 4) Add Hazmat information.
- 5) AHA Obstructed FBAO procedure referred to in Peds resp arrest; add this procedure to the protocol, present in November.
- 6) Definition central lines - present in November.
- 7) Warning re: Viagra to be added to chest pain protocol.

III. Jackman Area Health Clinic

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Discussion: PA's provide care at clinic. However, PA's also provide care at the scene but do not always accompany patient to hospital. As per other PA practice, responsibility for their action in that situation falls under their medical director. However, definition of "other health care facility" for ambulance destination needs to be further clarified.

Action/Follow-up: Dr. Stuchiner to provide Jay criteria as written for "other health care facility". Needs clarification in Rules.

IV. Lifelight of Maine mailing for protocol book (sticker pages)

Discussion: Lifelight of Maine mailed to all providers stickers to put in protocol book regarding how to access helicopter. Jay discussed development process in that state office was asked for feedback in development, but not informed that they had been mailed out. Jay had already faxed a letter to all regions letting them know that the mailing was per Lifelight of Maine not Maine EMS. Jeff Regis and Randy Bumps expressed some concern that providers may be confused over material sent out.

Action/Follow-up: It was decided that no further letter to services is indicated, this would only create more confusion. Jay and Chag to discuss with John Fields and Norm Dinerman, and communication with regional coordinators to see if any further action is needed. Follow-up next meeting.

V. Next meeting November 18, 1998, 0930-1200 Maine EMS office

No meeting in December

Retreat planned for 3rd Wednesday of January, all day

Samoset conference - MDPB Forum November 14, 1-2:30, MDPB members encouraged to attend.

Submitted,

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