

DRAFT
MAC MEETING MINUTES

MAY 28, 2008
LOCK HAVEN HOSPITAL

ATTENDANCE:

Clifford Neal, Regional Medical Director
Jim Urban, S MEMSC
Nancy Mutch, Mt. Nittany Medical Center
Rich Kelley, Mt. Nittany Medical Center
Sandy Foster, Moshannon Valley EMS
Kent Knable, Centre LifeLink EMS
Gerard Banfill, Lock Haven EMS
Dave Jones, University Ambulance
Ann Banfill, Lock Haven EMS
Matt Boone, Lock Haven EMS

Welcome and Introductions...

Dr. Neal opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. With the exception of a typographical error, the minutes were approved on a motion by Rich Kelley and a second by Dave Jones.

Temperature Monitoring Study...

Jim reported that the next phase of the Temperature Monitoring Study is moving ahead. The new probes have been ordered and the next phase is expected to get under way in the coming weeks. The second phase will monitor the temperature of the fluid, while the previous study monitored the ambient air.

There was discussion on the study.

The results of the first phase have been forwarded to the Bureau of EMS and the region is waiting for some type of response from the Bureau.

Etomidate usage...

The Regional Quarterly QI Report on the Etomidate Usage that was sent to the Bureau was distributed. There were two uses in the first quarter of 2008.

Rich Kelley mentioned that he has been speaking with Gerry Splitt from Life Flight and was told that if it is suspected that the flight crew is going to perform RSI, the ground unit could administer Etomidate and the flight crew would administer Succs.

QI Projects...

With the ALS unit participating in the Temperature Monitoring study, suggestions for a BLS QI project were solicited. The members present suggested the following as possible studies:

1. ALS Release to BLS/BLA cancellation of ALS
2. Adherence to the Spinal Immobilization protocol
3. Administration of oxygen and the documentation of such in the treatment section of the chart

These suggestions will be presented to the QI Committee.

Report from the State MAC...

Dr. Neal reported on issues that are being addressed on the state level. The final steps in the protocol changes are under way. There will be the addition of a few drugs such as Cataprel and a request from Philadelphia for the addition of Calcium Gluconate.

The requirement for all ALS units to carry CPAP is scheduled to take effect in the Fall of 2009. Dr. Neal suggested that if your service does not have CPAP, it might not be a bad idea to start looking. In conjunction with this, the department is looking into the possibility of a module for BLS and CPAP.

Also at the state level, the use of air transport is being looked at. In particular the use of helicopters for trauma as well as the use for transport of MIs and strokes. More on this will follow.

Dr. Neal reminded that anyone with an issue they would like addressed at the State MAC to let him know.

12 Lead...

Gerard inquired as to the present status of the 12 Lead project since he was unable to attend the last MAC Meeting. An update on the project was given. Gerard indicated that he has been having some difficulty with Physio obtaining the modems for Lock Haven EMS.

Gerard indicated that since his service is in such close proximity to LTS hospitals, his medics are being caught in the middle on where to transport the patient. He indicated that he was told by a hospital that if they were to bring a patient to their hospital, and the patient needed a cath, the hospital would detain his crew until the hospital staff could determine if the patient was going to be transferred.

Dr. Neal stated that he would speak to the Regional Medical Director of LTS to see if we could get this situation taken care of.

Discussion on the regional 12 Lead project ensued.

A question as to the funding for the units in Mifflin and Juniata county was raised. Being that there were no representatives from either county present, a report on their status could not be provided.

Following the discussion, the following suggestions were made:

1. Tim should get with Gerard and Physio to get the modem snafu squared away.
2. Dave suggested that Tim send out a note with the progress of the 12 Lead project.
3. All members present again mentioned that a Regional STEMI Protocol is needed.

Dr. Neal indicated that the state is working on developing a state-wide protocol, but it has quite a ways to go.

In the meantime, we could develop a regional protocol. This could be done by massaging an already established protocol to fit the needs of our region. Discussion followed. Dr. Neal stated he would contact the ALS Service Medical Directors regarding this issue.

There being no further business, motion by Dave Jones and seconded by Kent Knable to adjourn. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be on August 27, 2008 at 9:00 AM in Juniata County at a location to be determined.