

# **MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE**

Date: APRIL 18, 2008  
150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 540-A  
Phoenix, Arizona

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ben Bobrow, Chairman  
Michael Ward  
John Gallagher

## **EX-OFFICIO MEMBER:**

Janine Anderson

## **MEMBERS PRESENT BY**

### **TELECONFERENCE:**

Thomas Wachtel  
Frank Walter  
Wendy Lucid  
Harvey Meislin

## **RESPONSIBLE ADHS STAFF:**

Terry Mullins, Bureau Chief  
Ed Armijo  
Joel Bunis  
Maria Herbert  
Angie Cauthon

## **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

John Raife  
Daniel Spaite  
Jeff Daniel  
Carrie Walters

### **1.) CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Ben Bobrow, Chairman called the meeting of the Medical Direction Commission to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

### **2.) DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APRIL 20, 2007 MINUTES**

Dr. Ben Bobrow asked for motion to approve the revised minutes. Motion was made by Dr. John Gallagher and seconded by Dr. Harvey Meislin. Minutes Approved

### **3.) REPORTS**

#### **a.) Chairman's Report**

Dr. Ben Bobrow, Chairman announced two special guests that will be presenting at the State Lab at 1:00, Greg Margolis, Associate Director from the National Registry for EMTs and George Hatch, Executive Director of Commission on Accreditation of EMS Program. Their presentation will provide an update on national efforts to establish procedures for the testing and certification of EMTs under the new classification system, efforts to credential paramedic training program and update/revise the current DOT National Standard Curricula to an Educational Standards format

#### **b.) Bureau Chief's Report**

Terry Mullins, Bureau Chief asked that the EMS Council have a joint standing committee representing EMS Council members, MDC members and the stakeholder community to monitor these national initiatives and begin discussion on potential Arizona responses to them. Terry Mullins asked for those who are interested in participating in this activity to contact BEMSTS.

### **4.) DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

#### **d. Discussion of approval for Transport of Cardiac Arrest Patients to Cardiac Arrest Center protocol**

Dr. Ben Bobrow presented this draft protocol which would serve as a guidance document for the four EMS regions to implement based on local resources. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Frank Walter and

second by Dr. Harvey Meislin. Motion is approved.

**e. Discussion of approval of EASY-IO Revised Curriculum**

Janine Anderson, Education Subcommittee Chair, presented this curriculum for adoption as a guidance document that would be placed on the website as a resource for training programs, base hospital coordinators and others that are providing instruction on the use of the EASY I-O. A motion to approve was made by Dr. John Gallagher and second by Dr. Michael Ward. Motion is approved.

**f. 1. Discussion to amend R9-25-501 and R9-25-503, administer, train, test, and document training, etc., of EMT on the administration of tuberculin PPD**

Maria Herbert, BEMTS Rules Analyst, presented the draft rules document and Terry Mullins reminded the Commission that a version of this document was originally reviewed by the EMS Council who instructed BEMSTS to revise it for clarity and resubmit. Janine Anderson commented that if this rule passes, the Education Subcommittee will develop a corresponding training curriculum. Motion made by Dr. Michael Ward second by Dr. John Gallagher. Motion is approved

**f. 2. Discussion to amend R-9-25-503, Table 1 to remove the classification “anti-emetic”, add Zofran, add tuberculin PPD, add immunization agents**

Maria Herbert presented draft rule changes which eliminates the drug classification “anti-emetic” and adds Ondansetron (Zofran), tuberculin PPD and immunizing agents to the medication list EMT-I and EMT-P are able to administer per R9-25-503, Table 1. A motion to approve was made by Dr. John Gallagher second by Dr. Michael Ward. Motion is approved

**f. 3. Consideration of request to allow EMT-Bs to administer influenza vaccinations**

Dr. Robert French presented on a proposed pilot project to allow 3 EMT-Bs working for the Central Arizona Water Conservation District emergency response team to administer inactive influenza vaccinations as part of the Maricopa County – ADHS Pandemic Influenza Planning Grant initiatives. Terry Mullins brought to the committee’s attention that any pilot program must be approved by the Director of ADHS and then discussed the potential for regulatory difficulties associated with allowing a component of the EMT community to act at a level exceeding of the approved scope of practice. He also indicated that this request for authorization to allow an EMT to act outside of the EMT Scope of Practice is problematic as it is occurring at a time of transition as the Bureau begins its work to formulate the response to National initiatives dealing with an EMS provider certification and education. A motion to approve was made by Dr. John Gallagher and second by Dr. Michael Ward. Motion is approved.

**f. 4. Approval of revised Epinephrine HCL drug profile.**

Dr. John Gallagher presented a revised Epinephrine HCL drug profile and indicated that it contained an error on page two and suggested the following change:

**Original** - Croup: 3mg 1: 1,000 mixed in 3 mL NS via SVN

**Revised** – Croup:

For children < five years of age: 2.5 mg 1: 1,000 mixed in 3 mL NS via SVN.

For children > = five years of age: 5 mg. 1: 1,000 mixed in 3 mL NS via SVN.

A motion to approve the drug profile with the changes listed above was made by Dr. John Gallagher and second by Dr. Michael Ward. Motion is approved

**g. No items from January 18, 2008 for MDC meeting**

**h. No items from January 18, 2008 for EMS Council meeting**

**i.i. Approve two Pediatric Protocols - Heat exposure and Shortness of Breath**

Dr. John Gallagher presented these two protocols submitted by the PACES committee. A motion to approve was made by Dr. John Gallagher and second by Dr. Michael Ward. Motion is approved.

**i. ii. Request to approval age 14 as the upper limit for the definition pediatric.**

Dr. John Gallagher reported on a request, passed out of PMD, made by the PACES group to identify the age of 14 as the upper limit for the definition of pediatric. Dr. Gallagher stated that this is the age definition adopted by the American College of Surgeons. After further discussion Dr. Gallagher made a motion to approve age 14 as the upper limit for the definition of pediatric and second by Dr. Thomas Wachtel. During additional discussion the motion was amended to age 14 as the upper limit for the definition of pediatric in the *trauma* patient. Additionally, the group asked Dr. Wendy Lucid to take this issue back to PACES for further consideration concerning the non-trauma patient. Motion is approved.

**i. iii. Approve rule change to allow all levels of EMTs to administer and self administer 2-PAM and Atropine in a perceived emergency and amend R9-25-503, Table 1 to reflect change.**

Terry Mullins reported that current rules prohibit EMT-Is from self-administering and administering 2-PAM and prohibit EMT-Bs from self-administering and administering 2-PAM and Atropine in a perceived emergency and requested the group make a motion to allow this and amend R9-25-503, Table 1 to reflect the change. Dr. John Gallagher made a motion to approve and Dr. Thomas Wachtel second. Motion is approved.

**i.iv. Approve revised Ondansetron (Zofran) drug profile.**

Dr. John Gallagher presented the revised Zofran drug profile for approval. Dr. John Gallagher made a motion to approve and Dr. Michael Ward second. Motion is approved.

**6.) CALL TO PUBLIC**

A call to the public body was made; Dr. Ward announced that Dr. Jerry Grohs from Lake Havasu City passed away earlier this year.

**7.) SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Nothing to report

**8.) ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: September 19, 2008**

**9.) ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Ben Bobrow adjourns meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Minutes created by Angie Cauthon

Minutes approved by Medical Direction Commission April 17, 2009