

Privileged and Confidential Peer Review Information

QI Committee Meeting

10/27/04 @08:00 hrs, 408 E. Marion Street

Mary Scruggs	Paige Beaver	Gary Beaver
Missy Parker	Andy Haskins	Allison Decker
Shelia Newport	Louis Jenkins	

The meeting was opened. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

EMT administration of Beta agonists was discussed once more. The Committee voted against the idea. It was felt that any patient who needed a HHN treatment should have an IV, and a cardiac monitor. The BLS protocol already provides for assisting a patient with his meter dose inhaler, therefore, other treatment would require the assistance of a paramedic.

The addition of Epinephrine 1:000 drawn from ampules for the BLS anaphylaxis protocol is on indefinite hold. It has been noted that one volunteer EMT provider unit within the county was directed by Medical Control to use the Epi Pen method. The Medical Director has been asked to clarify his preference before SFD moves forward with their training.

Amiodarone training for all full time is completed. SCTPs and FTOs are asked to follow up with part time employees as they become available.

The last 12 Lead Class, taught by Brent Curry, was held 10/26/04, to a sell out crowd. J. McCurry and L. Jenkins are working at putting the class on CD or DVD.

ET-airway equipment storage rolls are now on each unit. It was noted by two committee members that the LP 12 Pulse Ox probes do not always function properly. Both stated that they have had to manually hold the probe in place to obtain an O2 saturation reading. It has been requested that a different type be looked at.

New Business:

A CCEMS driving course will begin about mid-November. All CCEMS employees will be required to take this class. It will come in two parts: part 1-3 to 4 hours didactic, then part 2- 8 hours hands on driving. It appears that the driving portion of the class will be at the county airport.

CCEMS medical abbreviations have been sent out via e-mail. The abbreviations will be included with each new orientee's protocol.

QI Committee Guidelines had some minor changes but was accepted. Committee members will now include SCTP personnel.

QI Committee representation on each shift needs to be nailed down. Chairwoman Scruggs agreed to ask each shift supervisor for names of their representation. It was also decided that SCTP personnel may serve as the shift representative.

A policy for Transport of Ventilator Patients was reviewed. It is attached. This policy has been drawn up to assure that each ventilator dependent patient receives proper patient care, and sufficient sedation/paralytics during intra-facility transports.

A Confidentiality Agreement was passed out and signed by all persons present.

ACRs were reviewed. One item noted was found in the Assisted By field on the first page of the ACR. At least 40% of the ACRs reviewed showed that the ambulance crews were assisted by "(x) Air".

The next QI meeting will be **11/24/04 at 08:00 hrs**, at 408 E. Marion St.