

Performance Improvement Committees

March 13, 2008

Conference Call Dial-in: 866-851-9754

Guest Code: 428049

Agenda

General PI Committee: 10:30

WVEMS Roanoke Office

1. Approval of minutes from last quarter
2. Performance Improvement Plan
 - a. Approval of Final Draft
3. Current PI Projects – General PI
 - a. Chest pain patients
 - i. Assignments for collection of data
 - b. Input on defining “intubation attempt”
4. MIR Referrals
5. Other business
6. Date for next committee meeting

Those committee members who are not also on the Trauma PI Committee are excused at the conclusion of this agenda, however, they are welcome to remain and participate in the Trauma PI Committee Meeting.

General Performance Improvement Committee

March 13, 2008

10:30 AM

MINUTES

Attendance

Charles Lane, MD	Regional Medical Director, Program Chair, Franklin County
Patrick Earnest	Trauma Coordinator, NRVMC, Floyd County
Elizabeth Martin	Alleghany County
Vicki Anthony	Roanoke County
Jason Gifford	Career EMS Provider, Radford City
Jason Ferguson	Botetourt County
Jack Edwards	Henry County
Bobby Baker	Hospital Preparedness Liaison, NSPA
Debbie Akers	Staff – PI Coordinator

Excused Absences

Kris Shrader	Committee Co-Chair, Fire-based provider, Martinsville City
D J Douglas	Trauma Coordinator, Montgomery County
Shawn Hite	Pulaski County
Jane Lindsey	Volunteer Pre-hospital Provider, Nurse, Salem City
Paul Davenport	Air Medical Agency
Susan Smith	Air Medical Agency Alternate and Roanoke City
Krista Henderson	PD-5 Hospital
Steve Allen	Patrick County
John Dallara, MD	OMD, DRMC
Rob Logan	Staff - Administration

To order: 10:30 AM

Chair Dr. Charles Lane welcomed all present and those on conference call. Minutes from last quarter approved as distributed.

Performance Improvement Plan: Final review prior of plan revealed no changes needed. Committee approved adoption. Plan will be forwarded to WVEMS Board for adoption at their next scheduled board meeting.

Projects: Current General PI project focused on a broadened review of medications administered to patients with a clinical diagnosis of chest pain/discomfort. Each representative is to collect data from their agencies in their respective areas and forward that information to Debbie Akers to be analyzed for next meeting. Agreement was we would look at the last full previous quarter, that being January – March, 2008.

Definition of intubation attempt was clarified. Dr. Lane stated that a laryngoscope passing the lips is the clinical definition of an attempt. It was agreed that we need to expand the study further to find out how many agencies are using a definitive confirmation procedure of tube placement. Dr. Lane will forward the NAEMSP airway confirmation form to the committee for evaluation and discussion at the next meeting.

System-wide PI Project: The use of Solu-medrol was discussed. It was indicated that providers may not be administering this drug due to the need to crack two drug boxes. This manner will be followed up by collection of data from the respective agencies.

MIR Referrals: Debbie stated there had been 3 medical incidents reported for review. Two have been forwarded to their respective agencies for evaluation and decision. One may require a formal Medical Incident Review but we are awaiting documentation that the agency has not been willing to provide. A formal request has been sent to the agency chief and we have been assured that the report will be forwarded.

Other Business:

Dr. Lane discussed what impact the new Stroke Center referral legislation would have on our council region. He feels we will have to watch the development of this situation very closely.

Discussion by the committee concerning standardization of training for 12 lead program. Dr. Lane and Debbie will get together to look at this matter and report back to committee at next meeting.

No further business. Next meeting set for June 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

Adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Agenda
Trauma PI Committee: 1:00 pm
WVEMS Roanoke Office

1. Approval of minutes from last quarter
2. Performance Improvement Plan
 - a. Approval of Final Draft
3. Current PI Projects – Trauma PI
 - a. Spinal injuries versus boarded patients
 - a. Assignments for collection of data
4. MIR Referrals
5. Other business
6. Date for next committee meeting

**Trauma PI Committee
December 12, 2007
1:00 PM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Charles Lane, MD	Regional Medical Director
Patrick Earnest	Trauma Coordinator, New River Valley Medical Center
Bobby Baker	Hospital Preparedness Liaison, NSPA
Debbie Akers	Staff – PI Coordinator

Excused Absences

Jane Lindsay, FNP	Volunteer Pre-hospital provider; Nurse, Salem City
D. J. Douglas, RN	Trauma Coordinator, Montgomery County
John Dallara, MD	OMD, Hospital (non TC)
Kris Shrader	Fire-based provider, Martinsville City
Krista Henderson	QA Coordinator, Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital
Shawn Hite	Pulaski County
Vicki Anthony	Volunteer EMS
Paul Davenport	LifeGuard 10/11
Susan Smith	LifeGuard 10/11 Alternate
Rob Logan	Staff – Administration

To order: 1:00 PM.

Chair Charles Lane welcomed all present. Minutes from last quarter approved as distributed.

Trauma PI Plan: Trauma PI plan was distributed. Committee saw no changes necessary and the plan will be forwarded to the WVEMS Board for adoption at their next board meeting.

Current PI Project: PI Data being collected from the hospitals concerning the number of boarded patients that were brought in versus how many had actual spinal injuries. Roanoke Memorial has reported their data. Now waiting on the other hospitals to submit.

MIR Referrals: Debbie stated one trauma related MIR had been received. It has been referred to the agency to be handled by their medical director. Will be awaiting the outcome from the physician.

No further business. Next meeting will be June 23, 2008 at 1:00 PM. Meeting adjourned at 1.35 PM.