

CLINICAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Minutes	Clinical Issues Committee Meeting
Date	November 19, 2020
Time	10:00 am CST
Location	WebEx Videoconference
Participants	Members present Joshua Ball, Timothy Booher, Angela Bowen, John Dabbs, Jeffrey Feike, Lis Henley, Dr. Joe Holley, Hugh Laxton, Mike Revelle, Gary Ross, Kevin Spratlin, Randy White, Brandon Ward, Chip Cook, Rob Seesholtz; Guests: Dr. Erik Geibig, Dr. Peter Kah

Overall Lead	Topic	Summary / Decision	Assignments / Next Steps	Responsible Person	Time Frame
Dr. Joe Holley	Roll Call	The meeting was called to order by Dr. Holley. Tory Ferguson conducted a roll call and a quorum was present.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dr. Joe Holley	Old Minutes	Motion by Jeffery Feike with second by Randy White was received to accept the May 6 th , 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried by general consent.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dr. Joe Holley	Old Business	<u>Off-Load Protocol</u> Brandon Ward provided background discussion regarding difficulty with off-load times from 2-4 hours and up to 8 hours on some calls causing considerable impacts to EMS availability. Dr. Holley was asked to provide a set of guidelines addressing this concern while addressing patient safety. The ‘Delayed Off Loading of Stable Non-Emergent Patients in the ED’ Procedure is part of the clinical guidelines and was shared in the meeting. Current language of Lieutenant or Battalion 20 can be adjusted to fit the department using the protocol. Discussion around the use of this protocol for higher level acuity patients which may need to occur on a local/regional basis with concern for patient safety and collaboratively as hospital capacity concerns increase. This is a State protocol and can be adapted/excluded by an	n/a	n/a	n/a

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		<p>individual service. In some areas, this has been a long-standing issue the needs continued evaluation at the State level. Motion to approve protocol by Jeffrey Feike with second by Angela Bowen. Discussion regarding the impact of this protocol addressing the delays in off-load since it could be adapted/excluded by individual services. Motion was amended by Jeffrey Feike to a motion to support rather than to approve this protocol. Discussion also included the State expanding reimbursement of TennCare ambulance transports to facilities other than Emergency Departments which may be more appropriate settings. Motion carried by unanimous Roll Call vote (no vote by Gary Ross).</p>			
		<p><u>COVID-19 Impacts</u> Seeing an increase in numbers of COVID-19 patients. This number is expected to continue to increase. Illness has impacted some services with significant impacts on staff. Dept. o EMS allowed those services to utilize EMRs as drivers after State of Emergency was declared in those counties. Seeing impacts on educational system regarding clinical opportunities and transitions to virtual learning. Facilities concerns not accepting patients without a negative COVID-19 test and/or not allowing EMS into the building without a negative COVID-19 test. Executive Order 67, section 10.2, allows EMS personnel to work in any acute care settings in a hospital with an approved plan by the hospital. The State EMS office will be involved in table-top exercise regarding upcoming vaccination plans. Much of the office continues to work remotely. Continued concern for air medical crews transporting COVID-19 patients, even with proper</p>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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		PPE. Some services are not transporting COVID-19 patients on BiPAP. State EMS will accept 100% online CEUs (if CAPSE) approved for this renewal cycle.			
		<u>CARES Project</u> Requires a data manager dedicated to the project. In process of purchasing data reporting system that will enable pulling of data from current system. After reporting system is available, will contact the CARES project to see if we meet their requirements for participation.	n/a	n/a	n/a
		<u>Glen Miller Sepsis Protocol</u> Protocol includes initiation of antibiotics in patients meeting clinical criteria. Dr. Holley presented directly in the last EMS Board meeting.	n/a	n/a	n/a
		<u>Butterfly Ultrasound Pilot</u> Sponsored by Dr. S. Smith. Utilization of small, handheld ultrasound device. Pilot involves training a small set of paramedics to recognize a small number of clinical criteria on ultrasound to determine if they can perform the ultrasound and recognize clinical criteria. The EMS Board reviewed and supported this project.	n/a	n/a	n/a
		<u>Medical Director's Workshop</u> With COVID-19 restrictions, an in-person workshop would be extremely challenging. Consideration to do these in a more regional fashion. The State continues to discourage groups from meeting in person at this time. Discussion to provide a targeted update to current situations and concerns.	Discuss providing a targeted update for Medical Directors	Dr. Joe Holley and Dir. Brandon Ward	Perhaps early 2021
		<u>Ketamine in EMS</u> Ketamine is included in latest version of State protocols. Created a ketamine best-practice document that is/will be posted on State EMS	n/a	n/a	n/a

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		website. Review of ketamine administration in EMS continues to demonstrate safe profile for use. Concern in patients with excited delirium where medication should be used for medical treatment and not chemical restraint related to law enforcement.			
		<u>EMS Stroke Survey</u> Brian Wiseman and Debra Philpot presented on behalf of the Stroke Taskforce. Taskforce decided on a repeat survey with similar questions from the 2016 survey. Survey was sent to the committee prior to meeting. Motion to endorse survey and present to EMS Board for approval by Randy White with second by Angela Bowen. Motion carried by general consent.	n/a	n/a	n/a
	New Business	<u>Committee Secretary</u> Lis Henley volunteered to be secretary for Clinical Issues Committee. Motion by Mike Revelle and seconded by Randy White to close nominations and approve by acclimation. Motion carried by general consent.	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Holley after 1hr 43min. February 2020 meeting will be virtual.	n/a	n/a	n/a

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kevin Noonan.