

CLINICAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Minutes	Clinical Issues Committee Meeting
Date	March 15, 2023
Time	10:00 am CST
Location	665 Mainstream Drive, Iris Room
Participants	Members present: Dr. Joe Holley, Jeffrey Feike, Kevin Nooner, Randy White, Dwight Davis, Angela Bowen, Chip Ward, Russell Gupton, Hugh Laxton, Hunter Earnest, Michael Revelle, Gary Ross, Mark Wilkinson, Tim Booher

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 at 1009. Dr. Holley conducted a roll call by sign-in sheet, and a quorum was present.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dr. Joe Holley	Old Minutes	Minutes were presented and elicited any feedback or corrections. Motion for approval by Feike and second by Revelle. Minutes were approved unanimously.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dr. Joe Holley	Ambulance Equipment Eye Shields	Request to revisit requirement for eye shields for eye injuries. Cost of eye shields are minimal and is useful for eye injuries. Motion by White and second by Feike to keep eye shields on ambulance equipment list. Motion approved unanimously.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dr. Joe Holley	State QI Program and Concepts	Request to review expectations for the QI requirements for ambulance services to provide guidelines from the State regarding expectations of the service QI program. State audit does ask if service is performing QI with medical director review. The current QI program was developed in 1992. Discussion of revision to include specific parameters and metrics. Any revision would need to include enough flexibility for all 911 and private services and demonstrate medical director and loop closure. Dr. Feike suggested a process template that would allow individual agencies flexibility for services while providing a structure. Dr. Holley suggested that there should be an updated resource	Form Ad Hoc committee to revise current QI program	Director Ward and Dr. Holley	September 11, 2023, CIC meeting

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		for services as a guide revised by an ad hoc committee. Discussion to require a QI policy from the services and inspectors validating process is being followed. Motion by Booher and second by White for ad hoc committee to update and revise QI program for EMS. Updated document may serve as a guide for EMS. Motion approved unanimously.			
Dr. Joe Holley	Standardized Drug Error Reporting	Concern if the Dept. of EMS should have a more detailed drug error reporting process including reporting to accepting care team, medical director, and service leadership; timeframe for notification and follow-up; and review of factors involved in the error. Discussion included concern for increased burden of reporting causing a decrease in reporting of actual errors and need to include consideration of a culture of safety. This could likely be involved in a non-punitive portion of the QI program revision. Motion by Revelle and second by Bowen to include this item in the QI plan revision previously mentioned. Motion approved unanimously.	Inclusion in the revision of the QI program	Dr. Joe Holley	September 11, 2023 (CIC meeting)
Dr. Joe Holley	Feedback from Education Committee regarding Critical Care Paramedic vs. FP-C on Ground Ambulance	Education committee has not met with quorum to provide information. Air Ambulance Committee is also reviewing the requirements of FP-C and critical care paramedic with work on suggested revisions to air ambulance rules.	Awaiting official feedback from Initial Education Committee	Initial Education Committee	March 21, 2023 (Initial education committee meeting)
Dr. Joe Holley	RMCC	Request for some consistent definitions across the state regarding hospital diversion status nomenclature. Original intent of diversion was related to a full system failure vs. advisory of capacity. Director Ward reported this topic is frequently being discussed. Future proposal includes implementation of TACN network across the state for ambulances and hospitals. If implemented, this would require some rule changes regarding communication equipment and practices. Suggested			

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		reviewing requirements for calling reports to hospitals on interfacility transfers.			
Randy White	Epi for AEMT	An instructor update for ICs to present scope of practice change has been developed and presented which included changes to epinephrine. Have received feedback during the presentations to allow for AEMTs to administer epinephrine for hypotension and symptomatic bradycardia. Motion by White with second by Wilkinson to clarify that use of epinephrine 1:10,000 by AEMTs in Tennessee is for cardiac arrest only. Motion passed unanimously.	Report recommendation to Board of EMS	Dr. Joe Holley	EMS Board Meeting – March 22, 2023
Randy White	EMR and NPA	In National Scope of Practice, an EMR can place an oropharyngeal airway (OPA) but is unable to place a nasopharyngeal airway (NPA). Motion by White with second by Feike to create an approved clinical practice for placement of NPA by EMR. Discussion also included that some approved clinical practices are now involved in revised Scope of Practice. Suggestion by Director Ward to include a statement in those approved clinical practices that are now included in Scope of Practice. Motion passed unanimously.	Present Approved Clinical Practice	Dr. Joe Holley	EMS Board Meeting – March 22, 2023
Dr. Joe Holley	Stretcher vans to carry oxygen	Request to allow stretcher vans to carry oxygen to continue (not initiate) patient’s oxygen during transport. Motion by Booher, second by Nooner. Motion passed unanimously.	Report recommendation to Board of EMS	Dr. Joe Holley	EMS Board Meeting – March 22, 2023
Michael Revelle	Crockett County EMS	Request for Crockett County EMS to participate in a pilot program for blood product administration. Currently each service is being evaluated individually by the Board of EMS. Suggestion from Director Ward to discuss with Williamson County EMS necessary components of the program for presentation to the Board of EMS. Motion by White and second by Bowen for approval for Crockett	n/a	n/a	n/a

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		County EMS to present to the Board of EMS for establishment of pilot program for administration of blood products.			
	Old Business	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
	New Business	<p>Director Ward discussed a buckle lock device that requires a key to unlock the buckle after the patient is secured to the stretcher. Concerns have been raised regarding patient safety for extrication and legality of use for all patients. Motion by Feike with second by Wilkinson to consider Buckle Locks and similar devices as restraints and shall be used under current patient restraint guidelines. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Dwight Davis presented that an EMR service requested to carry and utilize Lucas® devices. The Lucas® device is not in current scope of practice for an EMR and would require an approved clinical practice. Motion by Revelle with second by Booher to allow Lucas® device to be initiated by EMRs with an approved clinical practice. Discussion included ability to address competence in placement and use and benefits of use of device vs. risk of complications. Scott Storey shared that he believed these devices were going to be limited to a small number of captain vehicles. Motion was revised by Revelle and second in agreement to allow for proposals of pilot program to the Board of EMS for use of Lucas® devices by EMRs agencies. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Director Ward updated on status of EMS Board. There is a bill filed to vacate board on June 30, 2023 and appoint a new board with a different structure on July 1, 2023. Bill is currently moving through</p>	Report recommendation to Board of EMS	Dr. Joe Holley	EMS Board Meeting – March 22, 2023
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		committees. Current legislation sunsets the EMS board on June 30, 2023.			
	Next Meeting	June 7, 2023, at 10am in Poplar Room	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Adjournment	Motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 1228.	n/a	n/a	n/a

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kevin Nooner. Minutes are not necessarily recorded in order of discussion.