

Southeastern Massachusetts Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc



Medical Advisory Committee Minutes November 16, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

AGENDA:

- 1.0 Call to order and approval of minutes:

- 2.0 Regional Medical Director's Report -
 - 2.1 Medical Services Committee – 10/8/2021
 - Old Business
 - a. 20 minute vent rule
 - i. History - MSC was worried that pt. was put quickly on transport vents for ITF, and was put incorrectly on vents. Problem was emergent transport situations. Intent was that if pt. was stable, that the 20-minute pause allowed safer IFT.
 - ii. Dr. Burstein proposed new proposed language in protocol.
 - iii. Dr. Weinhouse – in favor of waiting when changing to a transport ventilator, when pt. condition is stable for transport.
 - iv. Dr. Silver – agreed with “safety” pause
 - v. Dr. Schoenfeld – “right thing to do”
 - vi. No functional change in the language of the protocol. The intent is to reword the protocol to express the intent of the 20-minute vent rule.
 - vii. Add: Any vent change where the support is increased, restart 20 minutes
 - viii. Dr. Burstein to review the language and bring back to the next MSC meeting.

 - New Business
 - a. Push dose pressors as concept?
 - ix. Instead of drip pressors.
 - x. Based on sense of committee, will not pursue at this time.

 - b. Structured handoffs?
 - xi. Examples: MIST, EMS Time Out
 - xii. Regions I and IV have put out samples of handoffs.
 - xiii. Multiple members discussed this not being included in a protocol. However, the group discussed including this in the December meeting.
 - xiv. Looking into making 1.0 more robust to specify certain types of data.
 - xv. Dr. Burstein will review the language in 1.0 and attempt to update, to bring to the group.

 - 3.0 Old Business
 - 3.1 Updated Stroke Point of Entry – Discussion/Vote An updated Region V Stroke Point of Entry was presented. The Committee voted to approve the updated plan as presented and send to Regional Council for final vote.
 - 3.2 Updated Trauma Point of Entry – Discussion An updated Region V Trauma Point of Entry was presented. The Committee voted to approve the updated plan as presented

and send to Regional Council for final vote. To include anatomical/physiological changes and the language of solid organ injury. Dr. Old requested to bring it to the January meeting for further discussion on destination criteria

4.0 New Business

- 4.1 Heat stroke protocol review - changed/updates to current protocol. Patrick Lofgren presented a case for changes to the Massachusetts Hyperthermia Protocol. The committee is in favor to present the changes to the state Medical Services Committee as a protocol change.

2022 Medical Advisory Committee schedule –

January 18

March 15

May 17

Sept 20

Nov 15