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North Regional Trauma Coordinating Committee Face-to-Face Meeting #5

MERCY MEDICAL CENTER-REDDING
REDDING, CA

September 8, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 15:00 hours

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Welcome / Overview / Announcements (*D. Shatz, MD/K.Crain-Riddle,RN*)

- IFT Guidelines project: *Kara Davis, RN*
 - Power point presentation which reviewed the goals of our RTCC in development of the guidelines (ID those patients needing a higher level of care, to initiate the transfer within one hour and to save lives)
 - Review of laws governing transfers
 - Presented the different categories of patients possibly needing transfer (physiologic, those with co-morbid factors, neck/thoracic injuries, neurologic, abdominal, pelvic/urogenital, extremity and burn injuries) – giving examples of each.
- State of the State Address *D. Shatz, MD*
 - (Power Point presentation sent from EMSA)
 - Next STAC 9-15-14
 - Information from recent Trauma Summit can be found on EMSA's website
 - State Trauma Plan: On EMS Commission December agenda for approval
- Overview of Interesting Information related to our RTCC
 - Cervical Spine stabilization project: Medical Directors of various North RTCC LEMSAs meeting to develop protocol. Focus on *touching* the patient during exam rather than just looking at the patient. Reviewing products for spine stabilization.
- Chest Decompression
 - Same group of Medical Directors also looking at chest decompression. Recommend 3" catheters vs 2.5" catheters. Keep lateral approach.

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- Saline Locks (discussions beginning)
 - START vs SALT Triage (discussions beginning)
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11:00 a.m.

Organ Donation Presentation

- *CA Transplant Donor Network representatives*
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12:00 noon

Lunch

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12:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

- IFT/EMR/Telemedicine (Kara Davis)
 - Data/PI (Cheri White)
 - Repatriation (Carole Mennell)
 - Verification/System Evaluation (Christy Frecceri)
 - Prehospital Trauma (Lori Gallian, EMT-P)
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14:00

Committee Reports

- IFT/EMR/Telemedicine (Kara Davis)
-As noted above - presentation. Guidelines should be ready for production and distribution throughout the North RTCC
 - Data/PI (Cheri White-Judy Cline substitute)
 - Group reviewed Orange Book changes related to data/PI.
 - This group felt they needed a project to focus on:
 - ✚ Example: Spinal protocol: Look at how to categorize and report missed injuries. Recommendation to develop an on-line form or tool for hospitals to utilize. Involvement of LEMSA Medical Directors / Administrators?
 - ✚ Look at over-triage rates
 - Verification/System Evaluation (Christy Frecceri)
 - Group discussions/questions:
 - ✚ Who should be verifying agency?
 - ✚ What is the role of the LEMSA?
 - ✚ What is the LEMSAs experience with reviewing a trauma center?
 - ✚ How often should a trauma center be reviewed?
 - ✚ What about the cost of a review?
 - ✚ ACS is prescriptive now – TQIP
 - ✚ Review Title 22 requirements
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- ✚ Survey LEMSAs to see how the fees paid by hospitals are utilized
 - ✚ Should there be an extension on the time between reviews?
 - ✚ Does a trauma center HAVE to be ACS verified?

- Prehospital Trauma (Lori Gallian, EMT-P)

- Discussion on topics:
 - ✚ Fluid warmers: Encourage use
 - ✚ Pain management for trauma patient (development of subcommittee: Kristin Weivoda/Dave Magnino to look at data
 - ✚ SALT triage: Is there support for this? Some LEMSAs and EMDAC discussing.
- Group plan: Challenge everything regarding EMS trauma, then take to the Medical Directors of the RTCC for evaluation

14:45

New Business

- Future meeting dates suggestion *David Shatz, MD*
 - January / May / Sept 2015
 - Discussion of alternate meeting locations (Eureka? Ukiah?)
Further discussion at future meeting.

15:00

Adjourn
