

# **Performance Improvement Committees**

## **March 17, 2009**

**Conference Call Dial-in: 1-866-851-9754**

**Guest Code: 428049**

### **Agenda**

**General PI Committee: 10:30**

**WVEMS Roanoke Office**

1. Approval of minutes from September 24, 2008
2. Current PI Projects – General PI
  - a. Medical scene times for cardiac arrest patients
    - i. Reported data from OEMS
    - ii. Revised submission deadline from agencies
  - b. Identification of General PI projects for next four quarters
3. Current PI Project – System-wide
  - a. Online medical direction orders
    - i. Revised submission deadline from agencies
  - b. Identification of System-wide PI projects for next four quarters
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 17, 2009**  
**10:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance**

Charles Lane, MD	Regional Medical Director, Program Chair, Franklin County
Jack Edwards	Henry County
Jane Lindsey	Volunteer Pre-hospital Provider, Nurse, Salem City
Jason Ferguson	Botetourt County
Jim Cady	Craig County
LePonda Rivalte	PD-12 Hospital
Mike Jefferson	Danville City
Steve Allen	Patrick County
Debbie Akers	Staff – PI Coordinator
Gene Dalton	Guest

**Excused Absences**

Kris Shrader	Committee Co-Chair, Fire-based provider, Martinsville City
Bobby Baker	Hospital Preparedness Liaison, NSPA
Jason Gifford	Career EMS Provider, Radford City
Scott Davis	sedavis@carilion.com
Shawn Hite	Pulaski County
Rob Logan	Staff - Administration

To order: 10:37 AM

Debbie Akers welcomed all present and those on the conference call. Minutes from September 24, 2008, approved as distributed.

Projects: Current General PI project is looking at medical scene times for cardiac arrest patients. The time period being evaluated was October 1 – December 31, 2008. Information requested from OEMS was not useful and because of the loss of their biostatistician they are unable to fulfill our QI data reporting request. Discussion concerning the collection of data was held. We will now look at a time period from October 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009 evaluating the time a unit arrives on scene until they load the patient and begin transport to the hospital. Each member is responsible for collecting this data from their agencies. The field coordinators will be tasked with helping obtain this information also and making sure it is submitted to the representative of the PI Committee. The report date will be May 15, 2009 to Debbie so that numbers can be evaluated and available for the next PI Committee meeting.

Identification of General PI Projects for the next four quarters was discussed. They have been identified as follows:

1. Cardiac Arrest Saves – Time period – October 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009
  - a. Report Date will be May 15, 2009

2. Respiratory Distress – Time period – April 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009
  - a. Report Date will be August 15, 2009
3. Unidentified at present
4. King Airway Usage – will be discussed in further detail at next PI Committee Meeting

System-wide PI Project: Looking at what protocol changes may be required based on online medical direction requests. The agencies will be asked to identify for what reasons online medical control is being utilized to see if protocol changes could be implemented (for example, BLS requests for Albuterol). No data has been reported to date. Committee discussion and agreed that we will do a 3/01 – 3/31/2009 request to all agencies with a submission date of 4/15/2009 to look at what online orders are being required from medical direction.

Identification of System-wide PI Projects for the next four quarters was discussed. They have been identified as follows:

1. ALS vs. BLS care provided – Time period – April 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009
  - a. Report Date will be August 15, 2009
2. ALS on scene times for all calls – Time period July 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009
  - a. Report Date will be November 15, 2009
3. Stroke Alerts – Time period – October 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009
  - a. Report Date will be February 15, 2009

MIR Referrals: Debbie stated there has been 1 medical incident reported for review. This call is under review by the OMD for the agency and we are awaiting a disposition on this matter.

Other Business:

Dr. Lane arrived and discussed a new book series that is available that he feels all agencies should look at providing to their OMD. The book series is published by Kendall-Hurt and is called Evaluating and Improving Quality in EMS. Debbie to distribute this information to the OMD's.

No further business. Next meeting set for June 9, 2009 at 10:30.

Adjourned at 11:47 AM.

**Agenda**  
**Trauma PI Committee: 12:30**  
**WVEMS Roanoke Office**

1. Approval of minutes from last quarter
2. Current PI Projects – Trauma PI
  - a. Glasgow coma scale of <8 and patient not intubated
    - i. Submission deadlines from agencies
  - b. Identification of Trauma PI projects for next four quarters
3. MIR Referrals
4. Other business
5. Date for next committee meeting

**Trauma PI Committee**  
**March 17, 2009**  
**12:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance**

Charles Lane, MD	Regional Medical Director
Jane Lindsay, FNP	Volunteer Pre-hospital provider; Nurse, Salem City
Jason Ferguson	Botetourt County
Krista Henderson	QA Coordinator, Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital
Steve Allen	Patrick County
Debbie Akers	Staff – PI Coordinator
Gene Dalton	Guest

**Excused Absences**

Kris Shrader	Co-Chair, Fire-based provider, Martinsville City
Shawn Hite	Pulaski County
Bobby Baker	Hospital Preparedness Liaison, NSPA
Rob Logan	Staff – Administration

To order: 12:33 PM.

Chair Dr. Charles Lane welcomed all present and those by conference call. Minutes from September 24, 2008 approved as distributed.

Current PI Project: Glasgow coma scores of <8 and the patient not intubated. Debbie stated unable to obtain information from OEMS to assist in this project due to the loss of their biostatistician. Committee Discussed and decided, they will request from the agencies this data from 3/1/2009 through 5/31/2009 with a submission date of 6/09/2009 (our next meeting date) and it will include patients who have been managed with a supraglottic airway device as well.

PI Projects for the next four quarters. Discussion concerning what we need to evaluate. Decision for projects was:

1. Trauma Code Decompressions – Review dates – 3/01/2009 – 8/31/2009
  - a. Submission date – 9/15/2009
2. Adherence to Trauma Triage Plan – Review dates – 7/01/2009 – 10/31/2009
  - a. Submission date – 11/15/2009
3. Spinal Motion Rule-out – To be discussed in further detail in next couple of meetings.

MIR Referrals: Debbie stated one trauma related MIR had been referred recently and has been sent to the agency and OMD for review.

No further business. Next meeting will be June 9, 2009 at 12:30. Meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM.