

KCEMS RoundUp

Closing the Loop

Pediatric Intubation



As we are preparing for the the upcoming protocol rollout we have been made aware that there are questions regarding pediatric intubations. In the KCEMS system pediatric intubations are a *post medical control contact* order only. This protocol went into effect on April 17th, 2017 and can be found for your review at www.wmrmcc.org under the Procedure folder of the Kent County Protocols section.

Trauma Activations

Trauma initiatives are continuing to be reviewed and updated as new best practices are developed locally and nationwide. National studies are showing what many have suspected. Geriatric patients may be much sicker than they appear and are at a higher risk for severe injuries with low energy mechanisms. As part of that process all local trauma centers are revising their internal processes and asking for some general information to help prepare.

Please be prepared to provide the following information for all trauma patients either during an EMResource notification in the notes section or during a radio report:

1. Vital Signs
2. GCS reported by category (Eye, Motor, & Verbal)
3. Co-morbidities such as diabetes
4. Trauma to head and chest
5. Use of anticoagulants
6. Fall of greater than 10 feet



Narcotic Usage

Recently we have seen a couple of patients that have received prehospital pain management and have become hypotensive and hypoxic as they were being cared for in ED's. In looking into the occurrences, we have found that patients have been on other medications for chronic pain and the combination has potentiated the effect causing the unintended side effects. We are asking each provider to do their best to find out if their patients have any pain contracts in place and all the medications that our patients are on, understanding that several challenges may affect our ability. We will continue to see if there is anything that can be done system wide to improve your ability to assess, determine, and address our patient's pain.

MCI Plan Updates

Over the last two months there have been about 15 individuals meeting multiple times each month to look at the task books contained the MCI plan and simplify them to make them more usable for those actively managing the events. The group is comprised of field providers, field supervisors, agency management, dispatchers, and first responders. As the group has been working through the revisions a new idea quickly came up and has been added to group's work load, developing a field reference guide similar in size to the Mi-Medic cards. We are getting close to be able to push out draft versions so please keep an eye out and let us know what we can do to make them usable for you when you need them.

Protocol Rollouts

Just in case you have not heard..... There will be a major protocol update and rollout between May 1st and June 30th. Most of these rollouts will be coordinated by the individual agencies, however, we are also working on update documents for quick reference of the significant changes. More to follow!



Recognition Program

We are still encouraging submissions for the Recognition Program. The submissions can be entered through the Regional web site at www.wmrmcc.org under the Submit a Report tab on the top of the page (scroll down to the bottom of the list). Please consider submitting co-workers, system providers from Fire, EMS, & Hospital staff. The recognition categories are:

Dispatch Excellence
EMS Safety
Exceptional Patient Care
Leadership
Life Saving
Field Delivery
Provider of the Year

Until next time!!!!
