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TRAUMA MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 19, 2009

**Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy
Concord, New Hampshire**

Members Present: John Sutton, MD, Chair, Doreen Gilligan, RN, Laurie Latchaw, MD, Tony Maggio, EMT, Patt Sampson, RN, Cherie Holmes, MD,

Guests: Janet Houston, Mary Reidy, RN, Rick Murphy, MD, Amy Matthews, RN, Sue Barnard, RN, Norma Richardson, RN, Janet Williamson, EMTP, Donna Toohey, RN (by phone), Miguel Gaeta, MD, Mark Hastings, RN, Joni Spring, RN,

Bureau Staff: Clay Odell, RN, EMTP

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Trauma Medical Review Committee was called to order by Chairman John Sutton at 9:30 am on Wednesday August 19, 2009 at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy in Concord, NH. A quorum was present.

Item 1. Introductions: At Dr. Sutton's request attendees introduced themselves.

Item 2. Minutes: The minutes from the June 2009 meeting had been discussed via email by the TMRC members that were present at the meeting. Dr. Sutton asked if there were any errors that needed corrections. There were none. Minutes were approved.

II. Committee Discussion Items

Item 1. Air Medical Transport Utilization Review Clay reported that the AMTUR committee met last week. The group has reviewed 89 cases with one case still pending awaiting further documentation. The group felt that there were enough cases in the six month study to provide an accurate picture of the state of air medical transport in the state. The raw numbers of the 89 cases reviewed identified 38 cases that met NH protocol, 18 cases that did not meet NH protocol but met protocols used in other states and were judged reasonable by the members, and there were 33 cases that did not meet any protocol based on the available documentation. Clay emphasized that he would be generating a report on the study and both the AMTUR and TMRC would be presented with the report to determine if and what further action should be taken.

Dr. Latchaw asked if it was possible to do a study of undertriage of air medical scene resources. Clay said there was an attempt to do that a couple of years ago but it was very difficult to acquire the data. He offered to look into it again if the TMRC thought it would be useful.

Item 2. Imaging Guidelines Project Clay said that it has really been difficult to schedule a meeting that is amenable to the majority of the subcommittee members. Dr. Steven Birnbaum from Nashua is very interested in and would be a valuable addition to the effort. Unfortunately his availability is in the afternoons and the other members are not available for a face-to-face meeting in the afternoons. Clay met with Dr. Birnbaum yesterday and after discussing some technical issues with him Clay will try to schedule a teleconference. Clay is also recommending to the Trauma Conference planning committee that Dr. Birnbaum is interested in participating in a discussion of the imaging guidelines project at the Trauma Conference.

Item 3. Trauma Conference Planning Clay reported on the ongoing plans for the 2009 NH Trauma Conference. The date of November 18th has been confirmed. Clay distributed a tentative schedule for the day. He indicated which topics already had a speaker secured and asked attendees to look over the list and contact him if they had recommendations on speakers.

III. Old Business

Item 1. Pediatric Trauma Considerations The group picked up where they left off after the June meeting. Educational requirements for emergency physicians were discussed and resolved. The group also set the standards for pediatric subspecialties, emergency department capabilities and nursing education requirements, pediatric ICU and inpatient unit requirements, support and rehab services, pediatric triage, transfer and transport policies, and a list of required pediatric supplies and equipment.

Clay will incorporate today's decisions into the draft and submit it to the group for review before the next meeting.

IV. New Business

None

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Adjournment

Dr Sutton adjourned the meeting at 11:30. He advised the group that the next regular meeting of the Trauma Medical Review Committee will be Wednesday **October 21, 2009** at 9:30 a.m. at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy.

Respectfully submitted:

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