

## CLINICAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES

<b>Committee Minutes</b>	Clinical Issues Committee Meeting
<b>Date</b>	August 18, 2021
<b>Time</b>	10:00 am CST
<b>Location</b>	665 Mainstream Drive, Iris Room
<b>Participants</b>	Members present: Dr. Joe Holley, Hunter Earnest, Kevin Spratlin, Randy White, Brandon Ward, Dwight Davis, Jeffrey Feike, Keith Evans, Michael Revelle, Gary Ross, Mark Wilkinson, Lee Blair

<b>Overall Lead</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Summary / Decision</b>	<b>Assignments / Next Steps</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>
Dr. Joe Holley	<b>Roll Call</b>	The meeting was called to order by Dr. Holley at 1006. Dr. Holley conducted a roll call and a quorum was not present. Lee Blair and Dwight Davis were called to attend to meet the quorum number.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dr. Joe Holley	<b>Old Minutes</b>	Minutes were presented and elicited any feedback or corrections. Dwight and Lee arrived at 11:07 to have a quorum. Minutes approved.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dr. Joe Holley	<b>Off Load Protocol</b>	Continuing to have off-load delays, especially in West Tennessee/Memphis area. K. Spratlin shared experiences in Memphis with increasing concerns from some specific hospitals. Off-loads taking upwards of 6 hours which prohibits the EMS crews from responding 911. Some services are carrying lounge chairs to off-load patients in the ED's. Healthcare Facilities Board is aware of the concerns. EMTALA attorneys met with the EMS directors and PP Slides will be sent out to the members. Memphis Fire and AMR are involved in a trial to transport to alternative destinations through ET3 trials. Medicare only patients- transport to	Present at EMS Board meeting	Brandon Ward for Dr. Holley	n/a

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		either Traditional Hospital ED, Alternate destinations, or treatment in place			
Dr. Joe Holley	<b>Community Paramedicine</b>	Signed on March 15, 2020 and to date only St. Thomas program is currently being reviewed.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dr. Joe Holley	<b>Critical Care Paramedic wait times</b>	Currently requires 2yrs of experience before a NRP can take the CCP course and licensure. Greg Miller from Sumner EMS wants to decrease that wait time to 1yr for vent trained medics. This will be brought up at the educational committee, but Dwight and Kevin not in favor. Motion to vote on keeping at 2yrs was unanimously approved.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dr. Joe Holley	<b>Ambulance Equipment List</b>	Flashlight- Change to LED, currently states must be 4.5 volts or greater Discussed language around tourniquets- states must be commercial prepared. Concern was use of “rubber band” type of tourniquet like the “rat tourniquet” and how ineffective they are. Remove wooden spine board from language Single-pole traction device does not meet criteria for traction splint. Motion to send all above request to the board-approved	EMS Board	Dr. Joe Holley	Before next meeting
Dr. Joe Holley	<b>Changing THC Rules/Decriminalization</b>	General discussion of potential legalization of THC in Tennessee, as well as use of CBD, and the impact on EMS workers. Laws vary from state to state with legalization, with many of these states have laws restricting the recreational use for healthcare and childcare workers. Discussions around continued impairment on healthcare workers, specifically testing for THC by legislative rules, lack of qualitative test that is correlated to	Present discussion to EMS Board	Brandon Ward for Dr. Joe Holley	Next Meeting

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		<p>impairment, and how medical marijuana with a prescription would be managed as this would not be reported on a drug of abuse screen. Concern is how the rule is worded. It must exclude medical personnel from using in the wording of the rule.</p> <p>TNPAP will not monitor if they are using CBD oils. The Director of TNPAP will be at the next EMS board meeting to discuss.</p> <p>Motion to restrict HealthCare personnel is approved unanimously.</p>			
Dr. Joe Holley	<b>NG tube insertion</b>	NG tube insertion by paramedics is already included in the scope of practice.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lee Blair	<b>Pediatric Transport List</b>	COPEC and CPRC working groups. Updated and removed items that were already required. Will make medication section parallel to how the adult lists are by class instead of grouping all together.	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<b>Ultrasound Trial</b>	Ultrasound trail is ongoing. Expecting report in Fall 2021.	n/a	n/a	n/a
	<b>New Business: Next meeting</b>	Next meeting scheduled for December 1, 2021 in Iris Room. Members can currently email Brandon Ward for a proxy if unable to attend. Attendance for this meeting will not be counted against attendance requirements due to change from virtual to in-person meeting. Unable to provide a virtual participation in the committee meeting by strong recommendation by the Governor.			
	<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Holley at 1231.	n/a	n/a	n/a

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kevin Nooner.