

**Nassau Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee
REMAC Meeting Summary
October 7, 2009**

Physician Members	Present	Other Members	Present
Bernard Beckerman, M.D.	e	Tracy Abamont, EMT-CC	
Anthony Boutin, M.D.		Kenneth Adams, RN, EMT-P	X
J. Oreste Bruni, M.D.		Frank Chester, EMT-CC	X
Allen Cherson, D.O.	e	Robin Dunn, EMT-CC	X
Jorge L. Gardyn, M.D.		Sean Finnegan, RN, EMT-P	
Albert W. Heuser, M.D.	X	Scott Glazer, EMT-CC	X
Neil B. Kirschen, M.D.	X	John J. Hassett, EMT-CC	X
David S. Kugler, M.D.	e	Ernest Heeren, EMT-CC	X
Josh Kugler, M.D.	e	Judith Jax, R.N.	e
Audi Liametz, M.D.	e	Joseph Laino, EMT-CC	
John McNelis, M.D.		Steven Lenkofsky, EMT-P	E
Daniel Murphy, M.D.	e	David Linzer, RN, EMT-CC	X
John C. Rohe, M.D.	e	Paul Napoli, EMT-CC	
Gary Rudolph, M.D.		Doreen O'Grady, RN	
James Ryan, M.D.	X	Brian O'Neill, EMT-P	
Mark Safford, M.D.	X	Barry Rigney, RN, EMT-P	X
Grace Ting, M.D.	X	John F. Scalesi Jr., EMT-D	
John Zaso, M.D.		Eileen Scanlon, R.N.	
		Gerard Sikorski, EMT-P	X
		Jane Weiss, EMT-CC	X
Guests			
Victor Politi, M.D.	X	WCW	X
Tushar Kapoor	X	Richard Caminari	X
George Berry	X	Ed Mackin (Philips)	X
Alex Rubino	X	Ken Scalia (Philips)	X
Cpak Robinson	X	Scott Farber (G.E.Pickering)	X
Alan Schwalberg	X		

Call To Order

Call to order at 2:25PM by Dr Safford, Chairman.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve minutes of August 5, 2009, by N. Kirschen/J. Ryan – passed unanimously.

Correspondence

- In-coming:
- Dr. Stambouly – Request appointment to REMAC
 - Dr. Greensher, WUH – Support appointment of Dr. Stambouly
 - Mr. B. Cohn – Response to inquiry re: NCPD EAB request for info on OD patients.
 - Oceanside FD – Request to operate at the EMT-P level of care
- Out-going:
- Certified mail All Agencies & Medical Directors Involved
 - Reminder of September 7 deadline for Agency Medical Directors to be credentialed.
 - Certified mail Farmingdale FD, Island Park FD, NC Corr. Cntr., S. Hempstead FD – Notice of Suspension of ALS authority.
 - NCPD EAB – List of agencies suspended from ALS practice
 - NCPD EAB, Farmingdale FD, Island Park FD, S. Hempstead FD reinstatement of ALS authority

REPORTS

Chairman – (MS) –No formal report.

SEMAC – (JK) –

- JH gave a brief report and stated that the SEMAC did not have a quorum at their last meeting and could not conduct business, but did indicate a desire that Nassau make minor change to their Protocol III.A (see Unfinished Business).

Q.I. Subcommittee – (BB) –

- F. Chester reported that they are looking at respiration and airway for the next study and they are working with various agencies that have indicated a desire to use various e-PCR programs.

Protocol Subcommittee – (JR) – see attached.

Credentials Subcommittee – (DK) –

- JH reported that all agencies had finally complied and submitted the new medical director's packets but 3 agencies were suspended for a brief period before complying. He indicated that the NC Jail ALS-FR did not submit a packet but they have ceased operating as an ALS-FR provider. List of physicians whose credentialing needs to be approved will come up under Unfinished Business.
- **Policy Subcommittee – (NK)** – see attached.
- **Regional Trauma Advisory Committee – (JJ)** – no report submitted.

STEMI Subcommittee - (GT) –

- The protocol is with SEMAC and still waiting for final approval.

Uniform Application of Protocols TAG – (AC) – no report submitted.

Unfinished Business

- Credentialing of Agency Medical Directors, list from the Credentials Subcommittee to credential physicians as Nassau Agency Medical Directors was submitted - **motion** NK/JR to credential the following physicians: K. Apuzzo, R. Bagdonas, B.

- Beckerman, J. Bottner, A. Boutin, O. Bruni, A. Carlisi, A. Cherson, J. Gambino, J. Gardyn, M. Gilroy, J. Gorski, M. Haltrecht, P. Hunt, N. Kirschen, E. Kleiner, R. Miller, S.M. Rao, S. Ratner, M. Safford, J. Savasta, N. Sckolnick, P. Silver, J. Yelon – passed unanimously.
- NCPD EAB request for OD patient info. – legal interpretation that was received from the Councils attorney B. Cohn was read – it indicates that there are problems with gathering this information, it was the general consensus that this would not be done.
- Protocol III.A Respiratory Arrest/Agonal Respirations – SEMAC requested changes and a 2nd **motion** comes from the Protocol Subcommittee to make the following changes – delete in Standing Orders “if available” from step C and in step D delete “LMA (Laryngeal Mask Airway) or dual lumen device” and insert “alternate airway device” – passed unanimously.

New Business

- Recommend to the REMSCo the addition of Dr. Joseph Stambouly (WUH) to voting membership on the REMAC – **motion** by JR/GT – passed unanimously.
- Two 2nd **motions** come from the Policy Subcommittee to approve the following:
 - Trauma Notifications Advisory 09-10.3
 - Influenza Vaccination Advisory 09-10.2
 - Cyanokit Cache Advisory 09-10.1
 - Policy I.H Patient Transfer Guidelines – to make the following minor corrections: change title from “ALS to BLS Transfer Guidelines” to “Patient Transfer Guidelines” and add “who has established patient contract” in the 2nd paragraph, 1st sentence, after the word “scene”
Motions passed unanimously
- Oceanside FD – Request to operate at the EMT-P level of care – **motion** by NK/GT to approve Oceanside to operate at the EMT-P level of care – passed unanimously.
- Request was made to have pediatric protocol P-8 reviewed since it should indicate that blood glucometer reading should be obtained – Chair will refer the issue to Protocol Subcommittee for work.

Announcements

- Philips & Pickering representative will be providing a demonstration on CPAP after the meeting closes and this issue will be referred to the Protocol Subcommittee.

A **motion** to adjourn was made by N. Kirschen/G. Ting – Passed unanimously, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:51pm.

***** **Next Nassau REMAC Meeting Date** *****

Date: Wednesday, **December 2, 2009**

Time: 2:15 PM

Location: Auditorium – Nassau University Medical Center

**Nassau REMAC Policy Subcommittee
Meeting Summary – September 30, 2009**

Allen Cherson, M.D.	
Frank Chester	P
Sean Finnegan	P
Scott Glazer	e
John Hassett	P
Ernest Heeren	
Neil Kirschen, M.D., Chairman	P
Josh Kugler, M.D.	P
Daniel Murphy, M.D.	E
Mark Safford, M.D.	
Eileen Scanlon	P
Guests	

Dr. Kirschen called the meeting to order at 1340 hours.

Unfinished Business

- Policy I.U PALS to BLS Transfer Guidelines – Corrected title to Patient Transfer Guidelines and added “who has established patient contact” in the first sentence of the 2nd paragraph, **Motion** to recommend that the REMAC approve corrections – FC/JK – Unan.

New Business

- NYC Smoke Inhalation Protocol vs. our Cyanide Toxicity Protocol – Question raised if we should change title and should we have a smoke inhalation protocol – lengthy discussion – no change.
- Non-Emergency Mutual Aid – discussion on a draft Policy for non-emergent EMS mutual aid.- TABLED for draft work.

The Chair adjourned meeting adjourned at 11405 hours.

The next meeting of the Protocol Subcommittee will be:

**Wednesday, TBA at 2:15 PM
Nassau Regional EMS Council Conference Room**

**Nassau REMAC Protocol Subcommittee
Meeting Summary – September 30, 2009**

Dr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 1440 hours.

Present: Jim Ryan (Chair), Frank Chester, John Hassett, Josh Kugler, Mark Safford, Eileen Scanlon, Grace Ting.

Guests: Sean Finnegan.

Excused: Tracy Abamont, Bernard Beckerman, David Kugler, Scott Glazer,

Minutes of the May 27, 2009 were distributed **Motion** to approve the minutes – JK/FC – Unan.

Chairman –Nothing to report.

SEMAC – JK – Protocols could not be approved because the SEMAC did not have a quorum at the meeting. They did indicate that they wanted Protocol III.A changed, see Unfinished Business below.

Unfinished Business

- Changes to protocol III.A Respiratory Arrest/Agonal Respirations – SEMAC is requesting that we delete “if available” from step C and remove LMA or dual lumen device and add “alternative airway device” – **Motion** to recommend that the REMAC approve the changes to protocol III.A – JK/FC – Unan.

New Business

- Discussion on device known as the “ResQPod” which is an impedance threshold device.- recommend that the REMAC take the same position as with other devices, that technicians can use the device if properly trained.

Meeting adjourned at 1455 hours.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday – TBA at 2:30pm
Council Conference Room
Nassau University Medical Center