

**Emergency Medical Care Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
2995 McMillan Ave, Ste 178, San Luis Obispo**



**Members**

- CHAIR Jonathan Stornetta, Public Providers
- VICE CHAIR Dr. Brad Knox, Physicians

- Bob Neumann, Consumers
- Alexandra Kohler, Consumers
- Matt Bronson, City Government
- Chris Javine, Pre-Hospital Transport Providers
- Michael Talmadge, EMS Field Personnel
- Dr. Rachel May, Emergency Physicians
- Jay Wells, Sheriff's Department
- Julia Fogelson, Hospitals
- Diane Burkey, MICNs

**Ex Officio**

- Vince Pierucci, EMS Division Director
- Dr. Thomas Ronay, LEMSA Medical Director

**Staff**

- Rachel Oakley, EMS Coordinator
- David Goss, EMS Coordinator
- Ryan Rosander, EMS Coordinator
- Denise Yi, PHEP Program Manager
- Sara Schwall, Administrative Assistant

**Guests** – Tim Benes, CCHD; Rob Jenkins, CAL Fire; Natasha Lukasiewicz, FHD ED Director; Doug Weeda, CHP

AGENDA ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Meeting called to order at 08:30 AM
<b>Introductions</b>	
<b>Public Comment</b>	No comments
<b>Approval of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting Minutes –</b> Correct meeting location from virtual to in person	R. May Motions. B. Neumann 2nds. All present in favor.
<p><b>Staff Report for addition of Supraglottic Airway to approved policies and procedures:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of Procedure 718, with option for primary SGA use as an advanced airway following Endotracheal Intubation. Procedures 718 and 717 refer to each other depending on the condition of patient airway. 718 will allow i-Gel as an advanced airway.</li> <li>• Addition of Procedure 717 to include allowing ALS providers to abandon ETI attempts if SGA is a better option for the patient.</li> <li>• Protocol 602 will include reference to Procedures 717 and 718.</li> <li>• Addition of specific SGA sizes to Policy 205A EMS Equipment and Supply List.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p>J. Fogelson asks why pediatrics were not included.  D. Goss responds that there is not data collected at this time for pediatrics  M. Talmadge asks to clarify the language regarding a visualized attempt and how that relates to using SGA as a primary.  T. Ronay says that this procedure will also need to be addressed in training as well as in the writing.  D. Burkey asks what training will be involved.  D. Goss responds that SGA training will be a component of the annual EMS Update Class in April and May.  R. May agrees that the language surrounding “attempts” is confusing.  D. Goss responds that the procedure is open for interpretation by the provider. Many agencies are going with a more fluid approach, leaving the decision open for the patient’s best interest.  J. Wells says personally wouldn’t use a tube without a visual attempt and cautions against giving the freedom to use an SGA without at least attempting visualization.</p>	D. Goss

<p>M. Talmadge says he would have a tube in hand to intubate instead of an SGA being a primary, but a backup instead.</p> <p>D. Goss shares data from Sept.-Nov. 2022 of ETI attempts. In all, total success of ETI attempts was 22%, with 13% successful on the first try. Other counties have low ETI success but have SGA as backup.</p> <p>R. May suggests wave form capnography be made mandatory, not optional. If wave form capnography is less than 10, remove tube. R. May suggests also introducing post intubation sedation to SLO County.</p> <p>*would first go through clinical advisory committee.</p> <p>V. Pierucci says to use capnography and in the event of technical issues, fill out unusual event form.</p> <p>Recommendation for approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addition of ETCO2 required plus one additional “shall”</li> <li>• Add i-Gel to each SGA reference</li> <li>• Apneic O2 – nasal cannula added during airway assessment when available</li> <li>• Less than 10 on ETCO2 reassess and remove</li> </ul>	<p>Motion to approve: M. Talmadge 2<sup>nd</sup>: R. May All present in favor.</p>
<p><b>2023 Strategic Planning Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal to identify areas for collaboration with SLO County Behavioral Health in development of Alternative Destination policy.</li> <li>• Goal to identify how to incorporate resources for unhoused people into the local EMS system.</li> <li>• Identify areas for collaboration with SLO County Behavioral Health Drug and Alcohol in development of protocols for pre-hospital use of Buprenorphine</li> <li>• Collaboration with SLO County Fire Chiefs Association to implement PulsePoint</li> <li>• Develop guiding principles outlining Code of Ethics</li> </ul> <p>J. Wells says we need a forward, progressive approach to mental health. We are dealing with thousands of people that need access to physicians, psychiatrists all under one roof.</p> <p>T. Ronay updates on ongoing legislative efforts at the State level on amending/simplifying Alternate Care Destination requirements for LEMSA's. This endeavor could be transformational in directing BH and Sobriety patients directly to appropriate non-acute care hospital settings, and additionally improve APOT metrics.</p> <p>N. Lukasiewich says that there are many work groups at the hospital. A Smart Clearance group is starting to get patients cleared more quickly and effectively. EMS representation would be a great addition to these committees.</p> <p>D. Weeda says that this type of destination should be near a hospital in the event of transfer for medical care.</p> <p>J. Stornetta suggests letting everyone think over these proposed goals for the next meeting.</p>	<p>J. Stornetta / V. Pierucci</p>
<p><b>EMSA Staff Report:</b> We are introducing our new EMS Coordinator, Ryan Rosander overseeing trauma. The staff is excited to see all PCR's are now on one platform and we purchased a repository that we can easily use to collect system data and run reports.</p> <p><b>EMS Medical Director Report:</b></p>	<p>V. Pierucci</p> <p>T. Ronay</p>

<p>Thank you to everyone for the input on SGAs. This was a great conversation on alternate care destinations. Thank you to the providers during the recent storms and overcoming all the challenges that came along.</p> <p>J. Stornetta mentions that the presidential declaration was granted for 25/75 financial aid.</p> <p><b>PHEP Staff Report:</b> The last COVID testing site will be closing tomorrow. We are hosting a tabletop exercise next month on burn surge and are inviting OES, hospital and EMS partners to participate.</p>	<p>D. Yi</p>
<p><b>Announcements:</b> None</p>	
<p><b>Future Agenda Items:</b> Base Contact for post resuscitation bundles of care</p>	<p>R. May motions to adjourn. J. Wells 2nds. Meeting adjourned 10:40 AM</p>
<p><b>Next Regular Meeting</b> Next meeting will be held Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 08:30 AM at EMS Agency.</p>	