

**Mission Hospital Regional Medical Center  
Children's Hospital at Mission**

**Regional Paramedic Advisory Committee  
February 13, 2004**

**Base Hospital Physician Report: Rick Kozak, M.D.**

- Previous minutes approved and meeting called to order.

**OC EMS Report: Greg Boswell**

- Mandatories – The base coordinators have received the final copies of the mandatories and have started coming out at some of the facilities. (Tina) announced Mission Hospital's will be coming out in the middle of March.
- CPR – A change, it is now 2 minutes of CPR for a full arrest before the defibrillation, is has been found to be more effective. The only other time this would not be the case is if you witness the arrest.
- Sodium thiosulfate will be added as a field treatment for cyanide poisoning. This should be administered IV. Suggested dosages of 50 cc syringes to be made available.
- Levitra and Cialis are two new drugs being used a long with Viagra. However when assessing with these drugs the Levitra has the 24-hour interval to avoid nitroglycerin. The Cialis has a longer half-life and therefore a 48 caution will be observed with it.
- Pediatrics – New training will occur in Apparent Life-Threatening Events or ALTE. Also, changes in the pediatric protocols will be the introduction of the pediatric assessment triangle. These topics will be covered in the mandatories along with End-Tidal CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring.
- EMS Week – This will be coming up in May 16-22<sup>nd</sup>. It will once again be celebrated at the Anaheim stadium with a game an Angel game on the 22 against the Orioles. Once again as last a tailgate party is being planned as last year. It should be a lot of fun. There is an order form for tickets on the back of the EMS newsletter. We hope to even have a better turn out then last year. We hope you will all try to make out there and to the “: No Fear” conference, which Tina will be speaking more about later.
- Nomination for EMS recognition of outstanding Orange County EMS Personnel. Those people awarded will be recognized during the “No Fear” conference. Nominations forms are also attached to the back of the newsletter. Nominations of those you feel are deserving will be appreciated.
- New PCR Forms – They are out and being used and were put into effect as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. We are aware there are some difficulties with reading them and we have heard other concerns. We would like to suggest everyone take some time and get familiar with the forms. Over time we hope to fix some of these major issues, just give us some time to work these things out.
- 800 Mega Hertz Radios – Are all close being installed. The South County was the last to have the final installations. Pretty soon everyone should be live. One issue that has come up is not waiting for the tone. Some of the nurses are saying they are hearing the last 10<sup>th</sup> of a second of the first few words as some are not waiting for the tone. This just is a learning curb, where they may need to say something to the effect of, “are we clear” or “are we done here”. Hopefully this will improve over time and the radios will be beneficial for us all.

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- SARS – Within months after its emergence in China it spread on five continents. We are advising for everyone to keep abreast of this emerging infectious disease. Please read the updates provided. Utilize all the information and protection against this illness. In your assessments make sure to ask about recent travel should someone present the identified symptoms.

**Dr. Haynes**

- ETS committee is currently on hold and is re-constituted soon as they are working on some issues.
- We will also be working on the QI for ETCO2 monitoring and the 12- lead EKG
- **Q:** The new facility that Kaiser working on in Irvine, is that going to be a paramedic receiving center or will it be used for other things or do we know?  
**A:** As far as we know not to start with but it may evolve into that in the future. Dr. Haynes said he would look into this when he speaks with them on another subject and report back his findings.
- **Q:** In regards to the Irvine Kaiser facility, the emergency room physicians will all want to know what the plans are there too especially if being asked to transfer patients.  
**A:** EMS will definitely keep on top of this and notify of any information as it comes in. Also, most dealings with Kaiser have been very compliant and should not cause us any great concerns at this point.
- Tenet Hospitals – Currently Tenet has 4 hospitals up for sale. It is hard to predict and he has no insider knowledge of how this will go. However, they are monitoring the situation as it develops and does not foresee any particular problems. One of the questions has been what if West Med was to close down as a trauma center? He does not truly see this as being an urgent problem and again is not sure if this is even an issue. He commented all the sales of the Tenet hospitals have gone rather well in the past and he will keep everyone informed if any situations began to develop.
- **Q:** With MCI if there were 3 criticals, are we still running with one radioman?  
**A:** Basically you have the ability to use your best judgement on these cases. If you feel your resources are being taxed you can use the Multi-casualty plan.
- **Comment:** At the coordinators meeting they were told this would be going out as a policy and a lot of these types of questions will be answered.
- **A:** Yes, we are looking at this as being a policy in place however over the course of the next year we are looking to take suggestions and make improvements as needed.

**Base Hospital Coordinator's Report: Tina Heinemann, BHC**

- From the Base Coordinators – The emergency “No Fear” conference will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup>, which is the Friday at the end of EMS week. It will be held here at Mission Hospital. The title will be “the Young and the Restless” in conference rooms A, B and C. Among the speakers will be Dr. Lewkawa from UCI who will be lecturing on geriatrics and is a known dynamic presenter. Also, our Neuroscience Nurse Specialist will be presenting a case of local TBI patient. She will take us through the entire course of his event from beginning to present and hopefully have the patient here to speak as he is now at 100% and been able to go onto college. We are looking forward to hosting this event and hope everyone will be able to join us.

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- 800 Mega Hertz Radio – Mission's Base radio is in and training started on Monday. Tina will check and if 50% of the staff been trained she will notify OCC we can start receiving calls.
- The first quarter audit being done by the base coordinators will be looking at Adenosine. We will be looking at the 6 & 12 milligrams to see when they convert and rhythm changes. This will be a retrospective study.

**Base Hospital Physician Report: Rick Kozak, M.D.**

- MVI – The base physicians have been concerned about very little notification time. Also, with the current policy a trauma patient could slip into to a non-trauma center. Therefore, in an effort not to allow that, they want to combine the trauma criteria into the MCI plan. Dr. Kozak asked that everyone take back to there ER's that fact that they can be receiving these patients with very little notice and we need to triage the sickest patients to trauma centers. It would be important to plan ahead as we could be getting these types of situations any day and we should be prepared.
- Cardiac Centers – Base doctors are looking at cardiac receiving centers. Currently this is felt to be a misnomer as it implies that they are going to make a definition of what a cardiac receiving center would be. Although, this has been included that a definition would need to be written up, as to what a cardiac center would have. We currently have not gotten to that point with this yet. We are taking this slow right now and giving everyone a heads up that they are getting a acute MI suspected patient realize that literature is supporting these patients be taken to a hospital with a cath lab for a better outcome.

**Orange County Fire Authority: (Joe DeFort - not present) Tina Presented**

- If La Habra goes to LA County they will continue to use OC Protocols. This includes LACO PM's working OT in LA Habra.
- When responding to 914-C calls at Board & Cares, if the pt is under hospice care (and enrolled) we can clear the scene after doing our paperwork. Just leave the report with the caregivers for the Hospice nurse. No need to wait to see if Sheriffs or P.D. are going to show.
- Expect mandatories again in mid- April, to include;
  - A. AHA recommending 2 minutes of CPR prior to de-fib.
  - B. ALTI Treatment Guideline coming out
  - C. 12 Lead - ET CO2 - Pulse ox

**Trauma Services Report: (Connie Stalcup, TNC – not present) Tina Presented**

- Mission Hospital had a record year in 2003 with a count of 1047 trauma patients being seen.
- Connie is currently working with other trauma program mangers and have formed a group called TMAC (Trauma Managers Association of California)
- Also, she is working with other systems, counties and ACS in developing and surveying hospitals that are interested in becoming trauma centers.

**Mission Hospital: Robin Palmer, RN**

- We currently have 28 MICN's and will have an additional 6 new one's in two months.

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**San Clemente Hospital:      G. Daniel Hsieh, MD**

- No report

**South Coast:                  Joni Taylor, RN**

- FYI despite any roomer's there facility is not closing.
- 800 radio has been installed and training has not started as of yet.

**Saddleback Memorial:      John Horton, RN**

- Introduction of the ER manager, Elisa DeLeon, RN and a welcome was extended
- The new 800 radio has been installed and training will begin next Tuesday
- The disaster drill was very positive. We received 29 victims and he went very well.

**Irvine Medical Center:      FJ Madding MD**

- For the disaster drill they received 27 patients and it was a good experience.
- 800-mega hertz radio is up and going well and communications are good.

**Orange County Fire Authority:**

- No comments

**Mercy Air:      Frank Torres & Aaron Oshima**

- Staffing is good.
- If you feel you potentially need our services we would rather go ahead and launch. If you need to cancel we would rather have the head start and cancel if needed.
- In servicing of staff for safety around the helicopter is always open to any of you as needed. We will review the requirements and do questions and answers. We also offer continuing education credits. Just give us a call and we would be glad to set something up for you.

**Doctor's Ambulance:      Phil Robinson**

- Participated in MCI drill and followed protocol and it was a good learning experience.

**INSERVICE TO FOLLOW:** – Topic: Decompression Sickness - Bill Maley, RN, MICN

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**Rick Kozak, MD**  
**Base Hospital Director**

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**Tina Heinemann, RN**  
**Prehospital Care Coordinator**

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