

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

**Regional Paramedic Advisory Committee  
August 15, 2003**

**Old Business: Rick Kozak, M.D.**

- Review of the issue with Hyperberic Treatment Guidelines – Dr. Haynes noted there is a draft of new guidelines for hyperberic treatment that was sent out when West Med closed. He also concluded that use of Catalina and UC San Diego was fine to utilize as needed. Greg is looking at another hospital that is closer and will speak more on that when he has more information and see if they are interested.
- Last R-PAC Minutes approved

**Prehospital Care Coordinator's Report: Paul Werning, RN (Acting PCC)  
T. Heinemann on MLOA**

- The PCC's have completed a second quarter audit of the ALS No Contact that data is still pending. Current audit for the third quarter will be concerning CHF treatment and when Albuterol was used in the course of treatment and they will be collecting data on that. Also, the Fire Chiefs CQI report on pain that was covered not to far back. It was noted that 75% of the ALS calls documented a pain assessment scale and only 20% were documenting the assessment scale BLS calls. There was discussion on continuing education on that.
- Diversion Policy at Mission - Robin Palmer, ER Nurse Manager  
Mission Hospital has struggled along with every other hospital in South Orange County with the issue of maximum capacity with patients causing diversion status. We have been looking at solutions for this for some time. We had 260 diversion hours in June, 45 hours July and to date 10 hours for this month. This tells us the policy we have in place is working. Robin offered copies to anyone that was interested. In describing the policy she explained we have taken diversion and made it a hospital situation. This policy involves everyone in the hospital. As the ER starts to get saturated we go on a code diversion to prevent us from actually going down. This allows everyone to assess what is going on in all the areas. This has been very successful as indicated by the hours presented. Robin went on to explain the members who respond and the policy in further detail. The fact that it is multidisciplinary has certainly helped and we feel is very revolutionary for this issue that affects all hospitals.
  - Dr. Haynes (comment) – We (EMSA) are aware of the tremendous efforts of everyone in South Orange County. Also, the county will be sending a letter to the CEO at Mission to acknowledge your policy and efforts.

**Base Hospital Physician Report: Rick Kozak, MD**

- Accessing Patient preferred hospitals – It should be easier now for us to get patients in the pre-hospital phase to the hospital they want or should go to. With having less and less diversion hours this will enable us to do that. There was a study done in San Diego where as diversion hours decreased with efforts to try to get patients to their primary hospital. We are looking at trying to do this a little more often. It may mean some units are out of the stations a little longer and it also means less impact on the system in the long run. Efforts on this will be appreciated.

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- Donation of Equipment – If anyone has any connections to help Mission Hospital in the sponsoring a small city in Mexico. They were able to get defibrillators, some hospital equipment, bandages, and they now have a clinic and an ambulance. We are looking to fire agencies for a way of getting used equipment such items as turnouts. Items that might normally get thrown away. Contact Dr. Kozak if you have some items and they would like to send it with the next supply of items going out.

**Orange County Fire Authority: Joe DeFort**

- Not Present – Agenda topics listed for discussion was home hospitals and a letter from Dr. Haynes. However, Dr. Kozak did discuss this topic.

**Trauma Services Report: Connie Stalcup, TNC**

- Increase in trauma is staying steady. A reported 102 traumas for last month (July) as we averaged about 60 for many years and this is a true increase for our hospital. Be patient with us you may see a tired team when you come once in a while in but we are doing a good job.
- TBI Education - In the future over the next couple of months we are starting a TBI program. We will ask trauma centers that would apply free education in regards to treatment of traumatic brain injury. As most of you know to bring head injury patients here as we have become quite good at treatment and outcomes of our head trauma patients. One of the families has donated a large sum of money for us to go out and educate other centers. This program should kick off in about two months.

**Mission Hospital: Mark Sevilla**

- No Report

**San Clemente Hospital:**

- Not Present

**South Coast:**

- Not Present (called to be excused)

**Saddleback Memorial: Dr. Marks**

- Interested in reviewing and discussing the Diversion Policy that Mission Hospital has instituted.

**Irvine Medical Center: FJ Madding MD**

- Commented and discussed they are also interested in the Diversion Policy

**OC EMS Report: Greg Boswell**

- Small Pox Vaccination – We are looking at a post exposure plan. This would mean vaccinating all the employees within a 72- hour time frame for a confirmed exposure. We working with the hospitals, fire and ambulance to come up a vaccination plan. We will be sending out a letter with a “how to” type of form.
- Bio-terrorism – The invoices for the grant money have already gone out. We expect the money to be distributed to the hospitals sometime this month or in September.

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• **OC EMS Report: (continued)**

- CDC grant for suits and defibrillators. They are working on a distribution plan and dividing the supplies purchased with this grant.
- The California Paramedic Institute – Has now opened a training center. We are in the process of evaluating them for their training and credentialing them for the future.
- Saddleback is in process of going through accreditation by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004. Appreciate them being helped out if anyone gets request from them for data or information to be supplied. The completion of the accreditation will effect the paramedics who graduated from there in regards to state licensing and the accreditation going through.
- Trauma Funds – The funds have been distributed and should be coming soon. It was a total of about 1.8 million dollars. That money was distributed based on the number of patients seen at each hospital to support the trauma system.
- There is a new PCR form that is being worked on for the OC fire. Some may have seen it training will be starting in October. Orange County fire wants to get started soon and it is at printers' for final revisions. If any have seen the Huntington Beach medic forms it is very similar.
- 800 mega-hertz radios for the hospitals have arrived. In the process of getting them logged in and to the Sheriffs department for programming. Then we will start putting them in the hospitals. We are reworking some of the funding as is running closer to a cost of five-thousand dollars per hospital.
- Dr. Haynes
  - Cyanide antidote – distribution amount is being determined. We are approaching each hospital.
  - UCI had it's review as a trauma center and has been redesigned for three years

**Mercy Air: Frank Torres**

- Asked if anyone present from Laguna Beach fire (no response). They have had a couple of calls from their where they were unable to raise from the air. I think it was a programming issue so while this is getting checked out you can raise us or ask questions on 5-echo or 5-?
- If any of the hospitals here or the prehospital departments would like an inservice or any type of presentation I am the person to contact for that at (909) 841-2820. We also have a ride-along program and I encourage you to come along with us and again I am the person to contact for that. Thank you to everyone appreciation for all your support.

**Doctors Ambulance: Phil Robinson**

- No Report

**AMR Ambulance: Robert Coster**

- Not present

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**OCC:**

- 800 mega-hertz radio they have produced a training video for fire on how it will be used to contact the emergency departments and give report.

**CME Associates:                      **Pamela Foster****

- Gave information on event coming up in October (hand-out). *Unclear on tape*

**INSERVICE TO FOLLOW:** Mary Kay Bader, RN, MSN – Topic: TBI Case Studies

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

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

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