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MIDSTATE INFORMATION & Important Dates

2007 Midstate Awards Banquet
Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club
May 16, 2008
It is not too early to send in your 2007 award nominations. Go to the NYS DOH website: http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/ems/main.htm for all the award criteria and an application. Nominations must be in our office no later than April 30, Regional winners will be submitted to the NYS DOH for consideration for the state awards.

Midstate EMS
Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare
2521 Sunset Ave
Utica, NY 13502
What is going on?

The State Emergency Medical Services Council (SEMSCO) in Albany on Dec 11&12. Here are some of the issues discussed of local interest.

- Waveform Capnography will be mandatory for all intubated non arrested patients by Jan 1 2009.
- A letter of support will be sent to the Commissioner of Health in support of allowing the Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) form by EMS Providers.
- The Department Of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services has received notification from NYS Supreme Court it has dismissed the City of Utica’s action against the DOH and Midstate REMSCO. The city must proceed with its application to continue ambulance service.
- All SEMSCO Committees have included EMS safety in every plan, policy or discussion, the plan statewide is to institute a “culture of safety” a special committee is looking at MVA’s, provider restraint systems, Priority Dispatch, moving and lifting injuries as well as provider fatigue.
- Regions, Program Agencies and the Bureau are reviewing electronic PCR systems.
- During the months of March, April & May 2008 the Air Medical TAG will be looking at helicopter utilizations statewide.
- Statewide the Hospital Oversight Committee is looking at hospital overcrowding resulting in slow turnaround times for EMS.

EMPLOYED MEDICAL DISPATCH RESPONSE

Midstate EMS Agencies will soon receive priority response information when dispatched to a medical emergency. The EMD dispatcher will include a recommended response with each EMS call, information obtained from the caller is used to provide; pre-arrival instructions (as needed), and type of response. Priority One requires a rapid response (either a life threat or unknown situation) a Priority Two will indicate no life threat is present and a normal traffic response is indicated. EMD trained dispatchers using a Midstate REMAC Approved EMD program will use “flip cards” to instruct callers prior to EMS arrival and update responders as additional information about the call becomes available. Dr. DeTraglia believes this will allow for safer EMS responses without impacting patient care and fits into the “culture of safety”, both the SEMAC and DOH are attempting to create in New York State.

NYS Ambulance Crashes

Hudson Valley EMS providers mourn the loss of a young EMT killed last month while in the back of an ambulance that hit a tree.
A North Country Ambulance crash killed the patient and has left the EMT in serious condition.

HELP US!

At any given time there are many interesting and important things happening in our world of EMS. We often hear from you “I did not know that was going on”. We are always looking for ways to get the message out to the Providers. We use the Midstate web site, this newsletter, County and CQI meetings and Web casting of the REMSCO and REMAC meetings as a forum. We would like to email the information including this newsletter to anyone who sends us their e mail address. Just sign up at the website midstateems.org

EMT Up Coming Classes

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Register online @ midstateems.org or call
Linda 624-4539

3rd Quarter 2007 NYS PAD Stats

\- 4,592 Agencies
\- 46 Defibrillated
\- 20,534 AED Units
\- 149,000 Trained Providers
\- 5 Discharged Patients
REMAC NEWS
The REMAC is responsible for the pre-hospital care provided in the Midstate Region.
The Midstate Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee discussed the use of C-PAP in the pre-hospital setting at the November 27, meeting. The REMAC Protocol Committee will review the use of C-PAP and report at the January Meeting. At the same meeting the REMAC has approved the use of QuikClot to control traumatic bleeding. (see Midstate Policy 07-02). This product is not required and may be used by both BLS and ALS Agencies. Fentenal has been approved for pre-hospital use of pain management by the SEMAC, pending local REMAC approval, this has been sent to the protocol committee for review as well.

NYS TAX CREDIT
Volunteer Firefighters and EMS Providers may be eligible for a NYS Income Tax credit, use form IT-245 when filing your 2007 NYS income taxes.

Midstate RESOURCE Report
Sept & Oct 07
- 5,712 Calls
- 2,603 ALS
- 184 941/955’s (Involuntary MHL’s)
- 154 941’s transported by EMS
- 30 941’s transported by Law Enforcement

Monthly CPR Classes
American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR is offered the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at the Faxton-St. Luke’s EMS Training Center; Classes start at 6PM register online or call Dave Ronan at 624-4508.

SAVE THE DATE!
Midstate EMS Banquet May 16 ~ Twin Ponds Golf Country Club
America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk ~ March 8.
St. Elizabeth Trauma Service TRAUMA DAY ~ June 6
Boilermaker Road Race ~ July 13
The Midstate REMSCO and Faxton - St. Luke's EMS Program Agency have collaborated with the CNY EMS, North Country, Susquehanna, Finger Lakes and Monroe Livingston Programs to produce a EMS web site intended to provide information and education to the providers in our regions. Midstate Providers are encouraged to visit, watch the video or slide show, download and complete the CME exam and fax it to Chris at 315 738-8981 for Continuing Education Credit (CME’s). Chris will email or fax you a completion certificate and credit the CME’s to you. Currently two programs are available; EMS-CQI a web cast of NYS Operations Director Lee Burns discussing Quality Assurance and EMS, the second is a Power Point presentation on Ambulance Safety (in keeping with the EMS Culture of Safety).

### ALS INTERCEPT STUDY COMPLETE

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<th>October 28 - November 11, 2007</th>
<th>Total EMS Responses</th>
<th>ALS Intercepts</th>
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<td>Madison Co.</td>
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**Call Type:**
- Illness: 94%
- Injury: 6%

**Time of Day:**
- 0000-0600: 33%
- 0601-1200: 40%
- 1201-1800: 11%
- 1801-2359: 10%

**Intercept Location:**
- On Scene: 44%
- En-route: 39%
- Cancelled: 16%

**Day of Week:**
- Sunday: 16%
- Monday: 11%
- Tuesday: 22%
- Wednesday: 5.5%
- Thursday: 36%
- Friday: 36%
- Saturday: 5.5%

**Chief Complaint (Patient):**
- Breathing Problem: 33%
- Allergic Reaction: 22%
- Chest Pain: 11%
- Dizzy/Weak: 11%
- Pain: 11%
- Seizure: 5.5%
- No Info: 5.5%

**Patient Outcomes:**
- Admit: 36%
- Transfer: 5.5%
- Treat/Release: 36%
- No Info: 33%

**Destinations:**
- Community Memorial: 9%
- Little Falls: 9%
- Faxon-St. Luke’s: 22%
- SUNY-Upstate: 5.5%
- St. Elizabeth: 29%
- Basset: 5.5%

**ALS Interventions Performed**
- I.V.: 72%
- Cardiac Monitor: 63%
- Blood Sugar: 27%
- Medication Adm.: 36%

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The City of Utica began operating ambulances under a municipal Certificate Of Need (CON) requested in 2005. In January of 2007, the City applied to the Midstate REMSCO for certification. After the application was submitted “The City of Utica argued that Public Health Law (PHL) does not contain any requirement that a municipality ambulance service submit to a public need determination after the initial two years of operation. the case brought against RICHARD DAINES, M.D. NYSDOH, and the Midstate REMSCO was reviewed by New York State Supreme Court Judge Roger D. McDonough who made a determination in favor of the DOH and Midstate REMSCO. The process of obtaining the certificate of need, including a public need determination will continue.

The Dual Lumen Airway is a good back up device for those occasions when endotracheal tube placement is not possible. When placed so the distal tube is in the posterior pharynx. Air enters the trachea because the inflate cuffs do not allow it to go anywhere else. This tube should not be used for administration of meds because they will land in the posterior pharynx and not directly into the lungs for absorption.