

Tales from Bales of Eagles E-Mails 2018



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Dr Augustine Hard at Work Wishes he Could be Here



What Questions do Ask each Other?

Medical Directors

- » How can we Improve Patient Care?
- » How can we Make the Life of our Personnel Better?
- » What are we doing to prepare for future?
- » How/when to implement new technology
- » *How to Provide Better Medical Direction*



The Eagles sharing Process

- » How many EMS Leaders share
- » Quick Questions, Short Answers
- » Attach a document if needed
- » Email thread is consolidated and return to group
- » Discussion follows on hot issues
- » Some get assigned for Eagles paper
- » A "Regional Eagles" sharing of information is used for Opioid, drug short, and other programs



Eagles Web Exchanges 2018 to 2019

70 Discussions

- » How do Eagles contribute?
 - > 95 members across the globe
 - > 73 metropolitan areas and organizations
 - > Overseeing 537 agencies, and 146K EMS providers
 - > Serving population of 119M
 - > 18M EMS responses or 134/1000 population



Eagles Web Exchanges 2018 to 2019

70 Discussions

» How do Eagles contribute?

- > 95 members across the globe

- > In the US

 - + 63 metropolitan areas and organizations

 - + Overseeing 507 agencies, and 132K EMS providers

 - + Serving population of 82M

 - + 13M EMS responses or 137/1000 population



Eagles Statement on Opiates

- » Will be published
- » Reflects that overdose deaths have surpassed vehicle deaths in the US

More Options
More Communication
More Patient Focus



Products for Patients

- » TXA for trauma patients in 12% of agencies
- » IV fluids for trauma is almost always based on BP of 90 or palpable radial pulse
- » Rare use of blood products in ground EMS units

Medications for Patients



- » Shortage list still 106 lines long
- » IV Fluid shortages have mostly been alleviated
- » Prices up significantly



Glucagon administration by (Basic) EMT's



- » Has been raised as an ADA issue
- » Not routine in any system
- » Glucagon prices very high
- » Significant side effects a concern for EMT use

**States have got to provide
supportive environment and
regulations**

Drill and Fill with D10



Policies and Protocols



- » Service Animal policies are coming into use in more systems
- » Incident Rehab protocols are becoming more prevalent and consistent
- » Cancer risk for Ffers more concerning, with new policies being implemented
- » Palliative care protocols in place in about 25% of agencies
- » Stroke Scales all over the place



Transport, Nontransport, and Hospital Interface



- » Trauma "on scene" timeclock starts on arrival of EMS unit at the scene
- » Dockless Scooters (eScooters) are rapidly becoming a problem (helmets are optional)
- » Patient Care Report connections to hospital are still an issue



MPDS Distribution

» Distributions
are very
similar across
metro areas

Omega	Alpha	Bravo	Charlie	Delta	Echo
1%	19%	27%	20%	27%	1%
0%	26%	38%	17%	18%	1%
1%	31%	21%	27%	20%	1%
1%	24%	22%	23%	28%	1%
1%	18%	16%	25%	36%	4%
1%	28%	9%	26%	35%	2%
1%	22%	15%	22%	38%	3%
1%	19%	16%	20%	32%	9%
2%	15%	31%	22%	25%	1%
1%	4%	32%	20%	42%	1%
3%	20%	28%	22%	26%	1%
1%	18%	30%	19%	30%	2%
5%	1%				
5%	2%				
5%	1%				
4%	21%	25%	21%	27%	3%
1%	20%	15%	27%	35%	2%
1%	23%	15%	26%	31%	4%
1%	20%	22%	22%	31%	1%



Sharing Best Practices is a Great Practice

