Tales from Bales of Eagles E-Mails 2018

Ken Scheppke on Behalf of our Eagles Librarian and Scholar, Dr James Augustine
Dr Augustine
Dr Augustine Hard at Work
Wishes he Could be Here
What Questions do Ask each Other?

» 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
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
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
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
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.

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