

Tales from Bales of Eagles E-Mails 2016



What Questions do Ask each Other?

Medical Directors

- » How can we Improve Care?
- » How can we Make the Life of our Personnel Better?
- » What are Best Use of Products, Medications, Policies, and Community Resources?
- » How to make decisions ahead of the literature?
- » *How to Provide Better Medical Direction*



The Eagles sharing Process

- » How many EMS Leaders share
- » Discipline set a while ago
- » 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 presentation, or paper



Eagles Web Exchanges 2015 to 2016

70 Discussions

» Patient Specific Issues

- > Managing Patients with Defibrillator Vests on
- > Removing Athletic Equipment - EMT's or Athletic Trainers
- > Managing Patients with Resistant Infection
- > Use of the AED in Trauma Arrests
- > Managing Cardiac Arrest in Near-Gravid Females
- > Pediatric Intubation and Backup Devices

No Agreement on What "Peds" Is
BVM is Most Used Airway Mgt
Some Use of ETI
Some use of SGA's
No Single Product Predominant

Medications for Patients



- » Controlled Substances - Use, Storage, Diversion
- » Narcan, Ketamine
- » Adenosine
- » Amiodarone
- » Hydroxocobalamin - \$\$\$
- » Glucagon for Overdose

Glucagon still on Rigs
Cost is at least \$250 in US. 14 Euro
in London, \$23 in New Zealand
Too Expensive to carry enough for OD's
Used about 1 time per 1,000 Runs



Policies to Improve Practice



- » Quality Improvement
- » Performance Measures
- » Text Receiving at 911 Centers - Coming
- » Use of Checklists for Tubes, RSI, and other Medical Protocols
- » Minimum Staffing

One Paramedic to Define an ALS Response
One or Two PM's if ALS Transport to Hospital
More Paramedics in many Jurisdictions

Transportation Practices



- » Trauma, Burns, OB Patients, and Strokes
- » Hospital Diversion and Offload Times
- » Charges for Non-Transports
- » Law Enforcement in the Ambulance
- » Use of Patient Name and DOB in EMS Communication with Hospital

Over a Cell Phone, not a Radio
Need old Records
More Professionalism
Better Care for Select Patients

What Tools, Products, and Devices are Beneficial?

- » Tourniquets
- » CPR Devices
- » BVM Devices - Peds to Reduce Volumes?
- » Pelvic Immobilization Devices
- » Needle Decompression
- » Pt Restraint Devices
- » End Tidal CO₂
- » CPAP

More Products
More Comfort
More Providers - BLS, Engines
Less Oxygen
No Single Product Predominant



What Training will Improve the System?



- » Online Training Systems
- » Training for Tactical EMS
- » Crisis Intervention Training
- » Merit Badges for EMT's
- » Requirements for EMS Training Officers
- » Violence Prevention for EMS Protection
- » "Familiar Faces" (Case Management)



Major Incident Management

- » Large Event EMS
- » Taking care of the Pope
- » How is Classified Information Shared with EMS Providers
- » Active Shooter Programs

More Products
More Discussion about EMS
Protection
More Providers at Risk
Much more Joint Training and
Planning



Sharing Best Practices is a Great Practice

