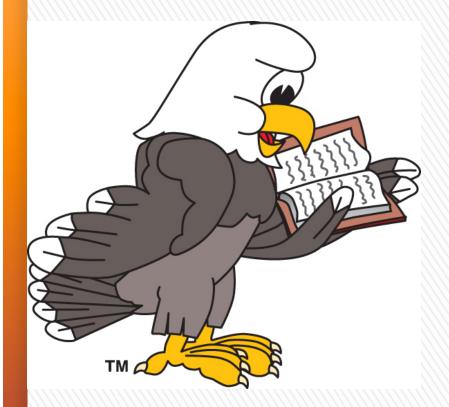
# Tales from Bales of Eagles E-Mails 2016





### What Questions do 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 » Patient Specific Issues

#### 70 Discussions

- > 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

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

» Hydroxocobalamin - \$\$\$
» Glucagon for Overdose

## 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

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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

