

ePCR Workgroup 11/18

November 18, 2021

ATTENDEES

Nick Ritchey - REMSA, Evelyn Pham - REMSA, Sean Hakam – REMSA, Stephani Harrington – REMSA, Leslie Duke – REMSA, Bryan Hanley – REMSA, Catherine Farrokhi – REMSA, Scott Philipbar – Cal Fire, Daniel Martinez – Mission Ambulance, Holly Anderson – Cal Fire, Donald Beresford – Soboba Fire , Richard Blumel – AMR, Jennifer Antonucci – Murrieta Fire, Justin Vanderhulst – Pechanga Fire, Justin Vondriska – Cathedral City, Noelle Toering – Riverside City Fire, Joseph Contreras – Calgary, Andrew McGee – Cal Fire, Roger Salmo – Soboba Fire, Mike Chedester – Soboba Fire

Agenda

I. Call to Order/Introductions

- Any action items presented here, REMSA will accept as approval of the group who attend the meeting
- Meetings will be held via Microsoft TEAMS for the foreseeable future. All meetings will also be recorded.

II. REMSA Policy #7701

- REMSA Policy #7701 – Patient Care Record (Administrative Policy)
- The policy, following the requirements of the amended Title 22 regulations, went into effect
- Nick reviewed the guidelines of the policy, which states an ePCR must be initiated by each EMS provider, for every EMS response, regardless of patient disposition
- Fire agencies voiced their apprehension on extra documentation and workload if they only assist, and already record it in their fire report, why do they have to document again in the ePCR
- The purpose of creating an ePCR for all responses is more so to protect the agency and crew if incase a legality case comes from the incident
- The fire agencies brought up integrating NIFIRS to the ePCR would be more ideal solution for this, however there is currently no bridge for these two platforms
- REMSA will discuss with ImageTrend for an improvement to bridge both NIFIRS and ePCR

III. Identified Issues and System Updates

- Zoll Cloud Developer kit for translation some errors
 - Zoll is having some problems with their software development kit, a defect that is not getting all of the entries for vital signs
 - This should be resolved by the end of the year
- Zoll import of Sync Cardioversion coming across as defibrillation still
 - This should also be resolved by the end of the year
- RHeaRT Power Tools in Library issue
 - Not all tools have downloaded for liability
 - If any crew members run across this error, please contact REMSA to help resolve this

New requested Items

IV. Change Requests

- eDisposition.12 addition for Apparatus on scene first immediately transferring care
 - Added a disposition – no assessment, care transferred to another EMS unit (drop down selection option)
 - If a crew arrives on scene and has no contact with the patient, they can fill out this disposition
 - Disposition panel #18, change the definition, specifically to man-power and equipment
 - It is an architecture problem/system limitation with ImageTrend, since they are incident based vs patient based
 - REMSA will propose the idea to ImageTrend to use patient centered record, instead of by incident

V. Round Table

- Mechanism Panel still being reworked for Policy 5301
 - To match Level 1, 2, 3 and 4 Trauma Center
 - A notification will be sent out once this panel is available
- +EMS Updates
 - Riverside County is looking to expand this with new funding options, as it is being discussed, the decision will come sometime end of the year

Cal Fire, Holly requested adding separate selection for LLUMC ER and LLUMC Children's Hospital. The Children's hospital is officially split from the main ER. Nick will discuss this with the State first since they initiate the facility codes, and see if they will treat them as 2 separate facilities.

Pechanga Fire, Justin Vanderhulst requested to be notified when the RHeaRT powertool is complete

Cathedral City Fire, Justin Vondriska requested for stroke scale, when primary impression is traumatic, and secondary is altered from the trauma, can they bypass the stroke scale. Nick will take a look at the validation rules for this to see if we can go around this for traumatic injuries.

ePCR workgroup approved to cancel the December 16th, 2021 meeting and will continue to meet virtually in 2022.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 20th, 2022 at 13:00 via Microsoft TEAMS.