

Synopsis of proceedings of JRCALC Committee Meeting held on 1 November 2001 at The Royal College of Physicians, London.

- 1) Chairman welcomed new Committee members: Dr Sajjanhaar as RCPCH representative and Dr Mehta as pharmacy representative
- 2) Matters arising from meeting held on 12 July 2001: *DoH Support*. A non-recurrent sum of money to assist with costs (MINAP, staff salaries) of the NSF CHD audit has now been promised. Meetings to seek further support from DoH arranged.
- 3) Reports from Executive Committee: i) Dr D Mehta (BNF pharmacist) had been nominated as observer to the main JRCALC Committee ii) draft letter to Minister withheld following DoH allocation of funding, iii) response awaited on letter sent to CMO re. impact of Data Protection Act on ambulance/hospital data sharing.
- 4) Report from Guidelines Subcommittee: i) Dr I McNeil (Chair) reported that the revised Terms of Reference had been accepted. ii) Three pocket versions of the Guidelines were presented by Dr McNeil: mini (keyring), intermediate (A5) and large. Widespread favour for A5 version to be produced in print-ready form on CD. Algorithm version to be based on Version 2 (Jan 2002) edition of full guidelines. iii) Review of Guidelines. The Chairman congratulated all those concerned with the revised Guidelines which had been presented in .pdf version for appraisal by committee members. There was discussion around their ownership (intellectual property rights) which would be addressed formally in a meeting with QinetiQ and the University of Warwick to resolve partnership issues. In further discussions on future Guidelines' maintenance and their funding, support from JRCALC and individual ambulance trusts themselves was considered.
- 5) Update from Thrombolysis subcommittee: This subcommittee had inadvertently been omitted from the last Minutes list of subcommittees. Because of absence of funding support there had been little to report but now such funding had been granted progress could be made. So far only two trusts were undertaking prehospital thrombolysis and few patients therefore treated.
- 6) Report from Joint ASA/JRCALC Clinical Effectiveness Committee: Chairman S Jones reported that this was to continue in its present form and was currently looking at producing a set of Key Performance Indicators based on new Guidelines.
- 7) Working group on morphine: M Willis reported that progress had been hampered by the absence of a pharmacist, but now with the appointment of Dr Mehta the development of a generic guide could proceed.
- 8) Filters and Reusable equipment: Dr Clarke is to liaise with Dr P Johnson on the reuse of single use respiratory items (and cervical collars) and to prepare a summary report for the next meeting.

9) Prehospital analgesia for children: There was general assent that prehospital analgesia for children was poorly served. A small group of appropriate members would be convened to come to the next meeting with formal recommendations.

10) Intraosseous transfusion: On the basis of sparse audit data it was felt that this technique cannot yet be strongly recommended without further prospective (outcome) investigation, and it was proposed that the Joint ASA/JRCALC Clinical Effectiveness Committee should review this issue for the next meeting.

11) Recognition of Death Guideline: The Chairman asked that this original JRCALC guideline (omitted from the 2000 Guidelines) had now been usefully amended by Surrey Ambulance Trust and should, after liaison with the original authors, be forwarded for inclusion in the current Guidelines revision.

12) PGDs - JRCALC policy: The Chairman was keen for JRCALC to be proactive in the provision of PGD Templates, and would provide coordination if Trusts would agree to share their work. Templates were needed for enoxaparin, reteplase and tenecteplase.

13) Other items discussed: 1) Letter from A Marsden re. Section 7 drugs and procurement/storing by paramedics/techs., but reported that MCA regard current legislation adequate. 2) Announcement that IHCD Awards for First Responders to be started quietly in Jan. 2002 but fanfare launch at Ambex 2002. 3) Contact to be established with BASMeD Chair Dr J Scott re. matters of constitution and terms of reference. 4) Dr Jewkes noted the heavy promotion of another USA-based paediatric prehospital care course. 5) Following a request for guidance a communication will shortly be circulated to all Trusts on recommendations for staff dealing with heavy patients, particularly those with cardiac pain.

14) Dates of next meeting(s):

Tuesday 19 March 2002 and Thursday 4 July 2002

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