



# County of Santa Cruz

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## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES PROGRAM

## PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

### MINUTES

OCTOBER 8, 2008

**Present:** Lisa Angell, Rayette Andrews, Kent Benedict, Greg Vandervoort, Scott Vahradian, Brenda Brenner, Marc Yellin, Brad Cramer, Brad Cramer, Martha Preciado, Celia Barry, Rob Sherman, Priscilla Leighton, Beth Landes, Kira Gelineau, Dave Wiebe, Hilary Weaver

September's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Brad and Scott will reinstitute a training for the base station call-in. The hospitals need a copy of the pediatric dosing EMS is using.

#### 1. NEW BUSINESS

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#### 2. REPORTS

1. EMS Administrator Report- The annual flu drill will take place on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm at Watsonville's Soccer Central at Ramsey Park. There will be 1,200 doses of FluMist and 500 doses of other flu vaccines. It was suggested that Watsonville Hospital's ED give out flyer for the event. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Celia to volunteer.
  - a. ePCR: Jeff Terpstra, Brenda Brenner and Celia will be leading the effort to transition to a new patient care record system. Scott, Brad and some others will be looking at what works and doesn't work from the field perspective about WebPCR. Within the next two weeks this group will have a report ready. There will be more "closed fields" to help make searches more direct. Beth provided a proposed time-line.
  - b. EMSSystem: Will be used for bed counts during drills.
2. EMSIA Report – Scott – Monthly training will focus on resuscitation. Scott has mailed out P&P updates. EKG field evaluation of Zoll monitor will be completed in October. Save A Friend – over 600 people reached through presentations. ACLS training is coming up. Brad and Scott have been

working with Hospice Grief Counselors to help medics provide support in a sudden death situation.

3. AMR Report – County Fair – AMR hosted first aid booth. Brad also assisted at the Save A Friend booth.

### **3. OLD BUSINESS – UPDATES**

1. Trauma – State is developing regions for trauma. The regions would develop own policies/procedures. Our region includes Monterey, Santa Clara, San Benito and parts of Bay Area. P&P will review proposed changes to MAP tool and transports. Training for field (from base station call-ins to appreciation of patient) is one of the priorities. Marc would like to be involved in the field training. Training should be extended to incident commanders. Further, policies should be similar across regions so that scarce air resources are committed wisely. (Urban areas will have an EMS responder within a few minutes, don't need a helicopter to be launched before patient is contacted.)
2. CPAP – Interface between hospital and medics is working well.
3. 12 Lead/STEMI Project – AMR and EMSIA anticipate that 12 lead transmissions will be occurring by June, 2009. Hospitals are considering internal process once 12 lead transmission has been received. Salinas Valley Hospital has EMS STEMI patients sent directly to the Cath Lab without stopping in the ER. Monterey is also considering field EKG transmissions. This may present an opportunity to coordinate both counties since both have AMR for transports.
4. Cardiac Arrest Study/Field Resuscitation – Greg has been working steadily on the study.
5. King Tube – Pediatric King tubes will be distributed soon. Some EMS agencies are doing away with the ET tube. Many systems use the King Tube exclusively for cardiac arrest. State of California has approved King Tube for EMT-1s under optional scope of practice. Martha is now responsible for the King Tube audits.

### **4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Marc will be conducting an EMS focused hospital grand rounds in 2009.

Agenda for next meeting:

**PAC meeting will be on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Central Fire at 8:30am**  
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