

## RMD:RAP May 2024

Hi all-

Here is a May update for the latest WRETAC, state and RMD activities.

### Education:

- The collaborative EMS skills night for spring 2024 occurred this week at MRH. Worked on advanced obstetric life support skills—including prehospital deliveries, prolapsed cord and shoulder dystocia. Thanks for the great turnout and participation!
- Please send along ideas for what you would like to see in the fall skills night.
- Colorado EMSC and WRETAC/NWRETAC hosted the 3rd Annual Western Colorado Pediatric Preparedness Seminar -- Mar. 14 - 15, 2024 in Gateway CO. Also well attended and received. We love PECCs!
- Given all the recent discussion about pediatric airway management, please consider attending this webinar: “Prehospital Pediatric Airway Management: The Past, Present, and Future,” May 22 from 3-4:30 pm MT. 1.5 hours of free CE will be available.  
<https://emscimprovement.center/domains/prehospital-care/ems-week/>

### WCEMSLC activities:

- Spring 2024 WCEMSLC meeting occurred on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Aside from one excused absence we had 100% participation of agency medical directors in the region! And it was awesome! Great conversation and we loved getting to hear a diversity of perspectives. Thanks to everyone who joined.
- We discussed protocol updates and the awesome training document found here: <https://www.dmemsmd.org/sites/default/files/DMEMSMD%20January%202024%20Protocol%20Changes%20Training%20Document.pdf>
- In July of this year, the Hyperactive Delirium protocol will be totally removed and all agitated patients will be managed with the Agitated/Combative Patient Protocol.
- Pilot testing for Statewide whole blood initiative ongoing in Clear Creek and Grand County. Colorado Springs starting soon. Here is a story from Colorado Public Radio about the program: <https://www.cpr.org/show-episode/may-10-2024-blood-medics-poised-to-save-lives-a-merger-worthy-of-a-museum/>
- 2023 CARES data: Brent sent everyone their agency data but overall great numbers in the region. Overall survival 13.3%. Utstein survival 38.5% which is awesome and much improved over 2020 when we started collecting data.
- We plan to continue participating in CARES as a regional CQI project and plan to evaluate scene times in trauma at the regional level (as well as agency level) at the November meeting.
- Extended care supplements: designed to meet the needs of rural Colorado agencies. Please review with your medical director and if you want to use these, have them give written approval.

- Pediatric intubation: good discussion with the group regarding data surrounding prehospital pediatric intubation vs SGA/BLS airways. In general, data (and our protocols) suggest BLS airways as the preferred airway in almost every situation (aside from perhaps obstruction by FB), but need to maintain skills for ETT in situations of can't ventilate/oxygenate. Will stay abreast of evolving literature and local numbers. Discussed importance of skills maintenance for HALO procedures and confirming placement with all methods available, but specifically continuous ETCO2.
- From Dr Adelgais (The Children's Hospital and EMSC): There is a multicenter randomized trial that is starting late this summer that involves Denver Health, Colorado Springs, and Aurora Fire comparing different airway modalities in pediatric respiratory failure and respiratory arrest. She also encourages everyone to attend the Prehospital Pediatric Airway Management webinar advertised above.

#### **RMD group/ EMPAC updates:**

- EMTS data team in 2024 is focusing on volume of IFT calls run by agencies (for the WRETAC 58% of provider time is spent on 911 calls and 42% of provider time is on IFTs). As well as waived acts and trauma numbers.
- Ground ambulance licensing rules: everyone has filled out the documents and should be receiving their state licenses in the next 2 months. Counties have until August 1 to opt out of issuing operating agreements if desired.
- There is a special meeting of SEMTAC to discuss increasing funding to the RMD program
- CDPHE welcomed a new state EMS medical director: Angela Wright. Both Avery and Ross trained with her and think she is top notch!
- Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Assessment is underway. Please strongly consider taking the survey. It is free, confidential and takes 30min. Identifies gaps in your agency and benchmarks to address them. <https://emscimprovement.center/domains/prehospital-care/prehospital-pediatric-readiness/assessment/>
- Patient tracking Task Force recommendations/ MCI communications and triage: WRETAC will be using RAMP as a standardized triage tool. There is a tabletop MCI exercise planned for June 25<sup>th</sup>. Danny will send along more details.
- Pulsera for patient tracking and communication between pre-hospital and hospital personnel is slowly moving forward. Stay tuned.

#### **Upcoming WCEMSLC meeting:**

- Nov 7, 2024 prior to WRETAC meeting

Please feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas!

-Avery