AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS  
Disaster Medicine Section Meeting  
Monday, October 10, 2012  
11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Colorado Convention Center, Room 103  
Denver, Colorado  

MINUTES

Section Officers in attendance:  
Ira R. Nemeth, MD, FACEP (Chairman); Joseph Sabato, Jr., MD, FACEP (Vice Chairman); and Andrew I. Bern, MD, FACEP (Board Liaison); Christopher S. Kang, MD, FACEP (Secretary)

Section Members and Guests in attendance:  
Roy Alson, MD, PhD, FACEP; Faizan Arshad, MD; Walter Limehouse, MD, FACEP; David Hogan, DO, FACEP; Constance Doyle, MD, FACEP; Jon Krohmer, MD, FACEP; Justin Fairless, DO; Melaina Vaughan, DO; Emily Kidd, MD; John Agee, DO, FACEP; Marc Rosenthal, DO, FACEP; Josef Schenker, MD, FACEP; Joe Holley, MD, FACEP; Sabina Braithwaite, MD, FACEP; Chris Tanski, MD; Shane Jenks, MD; Antonia Helbling; Joan McInerney, MD, FACEP; William Boehm, MD, FACEP; Mark Baker, MD; Phil Nix, PA-C; Kathleen Keeffe, MD; Hannah Lawry, MD; John Montgomery, MD, FACEP; Kathy Montgomery; Erik Larsen, MD, FACEP; Andrew Milsten, MD, MS, FACEP; Daniel Bachmann, MD; Khalid Ateyyah, MD; Sami Yousif, MD; Gaston Costa, MD; Moses Lee, MD, FACEP, FAAEM; Polly Hixson; Kristi Koenig, MD, FACEP; Joseph Scott, MD, FACEP; Andrew Bern, MD, FACEP; Jim Aiken, MD, MHA, FACEP; Edwin Vandewalle, MD; Sharon Mace, MD, FACEP; Lillian Lockwood, MD; Medard Lutmerding, Jr, MD, FACEP; Kurtulus Aciksari, MD; Anita Hodson, MD, FACEP; Alisa Roberts, DO FACEP; Carolyn Synovitz, MD, MPH, FACEP; Christopher Kang, MD, FACEP;

ACEP staff in attendance:  
Patrick Elmes, EMT/P (ret.), Manager, EMS & Disaster Preparedness; Rick Murray, LP, EMT/P, Director, EMS & Disaster Preparedness

AGENDA

I. Call to Order, Opening Remarks  
   Dr. Nemeth

II. Introduction of Members and Guests (5min)  
    Dr. Nemeth

III. Board Liaison Remarks (5min)  
     Dr. Bern

IV. Disaster Committee Report/Objectives/Board Items (15-20min)  
    Dr. Alson

V. Halozyme Presentation (30 min)  
   Dr. Dychter

VI. Liaison Reports (30 min)

VII. ACEP EMS and Disaster Preparedness Staff and Grant Report (5min)  
    Mr. Elmes

VIII. Newsletter / Website Report (15 min)  
    Dr. Kang
IX. New Business

   a. Future activities for the section
   b. Interstate Disaster Medical Collaborative (ISDMC)

X. Adjourn
   Next Meeting will be at the ITS meeting announced through the listserve

Major Points Discussed

Call to Order, Opening Remarks
Dr. Nemeth called the meeting to order and members introduced themselves around the room.

Introduction of Members and Guests

Introduction of Members and Guests by Dr. Ira Nemeth - initially 53 (final total 65) attendees representing Pre-Hospital personnel, Medical Students, Resident Physicians, Mid-Level Providers, Fellows, community practitioners, academic faculty, administrators and emergency coordinators, international guests, multiple government agencies ACEP sections, and ACEP staff and the Liaison to the ACEP Board of Directors.

Board Liaison Remarks

Dr. Bern, ACEP Liaison to the ACEP Board of Directors remarks included a brief history and the evolution of the DMS. He touched upon Federal preparedness, recognized past and Disaster Medicine current leaders and mentors and reaffirmed the value and importance of the DMS.

Halozyme Presentation

Sponsor Presentation by Dr. Dychter of Halozyme Therapeutics covering the origin and evolution of Hylenex. He presented the results of several studies supporting the application of Hylenex and fielded questions regarding availability of information for parents of pediatric patients, duration of effectiveness, and the cost of Hylenex.

Disaster Committee Report/Objectives/Board Items

Dr. Alson gave the Disaster Committee report. The current 14 Objectives were described. Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee (DPRC) report by the Chair of the DPRC, Dr. R. Alson. He plans to further increase the working relationship between the DPRC and the DMS. He recognized the completion and publication of a DPRC related project by Drs. C. Doyle and S. Mace. He previewed new objectives for the coming year include: improving the deployment of a model curriculum for EM resident physicians, development of a disaster medicine leadership course and the creation and approval of a Disaster Medical Sciences Award.

Liaison Reports

- Dr. E. Auf der Heide from the Agency of Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) on two projects: a rapid response to toxic substances-related events, and identifying resources to enhance planning for appropriate responses to toxic substances-related events. He also solicited for volunteers and collaboration.
- Dr. M. Sugarman from the CDC touched on the terrorist bombing injuries program, patterns of injuries from tornadoes at 39 hospitals in Alabama, and sharing of data from Haiti.
- Dr. A. Milstein from the Disaster Medicine and Emergency Management Fellowship Program at the University of Massachusetts reported on a new project grant opportunity.
- Dr. E. Larson from ASPR-NDMS touched on changes in leadership, patient tracking, and new direction for the NDMS.

**ACEP EMS and Disaster Preparedness Staff and Grant Report**

ACEP EMS and Disaster Preparedness Staff and Grant Report by Mr. P. Elmes, EMT/P summarizing recent projects: surge template project with the CDC; Disaster Hero game grant with DHS-FEMA; and EMS Culture of Safety with NHTSA. EMS Week with increases in multi-media marketing and the number of kits distributed. Current section membership at 562.

**Newsletter / Website Report**

Newsletter and Website Update Report by Dr. C. Kang covering the plan to have three newsletters this coming year, and soliciting volunteers to assist with the further revision of the DMS Website.

**New Business**

Call for New Business by Dr. I. Nemeth. There was discussion about establishing a working group to plan for future agenda items and projects. One comment encouraged medical students, residents, and fellows about getting involved with the DMS. Mr. P. Elmes encouraged increased use of the DMS listserve. Dr. I. Nemeth introduced Dr. E. Kidd to talk about the Texas Disaster Medical System, Medical Operations Centers, and Interstate Disaster Medical Collaborative (ISDMC).

Next meeting may be hosted by CHEP slated for spring 2013, most likely at the conference formerly known as the NDMS, then ITS meeting. Time and date to be announced through the DMS listserve.

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Nemeth at 12:39 pm.