

**American College of Emergency Physicians
Clinical Policies Committee Meeting
December 2-3, 2021
MS Teams Meeting**

MINUTES

Participants

Committee members participating in all or part of the meeting: Stephen J. Wolf, MD, FACEP, Co-Chair; Deborah B. Diercks, MD, MSc, FACEP, Co-Chair; Richard Byyny, MD, MSc, FACEP, Methodologist; Stephen V. Cantrill, MD, FACEP, Liaison with Quality & Patient Safety Committee, and to the E-QUAL Steering Committee; Christopher R. Carpenter, MD, MSc, FACEP; John T. Finnell, MD, FACEP, FACMI; Seth R. Gemme, MD, FACEP; Charles J. Gerardo, MD, MHS, FACEP; Steven A. Godwin, MD, FACEP; Sigrid A. Hahn, MD, MPH; Benjamin W. Hatten, MD, MPH, FACEP; Jason S. Haukoos, MD, MSc, FACEP, Methodologist; Amy Kaji, MD, MPH, PhD, Methodologist; Heemun Kwok, MD, MS, FACEP, Methodologist; Bruce M. Lo, MD, MBA, RDMS, FACEP; Sharon E. Mace, MD, FACEP, FAAP; Susan B. Promes, MD, MBA, FACEP; Kaushal H. Shah, MD, FACEP; Richard D. Shih, MD, FACEP; Andrea Slivinski, RN, DNP, ENA Representative; Michael D. Smith, MD, MBA, FACEP; Molly E.W. Thiessen, MD, FACEP; Christian A. Tomaszewski, MD, MS, MBA, FACEP; Jonathan H. Valente, MD, FACEP; Melissa Villars, MD, MPH, EMRA Representative; Stephen P. Wall, MD, MSc, MAEd, FACEP; Yanling Yu, PhD, Advocate for Patient Safety.

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Nicholas Harrison, MD, Writing Committee on Appendicitis; William Paolo, MD, FACEP, Writing Committee on Mild Traumatic Brain Injury; Kelly Sarmiento, MPH, CDC Division of Injury Prevention, Writing Committee on Mild Traumatic Brain Injury; Travis Schulz, MLS, AHIP, Staff Liaison; Kaeli Vandertulip, MSLS, MBA, AHIP, Staff Liaison.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Disclosures Pertinent to the Agenda
3. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports
4. 2021-2022 Committee Objectives
5. Policy Sunset Review – Verification of Endotracheal Tube Placement
6. mTBI Clinical Policy
7. Guideline Update
8. Appendicitis Clinical Policy

Major Points Discussed

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Wolf welcomed everyone to the meeting. Participants introduced themselves.

2. Disclosures Pertinent to the Agenda

Dr. Shih disclosed he is currently participating in research on intracranial hemorrhage and anticoagulation therapy; he will not vote on the recommendations of the mild traumatic brain injury clinical policy.

3. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

Dr. Carpenter provided an update on his work with the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine's Guidelines for Reasonable and Appropriate Care in the Emergency Department (GRACE).

Dr. Cantrill updated the committee on his work with the CMS opioid performance measures.

Dr. Diercks provided informed the committee that the *2022 ACC/AHA Key Data Elements and Definitions for Chest Pain and Acute Myocardial Infarction* has been published.

Dr. Finnell (ACEP Board Liaison) provided an update on the activity of the ACEP Board of Directors.

Dr. Gerardo provided an update on his work on the blunt trauma clinical policy.

Dr. Hatten provided an update on his work on the International QT Prolongation Guidelines for Toxicology.

Dr. Slivinski (ENA Representative) provided a brief report updating the committee on the activities of the Emergency Nurses Association.

Dr. Shih updated the committee of his work on the AAOS' clinical practice guideline on the management of anterior cruciate injuries.

Drs. Wolf, Hatten, Shah, Thiessen, Promes, and Valente provided updates on their work with the various American College of Radiology appropriateness criteria panels on which they serve.

4. 2021-2022 Committee Objectives

Dr. Wolf led the discussion. The committee went over the finalized objectives.

5. Policy Sunset Review – Verification of Endotracheal Tube Placement

Dr. Wolf led the discussion. The committee voted to reaffirm the policy statement.

6. Mild Traumatic Brain Injury

Dr. Valente led the conversation to review the mTBI clinical policy with assistance from the writing committee. The committee suggested edits to the draft. The writing committee will incorporate the suggested changes and the committee will review the draft.

7. Guideline Update

Dr. Villars provided an overview of a guideline from the American College of Physicians titled "Appropriate Use of High-Flow Nasal Oxygen in Hospitalized Patients for Initial or

Postextubation Management of Acute Respiratory Failure: A Clinical Guideline From the American College of Physicians.” Dr. Villars with assistance from Dr. Shah will prepare a summary of the guideline for ACEP Now.

8. Appendicitis

Dr. Diercks led the conversation to review 2 questions on the appendicitis clinical policy with assistance from the writing committee. The committee suggested edits to the draft. The writing committee will incorporate the suggested changes and the committee will review the draft.

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