American College of Emergency Physicians  
Clinical Policies Committee Meeting  
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Breckenridge, CO  

MINUTES

Participants

Committee members participating in all or part of the meeting: Stephen J. Wolf, MD, FACEP, Chair; Richard Byyny, MD, MSc, FACEP, Methodologist; Stephen V. Cantrill, MD, FACEP, Liaison with Quality and Patient Safety Committee, and the E-QUAL Steering Committee; Christopher R. Carpenter, MD, MSc, FACEP (by phone); Deborah B. Diercks, MD, MSc, FACEP; 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; Jason S. Haukoos, MD, MSc, FACEP, Methodologist; Sean M. Hickey, MD, EMRA Representative; Jon Mark Hirshon, MD, PhD, MPH, FACEP, Board Liaison; Amy Kaji, MD, MPH, PhD, Methodologist; Heemun Kwok, MD, MS, Methodologist; Bruce M. Lo, MD, MBA, RDMS, FACEP; Sharon E. Mace, MD, FACEP, FAAP; Devorah J. Nazarian, MD; Susan B. Promes, MD, MBA, FACEP; Kaushal H. Shah, MD, FACEP (by phone); Richard D. Shih, MD, FACEP; Scott M. Silvers, MD, FACEP (by phone); Michael D. Smith, MD, MBA, FACEP; Molly E.W. Thiessen, MD; Christian A. Tomaszewski, MD, MS, MBA, FACEP; Jonathan H. Valente, MD, FACEP; Stephen P. Wall, MD, MSc, MAEd, Methodologist (by phone); Justin Winger, RN, PhD, ENA Representative.

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Christopher Fee, MD, FACEP, Subcommittee on Community-Acquired Pneumonia (by phone); Brandon Maughan, MD, FACEP, Subcommittee on Community-Acquired Pneumonia (by phone); Mandie Mims, MLS, Staff Liaison; Travis Schulz, MLS, AHIP, Staff Liaison.

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. New pertinent disclosures
3. ACEP updates
4. Discuss 60-day open comments on opioid clinical policy
5. Discuss 60-day open comments on community-acquired pneumonia clinical policy
6. Discuss first draft of appendicitis clinical policy
7. Liaison reports
8. Guideline update
9. Discuss proposed critical questions for airway clinical policy
10. Strategic assessment breakout sessions

Major Points Discussed

1. Welcome and introductions

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

2. New disclosures pertinent to the agenda

   There were no disclosures pertinent to the agenda.
3. ACEP updates

Dr. Wolf informed the committee that, in accordance with Amended Resolution 13(19), ACEP will no longer be using the word “provider” in future official publications, discussions, announcements, communications, etc., except as required for legal and/or policymaking purposes when referring to physician and non-physician healthcare practitioners, instead referring to them more accurately by the educational degree(s) and titles that they obtained. This change applies to all content produced by the Clinical Policies Committee moving forward.

Ms. Mims informed the committee that it was discovered there is a difference in the number of search results retrieved in PubMed when the results are sorted by “Most Recent” or “Best Match”. This seems to explain why several articles appear to have been missed during recent literature searches. Both Travis and Mandie will modify their literature search strategies to account for this difference in future PubMed searches.

Dr. Wolf informed the committee that the Board has assigned the committee with the task of developing a new policy statement on the safe and effective use of droperidol in accordance with Amended Resolution 43(19). Dr. Tomaszewski and Dr. Shih volunteered to work on developing the droperidol policy statement.

4. Discuss 60-day open comments on opioid clinical policy

Dr. Hatten, with assistance from subcommittee members, led the committee members in a discussion of the comments received on the opioid clinical policy during the 60-day open comment period. Recommendations were made for revisions to the draft based on the comments. The subcommittee will incorporate the revisions into the draft.

5. Discuss 60-day open comments on community-acquired pneumonia clinical policy

Dr. Smith, with assistance from subcommittee members, led the committee members in a discussion of the comments received on the community-acquired pneumonia clinical policy during the 60-day open comment period. Recommendations were made for revisions to the draft based on the comments. The subcommittee will incorporate the revisions into the draft.

6. Discuss first draft of appendicitis clinical policy

Dr. Diercks led the discussion of the appendicitis draft. The committee suggested edits to the draft. The subcommittee will incorporate the edits into the draft.

7. Liaison reports

Drs. Diercks, Hatten, Hickey, Lo, Mace, Promes, Shih, Tomaszewski, Valente, and Wolf provided updates on their work with the various American College of Radiology appropriateness criteria panels on which they serve.

Dr. Cantrill (liaison with Quality and Patient safety Committee and the E-QUAL Steering Committee) provided a brief report on the status of current work of these groups. Dr. Cantrill has also been working as the chair of the ACEP Epidemic Expert Panel where they have been focusing on COVID-19.
Dr. Diercks updated the committee on her work with the American College of Cardiology’s Chest Pain Committee.

Dr. Gemme reported on his representation of ACEP at the American College of Cardiology’s Chest Pain in the ED Roundtable on February 26 in Washington, DC.

Dr. Hatten informed the committee that the American Dental Association has completed their guideline on the use of antibiotics for the urgent management of dental pain and intraoral swelling.

Dr. Hirshon (Board Liaison) informed the committee that he will be rotating off of the ACEP Board next committee year since he is currently serving as the chair of the board.

Dr. Lo updated the committee on his appointment to the E-QUAL Stroke Workgroup.

Dr. Promes reported on her work with the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Tomaszewski (liaison with the Education Committee) provided a brief update on that Committee’s work. Dr. Tomaszewski also provided an update on the activities of the JACEP Open editorial board.

Dr. Winger (ENA Representative) reported the Emergency Nurses Association has recently released an updated position statement on emerging infectious diseases in the emergency care setting and the second edition of their Course in Advanced Trauma Nursing (CATN).

8. Guideline update

Dr. Hickey provided an overview of the guideline titled “Surviving Sepsis Campaign International Guidelines for the Management of Septic Shock and Sepsis-Associated Dysfunction in Children”. Dr. Hickey will prepare a summary of the guideline for ACEP Now.

9. Discuss proposed critical questions for airway clinical policy

Dr. Hahn and Dr. Godwin led the discussion of the proposed critical questions for the airway clinical policy. The committee suggested minor edits to the questions. The subcommittee will incorporate the edits into the critical questions. After the changes are incorporated, the questions will be reviewed by other ACEP committees and the Board per process.

10. Strategic assessment breakout sessions

The committee broke into the methodologic, process, and stakeholder assessment groups. The assessment group chairs led discussions on the current policy development processes as they relate to each assessment group. Suggestions were made to improve the processes. ACEP staff will collate the suggestions and the committee will review for applicability.