American College of Emergency Physicians
Clinical Policies Committee Meeting
June 7-8, 2021
MS Teams Meeting

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 & Patient Safety Committee, and to the E-QUAL Steering Committee; Christopher R. Carpenter, MD, MSc, FACEP; Deborah B. Diercks, MD, MSc, FACEP; Seth R. Gemme, MD, FACEP; Steven A. Godwin, MD, FACEP; Sigrid A. Hahn, MD, MPH; Benjamin W. Hatten, MD, MPH, FACEP; Sean M. Hickey, MD, EMRA Representative; Amy Kaji, MD, MPH, PhD, 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; Scott M. Silvers, MD, FACEP; Molly E.W. Thiessen, MD, FACEP; Christian Tomaszewski, MD, MS, MBA, FACEP; Jonathan H. Valente, MD, FACEP; Yanling Yu, PhD, Advocate for Patient Safety.

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Lauren Westafer, DO, MPH, MS, Writing Committee on High Sensitivity Troponin; Amal Mattu, MD, FACEP, Writing Committee on Acute Heart Failure Syndromes; William Paolo, MD, FACEP, 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. HS Troponin Policy Statement and PREP
5. Acute Heart Failure Syndromes Clinical Policy
6. Resolution 50(20) Expedited Partner Therapy
7. Sedation Critical Question
8. mTBI Clinical Policy
9. Guideline Update

Major Points Discussed

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Disclosures Pertinent to the Agenda

   Dr. Diercks disclosed the work she is doing on troponins and Nt-BNP within her institution.

   Dr Carpenter disclosed a potential conflict of interest since he is working on several grants exploring delirium detection, prevention, and/or treatment in geriatric ED setting. He is also working with the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine GRACE Steering Committee, which is considering concussion as a topic.
No other potential conflicts pertinent to the agenda were disclosed.

3. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

Dr. Wolf reported on his liaison work with the American College of Radiology. He informed the committee that the cardiac and VTE/PE criteria panels have not had committee meetings recently.

Dr. Silvers informed the Committee that ILCOR is moving to include methodologist to grade literature selected to drive their practice recommendations. He also shared that the Heart Failure Society of America has published a document on setting up a heart failure clinic, though it has minimal emergency medicine application.

Dr. Godwin provided an update regarding the airway clinical policy, which is in abstract review stage.

Dr. Carpenter provided an update on the acute stroke clinical policy; all 4 questions have gone through primary review and evidentiary data tables have been sent to the methodologists. He also shared that the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine GRACE team has selected topic of acute dizziness, which overlaps with critical question 4.

Dr. Diercks reported on her liaison work with the American Heart Association. The AHA Guideline for the Evaluation and Diagnosis of Chest Pain finished and being finalized. She also provided an update about the appendicitis clinical policy, which is currently being written.

Dr. Shah provided an update on the blunt trauma clinical policy, which is undergoing a secondary literature search.

Dr. Promes provided an update on her work on the AHS/ACC Guideline on Acute Aortic Syndromes. It is estimated the guideline will be published in October 2022.

Dr. Cantrill (liaison with Quality & Patient Safety Committee and to the E-QUAL Steering Committee) updated the Committee about his work on the NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel, for which he is the ACEP representative. He informed the Committee that the Covid-19 management tool is on its third edition.

Dr. Valente reported on his liaison work with the American College of Radiology. The ACR’s Suspected Renal Colic Appropriateness Criteria is in process. He also updated the Committee on the pediatric trauma surgical guideline on blunt trauma which is being developed through ACEP, the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST), and the Society of Pediatric Radiology.

Dr Yu (Advocate for Patient Safety) provided an update on her work with the Agency for Health Care Quality and the National Quality Forum. The National Quality Forum has released their Common Formats for Patient Safety Data and are currently seeking public comments.

4. High Sensitivity Troponin Clinical Policy Statement

Dr. Promes led the discussion on the draft for the high-sensitivity troponin policy statement with assistance from the writing committee (Dr. Westafer, Dr. Gemme). The Committee suggested edits to the draft. The writing committee will incorporate the suggested changes and the Committee with review and revise the draft.

5. Acute Heart Failure Syndromes Clinical Policy
Dr. Silvers led the discussion on the acute heart failure syndromes clinical policy with assistance from the writing committee (Dr. Hickey, Dr. Mattu). The Committee reviewed the draft and suggested edits. The writing committee will incorporate the suggested changes and the Committee will review the draft. The Committee will email suggestions of where to send the policy for external review.

6. Resolution 50(20) Expedited Partner Therapy

The Committee discussed the Board’s request that the Committee create education surrounding expedited partner therapy. Dr. Wolf led a discussion of appropriate alternative groups to consider taking over the request.

7. Sedation Critical Question

Dr. Thiessen led a conversation about the final critical question for the sedation policy. Travis will circulate the list of key terms and subject headings with the writing committee for input.

8. mTBI Clinical Policy

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 with review the draft.

9. Guidelines Update

Dr. Hickey provided an update on the Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guideline on the Management of Adults with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the ICU: First Update, which is in its second version.