

**American College of Emergency Physicians
Clinical Policies Committee Meeting
March 14-15, 2022
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; Yanling Yu, PhD, Advocate for Patient Safety.

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Nicholas Harrison, MD, Writing Committee on Appendicitis; Michael Gottlieb, MD, Writing Committee on Stroke; 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. Revised 2021-2022 Committee Objectives
5. Appendicitis Clinical Policy
6. EMRA Guideline Update
7. HS Troponin Policy Statement
8. Stroke Clinical Policy

Major Points Discussed

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Disclosures

Dr. Tomaszewski disclosed that he is the PI for Roche Elecys Trop T HS Gen 6 clinical performance study.

Dr. Carpenter disclosed a potential conflict due to his work with GRACE-2 on recurrent low risk abdominal pain, which is in-press and will appear in May issue of AEM. He also disclosed a potential

conflict with acute stroke due to his work with GRACE-3 on acute dizziness, which will be completed and submitted by September 2022. Mitigation of this potential conflict will be achieved by allowing Dr. Carpenter to participate in and contribute his experience to the content development of the critical questions; however, he will not be allowed to vote when establishing the final recommendations for question 4.

3. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

Dr. Slivinski (ENA Representative) provided updates from the Emergency Nurses Association.

Dr. Hatten updated the committee on work he is doing with the American College of Radiology (ACR) and with International Toxicology QT Prolongation Guidelines.

Dr. Carpenter provided an update on his work with Guidelines for Reasonable and Appropriate Care in the Emergency Department (GRACE). He also provided an update on the ACEP Covid management tool, which continues to be updated monthly.

Dr. Gerardo provided an update on the blunt trauma clinical policy; the articles are being graded by the methodologists.

Dr. Diercks provided an update on the ACC/AHA guidelines on chest pain, which will be posted for public review March 23.

Dr. Finnell (ACEP Board Liaison) provided an update on the activity of the ACEP Board of Directors. The committee discussed the possibility of restarting in-person meetings for CPC meetings.

Dr. Gemme provided an update on the high-sensitivity troponin policy statement.

Dr. Thiessen provided an update on the ACR appropriateness for abdominal aortic aneurysm, which has been completed.

Dr. Promes provided an update for the AHA/AAC committee on acute aortic syndromes.

Dr. Byyny shared that he sent out grading assignments for the blunt trauma clinical policy, with a tentative plan to schedule adjudication in late April.

Dr. Shih provided an update on the naloxone policy statement. He also updated the committee on the ACEP Sickle Cell Anemia Advisory Committee.

Dr. Godwin provided an update on the airway clinical policy.

Dr. Cantrill provided an update on the NIH treatment guidelines for Covid treatment and new Covid subvariant.

Dr. Valente provided an update of the mTBI clinical policy. He updated the committee on the Pediatric EM blunt thoracic trauma and chest imaging guidelines. He summarized the ACEP and American Academy of Ophthalmology workgroup regarding corneal injury pain control. He is also working with ACR on a suspected renal colic project.

Dr. Yu received Robert L. Wears Patient Safety Leadership Award. The committee congratulated Dr. Yu.

Dr. Lo provided an update on the E-QUAL for stroke ICH ED metric and requests the committee review and make comments.

Dr. Tomaszewski provided an update on the Education Committee.

Dr. Wolf updated the committee on the ACR diagnosis of PE guidelines which are about to be published. Imaging TAD in selection stage. Potentially working with ASH on project for improving use of pretest probability in VTE and improving diagnostic algorithms. He also updated the committee on work between ACEP/ABEM to include quality metrics can be included in policies and linked with MyEMCert.

4. Revised 2021-2022 Committee Objectives

Dr. Wolf shared the 2021 resolution assignments from the Board of Directors with the committee.

5. Appendicitis

Dr. Diercks led the conversation to review the 3 questions in 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 share the updated draft with the committee.

6. EMRA Guideline Update

Dr. Villars provided the guideline update for the 2021 American College of Gastroenterology “Clinical Guideline on Upper Gastrointestinal Ulcer Bleeding.” Dr. Villars with assistance from Dr. Wolf will prepare a summary of the guideline for *ACEP Now*.

7. High-Sensitivity Troponin Policy Statement

Dr. Promes led the discussion on the ACEP Policy Statement on high-sensitivity troponin. The committee suggested edits to the draft. The writing committee will incorporate the suggested changes and share the updated draft with the committee.

8. Stroke Clinical Policy

Dr. Lo led the discussion to review the 4 questions of the Stroke clinical policy, with assistance from Dr. Carpenter and Dr. Gottlieb. The committee suggested edits to the draft. The writing committee will incorporate the suggested changes and share the updated draft with the committee.