Participants

Committee members participating in all or part of the meeting: Stephen J. Wolf, MD, FACEP, Chair; Richard Byyny, MD, MSc, FACEP, Methodologist; Steven 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; 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; Sean M. Hickey, MD, EMRA Representative; 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; Kauahal H. Shah, MD, FACEP; Richard D. Shih, MD, FACEP; 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; Justin Winger, RN, PhD, ENA Representative; Yanling Yu, PhD, Advocate for Patient Safety.

Also present for all or part of the meeting: John Dietrich Anderson, 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; and Kaeli Vandertulip, MSLS, MBA, AHIP, Staff Liaison.

Agenda

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4. Acute Heart Failure Syndromes Clinical Policy
5. CPC Policy Development Manual
6. Guideline Update
7. mTBI Clinical Policy
8. Strategic Workgroup Updates

Major Points Discussed

1. Welcome and Introductions

   Dr. Wolf welcomed the group to the meeting and recognized International Women’s Day. Participants introduced themselves.

2. Disclosures Pertinent to the Agenda

   Dr. Diercks disclosed work she is doing with her institution on biomarkers; she will not vote on the recommendations of the acute heart failure syndromes clinical policy.

   No other conflicts were disclosed pertinent to the agenda.
3. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports

Justin Winger (ENA Representative) informed the Committee that the ENA has updated its position statement on crowding, boarding, and patient throughput. The ENA Trauma Committee is updating the Advanced Course in Trauma Nursing (ATCN).

Dr. Carpenter informed the Committee of his work with the SAEM Guidelines for Reasonable and Appropriate Care in the Emergency Department (GRACE) groups. He also informed the Committee that ACEP, the AAEM, AGS, and SAEM have plans to update the 2013 geriatric ED guidelines and of his work on several ACEP COVID-19 projects.

Dr. Lo updated the Committee on the status of the stroke clinical policy and of his work with the ACEP E-QUAL Network Stroke Initiative.

Dr. Valente updated the Committee on his work with the ACR appropriateness criteria panel on renal colic flank pain. Dr. Valente also updated the Committee on his work with the ACEP Pediatric Emergency Medicine Committee.

Dr. Gerardo provided an update on the status of the blunt trauma clinical policy and of his work to create messaging encouraging members from underrepresented groups to apply to the Clinical Policies Committee.

Dr. Godwin provided an update on the status of the airway and procedural sedation clinical policies.

Dr. Shih provided an update on the status of the naloxone policy statement and of his work on the ACR appropriateness criteria panel on headache and the AAO ACL policy.

Dr. Gemme updated the Committee on the status of the HS troponin policy statement and of his work reviewing the ACC guideline for the evaluation and diagnosis of chest pain.

Dr. Promes also provided an update on the status of the HS troponin policy statement and of her work reviewing the ACC guideline for the evaluation and diagnosis of chest pain. Dr. Promes also provided an update on her work with the ACR appropriateness criteria panel on lower back pain and of her work with the AHA writing group on acute aortic syndromes.

Dr. Cantrill (liaison with Quality & Patient Safety Committee and to the E-QUAL Steering Committee) provided a brief report on that committee’s work. Dr. Cantrill also provided an update on his work with the NIH on the Covid-19 Treatment Guidelines.

Dr. Yu (Advocate for Patient Safety) provided an update on her work with the Washington Patient Safety Coalition and the National Quality Forum. Dr. Yu also shared with the Committee the Foundation for Health Care Quality: Washington Patient Safety Coalition’s Improving Diagnostic Process Webinar Series.

Dr. Diercks updated the Committee on her work on the ACC guideline for the evaluation and diagnosis of chest pain, the SCAI update on the classification of cardiogenic shock, and the ACR appropriateness criteria panel on chest pain.

Dr. Tomaszewski provided an update to the Committee on the activities of the ACEP Education Committee.
Dr. Hickey (EMRA Representative) informed the Committee that EMRA is seeking applicants to serve as the next EMRA Representative to the Clinical Policies Committee.

Dr. Mace updated the committee on her work on the ACR appropriateness criteria panel on pediatric fever.

Dr. Thiessen provided an update on the status of the procedural sedation clinical policy. Dr. Thiessen also updated the Committee on her work on the ACR appropriateness criteria panel on screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm and the anti-racism consensus statement she is working on as a member of the SAEM Social EM and Population Health Interest Group.

Dr. Hahn updated the Committee on the status of the airway clinical policy.

4. Acute Heart Failure Syndromes Clinical Policy

Dr. Gemme led the discussion on the draft acute heart failure syndromes clinical policy with assistance from the writing committee (Dr. Hickey). The Committee suggested edits to the draft. The writing committee will incorporate the suggested changes and the Committee will review the revised draft.

5. CPC Policy Development Manual

Travis presented a draft of the Clinical Policy Development Manual. The goal of the manual is to help retain institutional knowledge of the Committee’s processes, as well as to provide guidance to Subcommittee members. The Committee suggested edits to the draft. ACEP staff will incorporate the suggested changes and the Committee will review the revised draft.

6. Guideline Update

Dr. Hickey provided an overview of a guideline from the Neurocritical Care Society titled “Guidelines for Acute Treatment of Cerebral Edema for Neurocritical Care Patients.” Dr. Hickey will prepare a summary of the guideline for ACEP Now.

7. mTBI Clinical Policy

Dr. Valente led the discussion on the draft mTBI clinical policy with assistance from the writing committee (Dr. Tomaszewski and Dr. Anderson). The Committee suggested edits to the draft. The writing committee will incorporate the suggested changes and the Committee will review the revised draft.

8. Strategic Workgroup Updates

Dr. Wolf informed the Committee he will be updating the Board in April on the progress of the strategic review. Travis will be reaching out to workgroup chairs for updated information.