Participants

Committee members participating in all or part of the meeting: Deborah B. Diercks, MD, MSc, FACEP, Chair; John D. Anderson, MD, FACEP; John T. Finnell, MD, FACEP, FACMI, Board Liaison; Charles J. Gerardo, MD, MHS, FACEP; Steven A. Godwin, MD, FACEP; Sigrid A. Hahn, MD, MPH; Bruce M. Lo, MD, MBA, RDMS, Maggie Moran, MD, EMRA Representative; Susan B. Promes, MD, MBA, FACEP; Richard D. Shih, MD, FACEP; Scott M. Silvers, MD, FACEP; Michael D. Smith, MD, MBA, FACEP; Jonathan H. Valente, MD, FACEP.

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Travis Schulz, MLS, AHIP, Staff Liaison; Kaeli Vandertulip, MSLS, MBA, AHIP, Staff Liaison.

Agenda

1. Disclosures
2. Reversal of NOACs Policy Statement
3. Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Clinical Policy
4. Early Pregnancy Clinical Policy

Major Points Discussed

1. No new disclosures pertinent to the agenda were declared.

2. Dr. Diercks led the discussion on the non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulants (NOACs) policy statement. New information on Xa inhibitor reversal has been published since the policy statement was originally approved in 2017. ACEP membership has reached out to the Clinical Policies Committee with concerns that the new information on Xa inhibitor reversal has not been included in the latest iteration of the policy statement. The committee discussed the issue and decided to revise the policy statement to include this new information.

3. Dr. Shih presented how the UpPriority Tool, a tool developed to appraise and prioritize clinical questions for updating, was used to evaluate the critical question on noninvasive carboxyhemoglobin measurement and cardiac testing. The tool was useful in providing a quantitative analysis of the critical question. The information provided by the tool will be used to provide further support to the recommendation that the clinical policy be reaffirmed.

4. Dr. Anderson presented the draft critical questions for the early pregnancy policy, including how the writing committee used the UpPriority Tool to evaluate the critical questions from the 2017 policy and the proposed new questions. Input from the committee was received. Kaeli will complete initial literature searches on the proposed topics, which the writing committee will use to determine which question to put forward for the policy update.