American College of Emergency Physicians

Clinical Policies Committee Meeting

November 7 and 8, 2022

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Participants

Committee members participating in all or part of the meeting: Deborah B. Diercks, MD, MSc, FACEP, Chair; John D. Anderson, MD, FACEP; Christopher R. Carpenter, MD, MSc, FACEP; John T. Finnell, MD, FACEP, FACMI, Board Liaison; Benjamin Friedman, MD, FACEP, Methodologist; 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 Slevins, 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; Lauren M. Westafer DO, FACEP; Yanling Yu, PhD, Advocate for Patient Safety.

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Michael Brown, MD, Editorial Board for Cochrane; Nick Harrison, MD, Writing Committee on Appendicitis; Jessica A. Whittle, MD, FACEP, Writing Committee on Sedation; 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. Domain Discussion

4. Policy Sunset Review

5. Sept 2023 CPC Meeting at ABRAMED

6. 60 Day comments on appendicitis clinical policy
7. Discuss critical question for marijuana practice document

8. Subcommittee and liaison reports

9. Cochrane Open Access Journal

10. Discuss sedation clinical policy draft

**Major Points Discussed**

1. Welcome and introductions

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

2. New disclosures pertinent to the agenda

   There were no new disclosures pertinent to the agenda.

3. Domain discussion

   Dr. Hatten led the discussion on furthering the assignment of Clinical Policies Committee projects to members based on their specialty domains. Currently, he is attempting to develop 4 teams with CPC members and 2 methodologists. The desired outcome is to improve efficiency and reduce the time needed to complete single-question clinical policies.

4. Policy Sunset Review

   Dr. Diercks led the discussion on three policy statements. The Committee voted to Reaffirm Mechanical Ventilation and Procedural Sedation. The Committee would like to turn the Non-Vitamin K Antagonist Oral Anticoagulants Policy Statement into a clinical policy.

5. Sept 2023 CPC Meeting at ABRAMED

   Dr. Diercks led the discussion regarding the possibility of setting a 2023 face-to-face meeting in Brazil to coincide with the ABRAMED conference, dates September 25-29. Committee members will vote on their ability to attend before we further consider this conference.

6. 60 Day comments on appendicitis clinical policy
Dr. Diercks, supported by members of the writing committee, led the discussion on the comments provided for the Appendicitis clinical policy. Recommendations were made for revisions to the draft, including additional literature suggested. The writing committee will incorporate relevant revisions into the draft.

7. Discuss critical question for marijuana practice document

Dr. Hatten led the conversation on the critical question development for the marijuana practice document. The committee also reviewed the process for accepting input from external subject experts.

8. Subcommittee and liaison reports

9. Cochrane Open Access Journal

Dr. Brown shared information regarding Cochrane Evidence Synthesis and Methods, the new open access journal from the Cochrane Collaboration. Methods would need to be entered into Prospero, and results would need to be reported using PRISMA.

10. Discuss sedation clinical policy draft

Dr. Thiessen, supported by members of the writing committee, led a robust discussion on the most recent sedation clinical policy draft. The writing committee will consider the committee’s comments and recommendations, which they will incorporate into the next draft.