

## 4-15-20 Trauma Clinical Leadership Committee Summary

**Welcome:** Dr. McPherson welcomed the group and called the meeting to order. Dr. Pappas thanked all for participating.

### **Roll Call:**

Seminole EMS: Dr. Todd Husty

Brevard EMS: Dr. John McPherson

Orlando Health: Dr. Joseph Ibrahim, Tina Wallace, Melissa Smith

Health First: Dr. Edgar Figueroa

Osceola Regional: Kim Wright, Andrew Skattum

Orange EMS: Dr. Christian Zuver

Martin EMS: Dr. Michael Ferraro

Dr. Peter Pappas

Lynne Drawdy

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** The minutes are posted on the website. A draft summary of protocols Dr. McPherson compiled was shared; the goal is to standardize these.

**Draft Protocols:** The group reviewed and discussed the draft protocol statements. It was agreed that it is too late to change the terminology each county is currently using as an alert for potential or COVID positive patients. Next time, the group will immediately discuss and standardize. Regarding patients with altered mental status being considered COVID19 positive until proven otherwise. Dr. Husty stated that if there are respiratory problems, they consider the case positive. The group discussed the issue of handoffs. Each hospital has a process in place and the unique features of hospitals, and the volume of patients make standardizing this difficult. All agreed that the goal is to minimize the number of paramedics coming into the hospital.

Finally, the group agreed that each county needs a standard process for dispatch to notify EMS units that the case is potentially COVID, and any patients with altered mental status are to be considered COVID positive until proven otherwise. Each hospital will have a process to either meet paramedics outside or escort patient to room and minimize the number of paramedics entering the hospital. Dr. McPherson will send out a revised draft.

**Trauma Center Updates or Issues:** Tina advised Dr. Plumley is working on the pediatric trauma guidelines for acute care hospitals and plans to have a draft by the next meeting. Dr. Husty is working on the TXA protocol and Dr. McPherson is working on the spinal immobilizations protocol. Dr. Bilski is working on the protocol for the elderly with head injury using anticoagulants. All will try to have a draft by the next meeting. Dr. Husty will send out a study on use of TXA in head injury with anticoagulants.

**General and Executive Committee Virtual Meeting:** Dr. Pappas reminded all of the next meeting, scheduled April 16th, 2020 from 9:30 am – 12 pm.

The group agreed to cancel the April 22 Clinical Leadership Committee call; the next call will be on April 29.