

THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL OF NEW YORK CITY, INC.

Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

Minutes

March 20, 2018

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City met on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at the Offices of the Regional EMS Council, 475 Riverside Drive, New York City. This meeting can be viewed via webcast at www.nycremsco.org.

Members		Present	Absent
Burn Surgeon (1)	Robert J. Winchell, MD	√	
Downstate New York Ambulance Association			
Ambulance Service Medical Director (1)	Josef Schenker, MD, Chair	√	
Emergency Medical Technicians (Basic/Paramedic) (2)	Michael Vatch, EMT Robert Ackerman, Alt		√
	Vacant vacant, alt		
EMS Community Emergency Department			
Medical Directors (3)	Nikolaos Alexandrou, MD		√
	Christopher Graziano, MD		√
	Vacant		
Nurses (2)	Eric Cohen, RN		√
	Mimi Langsam, RN		√
Administrators (2)	Kevin Munjal, MD		√
	Cindy Baseluos, MD	√	
FDNY EMS			
Commissioner or Non-Physician Designee	Vacant		
Medical Director (3)	Dario Gonzalez, MD	√	
	Glenn Asaeda, MD	√	
	Bradley Kaufman, MD, 2 nd Vice Chair	√	
Online Medical Control Physicians (2)	Doug Isaacs, MD	√	
	Nathan Reisman, MD	√	
Emergency Medical Technicians (Basic/Paramedic) (2)	Barbara Assiz, EMT	√	
	Joshua Bucklan, RN, EMT	√	

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Greater New York Hospital Association			
President or Non-Physician Designee (1)	Alison Burke		√
Emergency Physician (1)	Jeffrey Rabrich, MD, 1 st Vice Chair	√	
Ambulance Service Medical Director (1)	Heidi Cordi, MD Neal Flomenbaum, MD, alternate	√	
On Line Medical Control Physicians (2)	Lewis Marshall, JD, MD	√	
	Michael Redlener, MD	√	
	Michael Hilton, MD, alternate		
Emergency Department Administrator (2)	Laura Iavicoli, MD	√	
	Stuart Kessler, MD, alternate		
	Pamela Lai, MD	√	
Emergency Medical Technicians (Basic/Paramedic) (2)	Dominick Battinelli, EMTP	√	
	Scott Chiang, EMTP	√	
Medical Society of New York Physician (1)	Peter Wyer, MD	√	
Medical Standards Committee			
ALS Physician (1)	Paul Barbara, MD	√	
BLS Physician (1)	David Ben-Eli, MD	√	
New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene-Emergency Preparedness Program Physician (1)	Celia Quinn, MD, MPH Timothy Styles, MD, MPH, alternate	√	
New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation Physician (1)	Vacant		
New York City Police Department Physician (1)	Charles Martinez, MD		√
NYS Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue Association/District 4 & 18			
Ambulance Service Medical Director (1)	Joseph Bove, MD	√	
Emergency Medical Technicians (Basic/Paramedic) (2)	Martin Grillo, EMTP	√	
	Vacant		

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Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physician (1)	Matthew Harris, MD		√
	Stephen Blumberg, MD, alternate		
Psychiatric Emergency Medicine Physician (1)	William Fisher, MD	√	
Regional EMS Council NYC Physician (1)	Robert Crupi, MD	√	
Training & Education Committee Physician (1)	Jessica van Voorhees, MD		√
Trauma Surgeon (1)	Arthur Cooper, MD	√	
	Gary Marshall, MD, alternate		
Non-Voting Members			
At Large	Yedidyah Langsam, PhD, EMT	√	
At Large	Anthony Shallash, MD	√	
Public	Christopher Sorrentino, RN		√

STAFF: Nancy Benedetto, Executive Director Administration
 Marie Diglio, Executive Director Operations
 Joseph Raneri, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator

GUESTS: Josh Moskowitz, Jacobi MC
 David Lobel, MD, MMC
 Jason Zimmerman, MD, InstaCare EMS
 Mordy Lax, REMSCO T&E
 James Downey, NYSVA&RA
 Stu Kessler, MD, H&H/GNYHA

Dr. Josef Schenker, Chair, called the meeting to order. For the purposes of web casting, a roll call was performed. A quorum was present.

The Minutes of the February 20, 2018 REMAC Meeting were unanimously approved.

Voting Requirements. A quorum is based on the number of voting seats – whether they are filled or vacant. Currently, REMAC has 30 voting seats, so when voting, a majority of members must vote in the affirmative to pass any motion. That means, 16 votes in the affirmative are needed to pass any motion.

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CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

The Offices of the Council received the following correspondence:

- Membership:
 - NYC Health & Hospitals has rescinded nomination of Dr. Amado Baez, since he is no longer Chief of the Emergency Department at Kings County Hospital Center. The new nomination for primary representative to REMAC is Marc Kanter, MD, Associate Chief, Department of EM at Lincoln Hospital. Dr. Kanter is also Associate ED Residency Program Director. Alternate member will still be Dr. Cherisse Berry, Trauma Surgeon, Surgical Intensivist at Bellevue Hospital. The nomination came from Machel Allen, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Sr. VP, NYC Health + Hospitals
 - **This was voted upon and approved by REMAC. This will be forwarded to REMSCO for final approval.**

➤ From FDNY:

- No new information.

➤ From NYS DOH:

- Public Notice from New York State Department of Health, Bureau of EMS, Operations Unit, to be read into the REMAC Minutes of the following enforcement actions:

Provider /Agency Name	EMT / Agency #	Penalty	Violation	County of Residence
None				

➤ Other:

- Letter from Mt. Sinai Hospital requesting the Protocol Committee review/revise current STEMI procedures. The letter states since NYS DOH now recognizes STEMI (PCI) Centers, OLMC direction for transport is no longer needed.
 - REMAC discussed this issue. The Protocol Committee will be asked to review PCI standards to affirm they are compatible with NYC needs.

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There are operational issues for FDNY to consider. It is possible STEMI transport will be comparable to Trauma transport criteria.

- Copy of a letter From NYU Winthrop Hospital stating it is no longer seeking designation as a Level II Pediatric Trauma Center. Effective November 1, 2017.
- OLMC Course Notification form from Dr. Kevin Munjal, announcing a March 22, 2018 course at Mount Sinai Hospital.

The Office of the Council sent the following correspondence:

- The following were sent, at a minimum to Medical Standards and REMAC members:
 - Agendas, Minutes and associated attachments for the meeting.
 - REMAC Advisories: (Also sent to all EMS Agencies in NYC and posted to REMSCO website)
 - 2018-03 REMAC Advisory BLS Glucometry Mandatory
- Certification form and copy of 2011 BLS Protocols to Joshua Annenberg, Esq.
 - A check for \$25 was sent to REMSCO as a fee for providing certification and protocols.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee did not meet.

Medical Standards (David Ben-Eli, MD, Chair)

The following actions items come in the form of seconded motions:

Motion #1: To accept revisions to the ALS Certification & Credentialing Subcommittee: (1) 1.10.1 – Physician directed call review; (2) Category B CME – Section A, online CME/Journal CME, and (3) NYC REMSC accreditation (ex: REMSCO, AMA, etc.) 1/10.2 A lecture time approved on a 1:1 basis.

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A roll-call vote was taken as follows: 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain. The motion carried.

Motion #2: To approve revisions to the Stroke Protocol, Stroke section in the GOP, and Stroke Appendix. To be referred to SEMAC. The proposed implementation date is dependent upon SEMAC approval and designation of additional comprehensive stroke centers.

A roll-call vote was taken as follows: 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain. The motion carried.

Motion #3: To approve the suspension of the requirement for waveform capnography for supraglottic airway placement during MCIs. This is an interim emergency protocol change, pending additional review by Protocol Committee.

There was additional discussion by REMAC. It was suggested this suspension of waveform capnography be extended to endotracheal intubation. There were concerns that ETTs are more likely to move during transport. This will be referred to Protocol Committee for additional discussion. Also, waveform capnography is required by SEMAC for ETT, not for supraglottic airways. The latter is a NYC REMAC requirement, which REMAC can make changes to. Protocol will also be asked to discuss making this option available whenever resources are limited, not only during MCIs.

A roll-call vote was taken as follows: 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain. The motion carried.

The next Medical Standards meeting will be held on April 13, 2018.

REGIONAL COUNCIL UPDATE

The Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City met on February 27, 2018. The following is a summary:

- Arthur Cooper, MD and Yedidiah Langsam, PhD were welcomed back as At Large members.

Emergency Preparedness Citywide Planning Initiatives

- REMSCO continues to participate in various citywide planning initiatives including the NY Health Coalition, Brooklyn Health Coalition, NYCCEM

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Transportation Plan Workgroup and NYS DOH HEC Application Workgroup.

- REMSCO also participants in the NYC Rx Stat meetings with HIDTA and the NYC Opioid Prevention Taskforce, providing monthly data on Naloxone usage amongst non-FDNY EMS units.
- NYC REMSCO is participating in the planning committee for the NYC SurgeEX exercise, this is a drill being led by NYCDOHMH to plan for a large-scale patient surge event.

Intranasal Naloxone

- REMSCO has available for distribution the new Nasal Spray Naloxone administration kit. This spray delivers a single 4mg/ml dose of Naloxone utilizing a single stage nasal spray.
- The REMAC approved this unit as an option for agency usage at the discretion of the agency's Medical Director.

EPCRs

- 5 Agencies are currently live with 4 additional agencies in the final stages of going live by the end of April.
- Have made numerous updates to the EPCR system to streamline form completion.
- The NYS DOH posted their draft NEMSIS 3 data dictionary for Program Agency review. NYC REMSCO submitted recommendations for NYS to collect additional data points already part of the NEMSIS 3 PCR to allow for better trend mapping.
 - NYS DOH anticipates opening the new NEMSIS 3 data bridge by the end of the spring.

Update Website

- The REMSCO Office has upgraded its website, the new website has many new functions and increased capabilities. REMSCO has created a new webpage dedicated to the REMAC Exam.
- REMSCO is working with FDNY to make the FDNY Monthly CMEs available on the REMSCO LMS. Completing the CME on the REMSCO LMS will generate a certificate good for 1 REMAC CME.
- No New Applications for Determination of Need received.
- No New applications for Transfer of Operating Authority received.

The next meeting of the Regional EMS Council of NYC will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2017

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JOINT REMSCO/REMAC QA COMMITTEE UPDATE (*MICHAEL REDLENER, MD, CHAIR*)

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1. Midazolam Survey:
 - a. Data has been collected from 17 agencies. Not all agencies have participated and agency medical directors were asked to assist in having their agencies submit data.
2. Safety TAG:
 - a. Many robust studies have been completed on EMS Fatigue.
 - b. Study recommendations will be reviewed, and those suitable for NYC will be included in an educational advisory.
 - c. Recommendations and other study information will be forwarded to the Training and Education Committee.
3. Naloxone Usage 2017 Report from HIDA were shared with REMAC.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

STATE EMS COUNCIL/SEMAC UPDATE (*Yedidiah Langsam, PhD*)

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Kevin Munjal asked for support for Community Paramedicine. Key legislation is being developed and support from REMAC and its members if needed.

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A membership TAG will be formed to review REMAC membership. Dr. Langsam will serve as the TAG Chair.

The FDNY Medical Special Operations Conference will be held on May 3-6, 2018. Flyers have been distributed and posted online.

REMSCO NYC EMS Awards Dinner will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018. Look for emails with information on registering and donations.

No further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. **The next meeting of the REMAC is scheduled for April 17, 2018.**