

EMS Beat



News You Can
Use From the
Office of EMS
Activities

SUMMER 2009

Beta Trials of Protocol Test Begin Summa Squads to Test Knowledge on the Web

Currently being Beta tested with one of the squads the first protocol test is ready. It will include material covered in this spring's CE sessions. This includes extremity and eye trauma, burns, psychiatric emergencies as well as field triage and mass casualty. Because it is web based the medics and EMTs will be able to log on from work or home and complete the test at their convenience without using valuable CE session time. The test taker can save and close the test and then resume at any time, thus making it easier to take at work. The test questions and responses are scrambled each time someone takes the test, although everyone receives the same test. Anticipated release date for all Summa squads is sometime in early July.

Summa EMS squads complete first two-year cycle of CE.

This past April squads for which Akron City Hospital serves as medical control completed the first ever 2-year cycle of CE. It is designed to cover the entire adult protocols in 2 years and 12 sessions with 3 fall and spring meetings each year. This gives the squads flexibility to have other necessary training specific to their needs in the "off" months. It also makes CE and recertification planning easier for the EMTs and medics. They can now look forward and see what is being offered before their certificate expires. At the same time it has made planning for the emergency

medicine residents easier and has dramatically increased their participation in the CE process.

Michael D. Mackan Trauma EMS Conference Held

The first ever Michael Mackan Trauma EMS Conference was held May 22 during EMS week. The event was jointly sponsored by the Office of EMS and Trauma Services. Topics addressed ranged from trauma triage, meth labs, flooding disasters and patient refusals. A metro Life Flight field amputation was also discussed. Feedback was very positive and we will make this an annual event to honor Dr Mackan and his contribution to EMS and trauma care in our community.

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER FROM ALL OF US IN THE EMS OFFICE!

Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital Completes Intermediate EMT Course

With Summa's Office of EMS Activities providing administrative support and course oversight WRH was able to put on an intermediate EMT class this past winter. Mike Kollart, Heather May and Jerry Winkler instructed 18 students all of whom passed. Congrats! Another course is planned for the coming fall. Contact Mike at 330-331-1119 or Jerri at 330-379-9630 for more information.

Glasgow Coma Scales

At the last trauma performance improvement meeting we were notified that a significant number of trauma run reports are still missing the Glasgow Coma scale. This is a quality improvement and patient care issue. It is also a EMSIRs requirement on all patients even those not suffering trauma. Please make every effort to include this.

ACEP Star of Life 2009

Congratulations to Region VIII's winner Hudson EMS. Acknowledgements went to Coventry, Hartville, New Franklin, and Uniontown Fire Departments.

Dog Days of Summer Return!

From Wed July 1st through Friday July 3rd we will once again be distributing hot dogs to EMS providers in the ambulance bay at Akron City Hospital over lunch. Food is being provided courtesy of the doctors at Summa Emergency Associates. Plan on stopping out for a dog.

St Thomas Paramedic Program Receives Patient Simulator

Our paramedic students will get the chance to enhance their education and skills on a full size patient simulator. The St. Thomas Paramedic Program received a grant from the Akron City Hospital Women's Board last year to purchase a STAT PDA mannequin. The simulator has several features to test a student. The STAT PDA has programmable vital signs, lung and heart sounds, the ability to create a difficult airway, and of course defibrillation capabilities. The students should begin using the mannequin this summer. The STAT PDA is portable so the goal is take it on the road to squad training as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE NORTN Regional Trauma Conference

October 30, 2009
Kent State University
Stark Campus

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Geriatrics OB/GYN Emergencies

Dr. Scott Wilbur
Dr. Sheila Steer
6/22 @ 6 pm

Contact Lee at 330-379-5966
to register

Psychiatric Emergencies Dialysis / Renal Patients

Dr. Jane Eckertt
6/29 @ 6 pm

Contact Lee at 330-379-5966
to register

"Putting It All Together"

Dr. Francis Mencl
8/24 @ 6 pm

Contact Lee at 330-379-5966
to register

The above classes posted are
at St. Thomas Hospital in the
auditorium

EMT - Basic Course

The next EMT-B course will
start on August 24th. Contact
Jerri at 330-379-9630 for more
information.