

HIGHLIGHTS of the
Idaho Emergency Medical Services **Physician Commission** (EMSPC)
February 12, 2010 Meeting

-Protocols in Place? Personnel Fully Trained and Retrained? Pat Tucker from Idaho Falls brought the tragic death of her 11 year old daughter, Cady, to the EMSPC's attention. As a result, Idaho EMS medical directors and their agencies are asked to review their medical supervision plans and protocols to make sure:

- All patients, including pediatric, receive appropriate evaluation and care.
- The resiliencies of pediatric patients are not discounted.
- Every agency has protocols that deal with death in the field.
- EMS personnel are trained to deal with on-scene providers that are self declared.
- EMS personnel are trained to interface with other EMS agencies in terms of transfer of care, trauma protocols and transport.
- EMS personnel are trained and retrained to the protocols. When was the last time your agency protocols were reviewed or discussed?
- Efforts must always be guided by data and research. Evidence based treatments, which have been proven to be the most effective, are the best use of limited resources.
- Responsible triage is vital.

-Airway Management Data Collection: *Reminder* - All EMS providers who attempt intubation on a patient in Idaho while responding with an Idaho-licensed EMS agency must submit data electronically via the internet. The link to the survey is posted on the EMSPC website: www.emspc.dhw.idaho.gov. Commissioners reviewed the data collected in January and felt this information will be helpful to agencies in their quality control and training. The compiled data reports will be sent to EMS agencies and their medical directors periodically. Agencies will be asked to make sure all events were recorded in the collection tool.

-Carbon Monoxide Monitoring: Commissioners did not accept the proposed CO monitoring draft protocol. Another draft will be evaluated at the May 14, 2010 EMSPC meeting.