

HIGHLIGHTS of the
Idaho Emergency Medical Services **Physician Commission** (EMSPC)
September 10, 2010 Meeting

- Optional Modules:** The optional module curriculum has been approved by the State Health Officer. Agencies may apply for course approval and access to the curriculum by following the attached checklist.

- Air St. Lukes REAL Simulation (Regional Education and Simulation Lab):** Air Saint Lukes participates in the Idaho Simulation Network (ISN) and does local support training with hospitals and EMS systems. Please contact them to get further information regarding this free training.

- Carbon Monoxide Monitoring:** The EMSPC will not develop a statewide protocol for the use of CO oximetry in fire rehabilitation. Its use in fire rehab is for screening rather than patient care. If a firefighter presents as a patient then the previously approved CO oximetry protocol would apply. EMT, AEMT and Paramedics may use CO oximetry for fire rehab if provisions for medical supervision are in place, similar to paramedics providing immunizations for their EMS agency.

- Magill Forceps:** It was determined that the Magill forceps are not in the scope of practice for AEMT even with the optional module training.

- Protocols:** In 2011 the Commission will start requesting specific protocols for review that agencies should already have in their Medical Supervision Plans.



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Dear Agency Administrator or Medical Director:

Thank you for requesting information on obtaining optional module(s) training. The checklist below will take you through the process of obtaining information, training, documentation and acknowledgment of completion by the EMS Bureau.

- Step 1: Submit a course application for the optional modules adopted. For your agency to be approved for optional modules, you must:
 - Have a current Medical Supervision Plan (MSP) already on file
 - Submit an addendum to your current MSP, signed by your medical director, which includes a description of:
 - Authorized optional modules being utilized by your agency
 - How your agency will ensure EMS personnel receive appropriate initial and continuing training for the adopted optional skills and interventions
 - How the agency medical director will take an active role in verifying competency in optional skills and interventions as required by the EMS Physician Commission (EMSPC)
 - Report patient care response data to the Idaho Prehospital Electronic Record Collection System (PERCS) directly or by way of an Idaho validated export from a National EMS Information System (NEMESIS) compliant software application
- Step 2: The EMS Bureau will send you a password to the education resource site. This will grant access to the optional module(s) package including PowerPoint presentations, tests, beginning course roster and ending course roster.
- Step 3: Conduct training and agency testing as outlined by you and/or the medical director. The beginning course roster must be returned to the EMS Bureau within five (5) days after the first training event. Be aware that certain modules are not allowed to be altered and are marked as a 2OM in the EMSPC Scope of Practice. Those modules requiring the use of EMSPC protocols, marked 4OM, will include the protocol in the specific module education package.

- Step 4: Once the agency training and testing are complete, return the ending course roster to the EMS Bureau indicating those individuals who have concluded the training and have been credentialed by the medical director to perform the skills learned in the module. *Note: it is possible for individuals obtain the training from the module and take the test yet not be credentialed by the medical director. The medical director may wish to require more training at the agency level before he/she allows some individuals to perform the new skills. The agency would be required to update the EMS Bureau should any individuals become credentialed at a later date.*
- Step 5: For Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) conducting the EMR optional module immobilization training, contact the EMS Bureau to schedule the required written and skills testing event. Only after passing these exams will the EMR be eligible for credentialing by their medical director.

If you have any further questions on the requirements for approval for optional module training, or optional module testing or credentialing, please contact the EMS Bureau at 1 (877) LLIDEMS (Land Line IDaho EMS), 1 (877) 554-3367 or 1-208-334-4000.

Questions regarding patient care reporting may be directed to John Cramer, and questions regarding optional module training, testing, or credentialing may be directed to Season Woods.

Thank you,



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