

**HIGHLIGHTS** of the  
Idaho Emergency Medical Services **Physician Commission** (EMSPC)  
May 14, 2010 Meeting

**-On-line EMS Medical Director Course:** The Idaho Commission agreed to purchase another year subscription to the on-line training *Guide for Preparing Medical Directors* from the Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation (CIT). The course provides medical directors and administrators with a fundamental understanding of medical direction related to emergency medical services and guidance for effective medical direction. Physicians will receive 12 hours of Category I Continuing Medical Education at completion of the training. Idaho specific items will be added in the near future. Licensed EMS personnel and administrators may use this course for continuing education credits for license renewal consistent with your agencies training and education policies.

The web site to access the course is [www.MedicalDirectorOnline.org](http://www.MedicalDirectorOnline.org). You will be asked to register for the course and be provided with online instructions. As a member of the Idaho EMS community, the fee for taking the course has been waived through the subscription contract. If you encounter any problems please contact Teri Sanddal with the Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation at [tsanddal@citmt.org](mailto:tsanddal@citmt.org) or call (406) 585-2659.

**ENTER TO WIN** - The Commission purchased three (3) sets of the NAEMSP four-volume text "Emergency Medical Services: Clinical Practice and Systems Oversight." To further support EMS medical directors, Commissioners would like to give these excellent text books to three (3) EMS medical directors who complete this on-line training course by September 30<sup>th</sup>. To enter the drawing, submit a copy of your course completion certificate to [EMSPPhysicianComm@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:EMSPPhysicianComm@dhw.idaho.gov).

**-Airway Management Data Collection:** Commissioners reviewed compiled data collected since January. They determined that a quarterly report will be sent to EMS agencies to ensure data submission. EMS agencies will be given a list of submitted records for the previous quarter and will be asked to reconcile the list with their intubation records. If two (2) crew members attempted intubation on the same patient, the airway database should have two (2) records for that one (1) patient.

EMS Agencies will be sent an annual data report that will also include statewide aggregate data. The first annual agency report will include data for the first 6 months of 2010. An explanatory sentence will need to be included on each slide of the report.

Agencies can request more frequent reports (e.g., quarterly, twice a year).

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*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](http://www.emspc.dhw.idaho.gov)

- Carbon Monoxide Monitoring:** Commissioners approved the Carbon Monoxide Oximetry Protocol. It is posted on the EMSPC website for use at the Paramedic level. It will be an optional skill for EMT and AEMT levels when the training modules are made available.
  
- Nitropaste:** Commissioners were asked if an AEMT can monitor a patient with Nitropaste on an interfacility transfer. The consensus of the EMSPC was no, it is not within the AEMT scope of practice and that it is the sending physician's responsibility to provide appropriate medication, equipment and personnel.
  
- Idaho Volunteer Fire & Emergency Services Association (IVFESA):** IVFESA requested a review and comment regarding an ACLS for EMT course they are offering. The Commission expressed support for education in general for all EMS personnel. However, concern was expressed about the timing of such education and the extra time it may place on EMT volunteers already pressed for time to maintain their mandatory training and license renewal requirements. The Commission, in no way, considers this course as approval or authorization for the EMT to act outside his/her scope of practice. A letter to the IVFESA will be sent reflecting this.
  
- Critical Care Optional Modules:** Commissioners asked for clarification about the recognition by the EMS Bureau of Paramedic Critical Care (CC EMTP) education. The EMS Bureau recognizes graduates of courses that follow the Idaho CC EMTP curriculum as well as the CC EMTP program at the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus. The EMS Bureau requires that the agency medical director attest that the training received by an individual Paramedic meet or exceeded the approved curriculum. There was also some discussion about the future Critical Care curriculum and how to better align it with the EMSPC scope of practice grid.