



Verde Valley Medical Center
Northern Arizona Healthcare

Prehospital Care Department

UPDATES

February 2018

02/10/2007 VVMC Skills Mandatory Training:

The last date for the Mandatory VVMC Skills Training is on February 20, 2018 at Verde Valley Ambulance, 839 W. Mingus Ave, Cottonwood, AZ from 0900-1300.

01/16/2018 Prehospital Care Committee Minutes:

Minutes: PRE-HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 15th, 2018.

In Attendance: Debbie Verkyk, Dr Shank, Bill Boler, Allen Muma, Roland Wagenbach, Schelly Lindsey.

- February skills labs = Please remind Paramedics to sign up.
- Dave = Brain storm ways to improve feedback loops on report; monthly QA. Tally sheet bench marks airway, Cardiac arrests – Dave sends %. ? Different method that meets agencies needs for appropriate documentation. Please bring your ideas to the next meeting
- Cardizem shortage, use of Verapamil – Dr Shank “My feeling is that if we run out of Diltiazem, we should not replace with verapamil. Medics should treat any discomfort or dyspnea, apply the defib pads to all patients and transport to the ED. Electrical Cardioversion should be used for unstable patients.”
Debbie= I do not believe we will run out of Cardizem as the pharmacy is still getting some in
- Orange nebulizer – swap out. We had a change of nebulizers recently that do not work well with ventilators, these are orange in color. We have removed these from the Pyxis and gone back to the old ones. If you have any of the orange ones, please bring them back to our office and we will swap for old ones.

- Dr Shank wants you to remind your crews to be diligent during this flu season and put masks on all patients with resp complaints and flu like symptoms
- Bill and Roland asked about Valium shortage. = Spoke to pharmacy, Valium still out of stock.
- Allen is working with Bill and VVAC to get Jerome Fire patient documentation electronically which will automatically integrate with VVAC, patient documentation.

Next Meeting: April 10th 8:30 – 10:00 in Conference room C