Stroke and STEMI TCD Resources Discussion Points
Afternoon discussion - Stroke and STEMI Work Groups Meeting with
Out-of-Hospital Work Group
November 17, 2009

Item	Name	Issue	Discussion Question
BOTH			
Plans for Resource Guide		• Will protocols be put in regulation? • Want ability to update easily as best practice changes	• What is best approach for updating?
Allowance for Regional Modification		• Want assurance of ability to modify based on regional differences	• Is current explanation on cover of manual sufficient?
STEMI			
3.2 STEMI	Field Triage Protocol	• Clarify language in response to STEMI at step 3. Current language is confusing <u>Possible alternative</u>: PCI Window = 120 minutes from EMS medical contact to reperfusion (PCI) Lytic Window = 30 minutes **Group I: Take to closest Level I or II STEMI center** • If within PCI window, • Chest pain greater than 12 hours duration or • Thrombolytic ineligible **Group II: (outside PCI Window) Take to closest STEMI center** • If outside PCI window but within lytics window • if taken to Level III or IV center, they will evaluate for lytic therapy and/or rapid transfer to higher level center	• What is proposed alternative language? • **Review Draft of Proposed Transport Protocol**.
3.3 STEMI	EMS Guidelines	• Deleted specific reference to O_2 administration since sufficiently addressed in item number 1. This was primarily holdover from guideline for stroke patient and believed not needed as part of STEMI guideline. • Deleted reference to left arm for IV • Modified language regarding nitro administration	• Any concerns with this deletion? • Any reason why left arm is better? • Is modification OK?
3.4 STEMI	Inter-facility transfer (not on lytics)	• Added language to emphasize importance of not delaying transport waiting for hand-off information	• Modification OK?
3.5 STEMI	Inter-facility transfer (on lytics)	• Added same language as on 3.4 • Need clarification regarding recommendation on whether nursing staff may need to accompany patient during inter-facility transport	• Modifications OK?
STROKE			
4.3 Stroke	EMS Guidelines	• Simplified and clarified O_2 administration wording	• Modification OK?
4.4 & 4.5 Stroke	Inter-facility transfer (not on lytics and on lytics)	• Added language to emphasize importance of not delaying transport waiting for hand-off information	• Modifications OK?