

**INDIANA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION
TRAUMA PROTOCOL WORKGROUP
“CORE GROUP” MEETING SUMMARY**

***During the February 18th meeting of the IN EMS Commission’s Trauma Protocol Workgroup, the workgroup decided to have a core group of individuals from the workgroup meet and put onto paper, draft guidelines/protocols to be presented to the EMS Commission at their March meeting. This is a summary of that meeting.*

DATE: February 27, 2009

LOCATION: Riley Hospital for Children – Surgery Conference Room

PRESENT: Tom Madden, MD (Bloomington Hospital – IN Committee on Trauma)
Troy Desonia (Woodlawn Hospital)
Deb Hummel (Rush Memorial Hospital)
Lewis Jacobson, MD (Wishard Memorial Hospital – IN Committee on Trauma)
Tres Scherer, MD (Riley Hospital – IN Committee on Trauma)
Susan Perkins (ISDH Trauma System Manager)
Lee Turpen (Indiana EMS Commission)
Monica Maikranz (St. Mary’s Med Center)
Fred Craigin (PHI Air Medical – Safety Chair/INAAMS)
Pat Rauscher (St. Mary’s LifeFlight – President, INAAMS)
Keith Kahre (St. Mary’s Med Center)
Jason Smith (IDHS Staff Support/Liaison)

The meeting began with brief introductions of those present, either in person or via teleconference. Following the introductions, the group began to look at the different drafts that had been proposed for the EMS trauma triage and transportation guidelines/protocols. Those in attendance spoke highly of all of the different drafts; however the discussion centered on a draft prepared by Dr. Jacobson, which utilized the American College of Surgeons Field Triage Decision Scheme as its basis, and then expounded upon different aspects of the decision scheme. Different portions of the draft were discussed, in detail, regarding the field EMS perception and how they fit into the current ‘trauma system’ existing in Indiana today, and where we want to see the ‘system’ evolve to in the future.

It became the consensus of the group that the draft prepared by Dr. Jacobson was to be the draft presented by the workgroup to the EMS Commission. After further discussion, it was agreed that Dr. Jacobson would amend the draft to include a more detailed definition of ‘acute care hospital’, and then forward the revised draft to Jason Smith to be distributed to the EMS Commission members in their meeting packets.