



THE BURN SHEET

CE COMMITTEE PUTS HEADS TOGETHER

NFAA Policy on Patient Care Reports

ALL patient care reports are to be written at DCMH without exception. Remember, it's all about patient care... make sure the ER has an accurate, legible copy of the care given to your patient by NFAA staff before you leave the hospital. Only extreme extenuating circumstances will be excused from this policy, i.e.: MCI, or paged back into service by Dispatch. Thank you.

A group of NFAA volunteers met a couple of weeks ago to begin lining out our CE program for the coming year. Members are: Dr. Pruet, Physician Advisor, Chris & Susan Martin from Hotchkiss, Bryan Kinser from Paonia and Ralph Clark from Crawford. Annie Pratt has offered to do the record keeping for the group including tracking your CE's with the North Fork.

The group welcomes any ideas or suggestions for CE topics. They will have their work cut out for them as the CE requirements set by the State of Colorado for re-certification undergo a major overhaul (read: get more complicated) as of July 1st 2008. Instead of 12 hours of medical, 12 trauma and 12 elective, the requirements will be much more specific. Don't worry though, the

36 hours over three years hasn't changed.

Dr Pruet is looking forward to taking an active role in the planning & implementation of our CE program.

Thanks to the folks that stepped up! And a huge thanks to Pam Woods who has done it single-handedly for the last three years! Enjoy your time off Pam and know that we appreciate your efforts.

November CE will feature Officer Neal Ferguson from the Paonia PD. Subject: crime scene etiquette, evidence preservation and how best to work with Law Enforcement on a call. Crawford Fire Barn , 7 pm Monday, Nov. 12th. See you there!

A little on the trashy side....

It has come to the attention of DCMH and the NFAA that we are sometimes leaving our trash in the wrong place or in the wrong bag or using the wrong method... or any combination thereof...

So first of all, please know that there are plain, regular trash bags in each rig to be used for any trash not contaminated with body fluids. Please do not deposit this "regular (?)" trash in red bio-hazard bags. Red bio hazard bags and other items that are deposited into the Soiled Laundry Room at the ER must be incinerated, at a large

cost to the hospital. The red bags are a big red flag...don't use them for regular trash. If you don't know what to do with a particular item, ask the ER staff so it gets done right.

Waste that is contaminated with body fluids, and sharps containers need to be deposited in the Soiled Laundry Room in the ER. Also any bloody clothing or sheets etc. that are beyond saving.... soaked with blood, contaminated substances (i.e., you can squeeze the liquid out of the sheet) can be left in the correct container as well.

Eeew. Thanks. Just another day at the office.

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Continuing

Education ...

and any one else that might be interested in attending a CE, please feel free to do so. You are always welcome and we encourage your enthusiasm.

Thank you for your dedication!

EVENTS

Board Meeting, Thursday, November 1, 7:00 pm, Crawford Fire Barn

Continuing Education, Monday, November 12, 7 pm, Crawford Fire Barn

Colorado State EMS Conference, November 9-11, Keystone, CO

2-year Reviews

Scheduled for review for this month:

Jeremy Byers, Kirby Clock, Ty Odle

Reviews usually start around 8 pm, so you can arrive then, or at 7 pm for the start of the business meeting. If you are not able to make this board meeting, please make arrangements to be present at the next board meeting that meets your schedule.

Drivers, drivers, drivers...thank you

We have a number of community-minded folks stepping up to take the position as a driver for the NFAA. Some are happy to drive and help out with their CPR and First Aid skills. Some may be looking at taking the EMT class.

As NFAA EMTs, please help these new folks learn what their role is in assisting on scene, loading and unloading patients. As Drivers, look to the head EMT for direction on scene, you are there to assist the EMT.

When you stop to think about it, Drivers are the most important people on the run once the patient is loaded and the rig is headed down the road. Their driving ability and decision making up front affects us all in the back, patient and EMT alike.

Drivers please be courteous, obey the traffic laws & drive no faster than the conditions al-

low. Again, **IF** conditions allow (including traffic), you may drive over the posted speed limit, up to 15 MPH, period. (read: Not as fast as you want to go.) Data is being gathered on the risks of high speed transport and the actual good it does the patient. For more on this, check the website:

www.objectsafety.net

Keep in mind everyone in the community is watching us... avoid running up on someone only to flip on the siren at the last moment, that's just not nice. It doesn't matter how irritated you are at the traffic, what matters is getting us ALL there safely.



The Conditions, happy driver... stop dropping babies all over the road!