

**American College of Emergency Physicians
Clinical Policies Committee Meeting
November 15, 2023
Zoom Meeting**

MINUTES

Participants

Committee members participating in all or part of the meeting: Deborah B. Diercks, MD, MSc, FACEP, Chair; John D. Anderson, MD, FACEP; John T. Finnell, MD, FACEP, FACMI, Board Liaison; Charles J. Gerardo, MD, MHS, FACEP; Steven A. Godwin, MD, FACEP; Amy Kaji, MD, MPH, PhD, Methodologists; Sharon E. Mace, MD, FACEP, FAAP; Maggie Moran, MD, EMRA Representative; Kaushal H. Shah, MD, FACEP; Richard D. Shih, MD, FACEP; Scott M. Silvers, MD, FACEP; Andrea Slivinski, RN, DNP, ENA Representative; Michael D. Smith, MD, MBA, FACEP; Johnathan H. Valente, MD, FACEP; Lauren Westafer, DO, MPH, MS, FACEP; Yanling Yu, PhD, Advocate for Patient Safety.

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Michelle Blanda, MD, FACEP, Writing Committee on Blunt Trauma; Travis Schulz, MLS, AHIP, Staff Liaison; Kaeli Vandertulip, MSLS, MBA, AHIP, Staff Liaison.

Agenda

1. Disclosures
2. Conflict of Interest—Cannabis guidelines
3. Policy Statement Sunset Review
4. Blunt Trauma Draft Review
5. Other business

Major Points Discussed

1. There were no new disclosures pertinent to the agenda.
2. Dr. Diercks let the discussion regarding a financial conflict of interest with a member of the writing committee working on the cannabis guidelines. The conflict was substantial, so the member has been removed from the writing committee and reassigned to a clinical policy where there are no conflicts financial or otherwise.
3. Dr. Diercks led the discussion. Members of the committee volunteered or were assigned to review the “Opposition to Routine Culturing of Skin and Soft Tissue Abscesses”, “Rapid-Sequence Intubation”, and “Unscheduled Procedural Sedation: A Multidisciplinary Consensus Practice Guideline” policy statements.
4. Dr. Gerardo, with assistance from Dr. Shah and Dr. Blanda, led the committee members in the discussion of the draft of the blunt trauma clinical policy. Recommendations were made for revisions to the draft based on the comments. The writing committee will incorporate the revisions into the next draft.
5. Dr. Diercks led the conversation regarding selection of critical questions after the committee has had the chance to use the UpPriority tool and compared our process with other organizations’ processes. The committee also discussed possible methods for improving the dissemination and implementation

of policies. Several members volunteered to work with the Health Informatics Section and Health Information Technology Committee to establish additional mechanisms. Dr. Westafer also shared how the *Annals of Emergency Medicine* promotes new policies via social media.

Dr. Anderson led the discussion of the draft critical question for early pregnancy. The committee provided recommendations. The writing committee will incorporate their recommendations to hone the critical question.

Travis led the discussion on the proposed process for the disposition of clinical policies in the context of the single question policy format. He shared the updated algorithm, which includes mechanisms to revise, reaffirm, rescind, or approve additional questions.