

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2015

PRESENT

Chief Jeff Kowalski
Captain Mark Benadum
Lt. Kirk Keane
Chief Rick Helminski
Rich Ellett
Kristin Calkins
Deanna Monanaro
Mitch Bruss
Thomas Kopp
Alex Kuhn

REPRESENTING

Sylvania Twp. Fire
TFD EMS Bureau
TFD EMS Bureau
Springfield Fire – LS10
Maumee Fire – LS7
UTMC – EC
UTMC – EC
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital
St. Vincent Mercy Hospital
American Heart Association

STAFF

Dennis Cole
Brent Parquette
Dr. David Lindstrom
Ralph Shearn
Loren Boykin

Emergency Services Director
QA/QI
Medical Director
LCEMS Dispatch Manager
LCEMS Dispatcher

ABSENT

Toledo Fire – LS1
Toledo Fire –LS2
Toledo Fire - LS3
Toledo Fire – LS4
Toledo Fire – LS5
Sylvania Fire – LS6
Oregon Fire – LS8
Whitehouse Fire – LS9
Springfield Fire – LS10
Jerusalem Twp. Fire

Rod Standiford

Jeff Hibbard

Chief Charles Flack

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Chief Kowalski.

Minute Approval

The minutes from the January 12, 2015 meeting were available for review. Mark Benadum made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Rich Ellett. The minutes were approved as written.

Training

Brent reported the compiled CE comments from January and February CE were available to read. Brent reported January's CE introduced the new spinal immobilization protocol , February was on

Cardiovascular Emergencies and March's CE is OB/GYN which will complete the requirements for State Registry..

QA

Dr. Lindstrom reported there are some anecdotal issues he's dealing with. Dr. Lindstrom mentioned Dispatch has implemented the ProQA which will help the process of QA relative to Dispatch.

Old Business

St. Anne's & STEMI – Brent reported St. Anne's announced they were going to be a STEMI facility. There will be representatives from St. Anne at the next Medical Committee meeting which is April 6th. One of the questions that will be raised is if they will be a Hypothermia Center.

Safety Pad - Chief Helminski asked if the County was moving forward with the Safety Pad. Brent reported they did a trial and his intent was trial other hardware devices. Chief Helminski reported they use Firehouse as well as Maumee, Sylvania and Oregon.

LS11 – Chief Kowalski asked when LS11 will be in service. Dennis Cole reported there is a mutual agreement at this point and it is going to Toledo for approval.

Advanced Specialty Hospitals – Dr. Lindstrom reported he has talked to both nursing directors at these hospitals. Dr. Lindstrom said the facility at the South End (Advanced Specialty Hospital) has two types of facilities within itself. One is an extended care facility (ECF) and the other is a Long Term Acute Care (LTAC).

Pharmaceuticals – Dr. Lindstrom reported there is a Vasopressin shortage and the county's protocol allows Vasopressin or Epi. Dr. Lindstrom said Vasopressin will probably go away. We will use up what we have and then go to Epi.

Microwave phone – Dennis reported the issue with the microwave phones at St. Charles and Toledo has been resolved. UTMC has a different issue, they have two phones working off one line. Mike Bayes is looking at ways to fix this.

CyanoKit – Dr. Lindstrom reported we are having a discussion internally. He said they looked at it 2-3 years ago. Dr. Lindstrom we will move forward with it and teach in May or June.

Open Discussion

Hospital Lockers – Dennis reported paramedics are not taking care of putting the face sheets in the lockers properly. They are folding them up numerous times & pushing them in.

Stroke – Dr. Lindstrom reported there was an article in the Blade on Friday, March 6th regarding strokes. Dr. Lindstrom said that he, Brent and Ralph met with two physicians from UTMC advocating Stroke diversion. Dr. Lindstrom reported they are working through a stroke protocol the doctors suggested.

This will be discussed at the next Medical Committee Meeting.

Life Squad Cancellations – Rich Ellett reported there have been a number of cases where they arrive on scene and have eyes on the patient and are cancelled by Monclova Fire. Rich asked at what point do they intervene. Dr. Lindstrom reported this is at the chief's level and will have a discussion with him.

Life Squads – Dennis reported three new life squads were inspected last week and will arrive this week. Dennis said once they are in, the departments should come and check them out to make sure modifications are okay.

JEMS Conference – Brent reported on the JEMS games from the conference citing Lucas County had two teams, one female and one male. The females came in 6th and the males 9th out of 24 teams. Brent said there was a new course this year. Also the teams spent a lot of hours practicing for this event.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, May 11th at 9:00 am..

Lucas County EMS
Noncredit Course and Instructor Evaluation
Course: Spinal Immobilization/Pediatric Emergencies
Course Dates: Jan 6,7,8,13,14,15,20,21,22,27, 2015

COMMENTS

Jan 6, 2015

- Before presenting case history, get all the facts + details. Do not appreciate negative guessing by presenter.
- I like the new stuff. Peds was eye opening!
- BSI scene safe
- Place O² @ the head of cot please.

Jan 7, 2015

- When 80% + runs in Oregon are near the Toledo city limits + LS8 takes 0 of these runs now, why don't we move LS8 to Oregon Fire Station 2. That way LS 1 + 4 are not second due to Oregon when LS2 is taking to run there. Move LS8 to Toledo Fire Station 3 as LS11.
- Good progressive step forward with SMR. Presentation very well done.
- Break out sessions are great
- Good skill stations. Very informative
- Move LS8 to actually serve the City of Oregon. i.e. move LS8 to Oregon Station 2. LS11 needs to be put in service for 24 hours.
- Good session.

Jan 8, 2015

- Nice about time – better for us and pt.
- Was informative and in line with the objectives. Good order of flow with the info. Definitely enjoyed the mixture of lecture and hands on skills/knowledge.
- Thankful for new SMR protocol that is up and coming!! Thank you for your continued efforts in researching what is best for our patients.
- Thanks for empowering EMT-P's RE: SMR
- Great CE
- Good Information! Good review! Should have started SMR in 1998!
- Nice job as always!
- It's about time!
- I like the new Spinal Motion Restriction Protocol!
- Like the new SMR protocol
- Great CE better than Ohio EMS Expo
- Looking forward to implementing it.
- Like the idea for change. Could we look into a Guilmann GH3 ceiling lift system? You tube it, They have the disposables sheets for it.

Jan 13, 2015

- Really could've used a break at the 1500 hour
- Can you show pre-post ccth pics → side/side

- RTF – very interested in participating in this. No more backboards – Great! This was always a punitive tool w/TFRD cases of the month; very informative, good food for thought. LS11, definitely need more details, especially w/union contract negotiations pending.
- Good CE
- Case study review of unusual or infrequently encountered runs are informative and good training review.
- More Peds review in upcoming CE, I have forgotten a lot about peds.
- Good CE as usual
- About time for the change.

Jan 14, 2015

- About time for new c-spine!
- Nice job!
- Thankful for the new approach
- YIP Skiddly doo!! Keep up the good work C.E. Squad.
- CE would be much better if there were more recipes.....

Jan 15, 2015

- Glad we are moving to this.
- Nice to see LCEMS keeping up with changes.
- Good review
- Good CE
- Can we talk with hospital registration & nursing staff about being more accessible upon arrival (TTH, Flower)? Spending lots of time trying to find a nurse to take over care – or room assignment..
- Can we please do a shaken baby CE for peds next time?
- At times, noisy in back of room during lecture, (Instructor talking)

Jan 20, 2015

- ePCR's still suck, but I'm getting better at it.
- Great info. Interesting presentations. Clear. Good discussions. Thank you!
I look forward to next month's lecture on the use of shock pants.
- Peds was excellent.
- This is a major change for us. The more information that we can get on this the better.
- I'm tired of reading monthly comments regarding TFD chiefs attending CE and their radios being a distraction. They are required to attend on duty hence available at all times. Last I checked we are all adults and not in kindergarten. Apparently we have no distractions ever on scenes to distract us or our train of thought.

Jan 21, 2015

- Attendance might be better at the afternoon session if it was noon to 4pm. Ace you have improved a great deal over the past 2 years. Fine job today.
- Great new protocol.
- A lot of gray areas in the SMR.
- Very informative, always learn something new!
- Finally – Thank you for this CE!
- Great info on SMR

- Ace did a very nice job. Very well spoken.

Jan 22, 2015

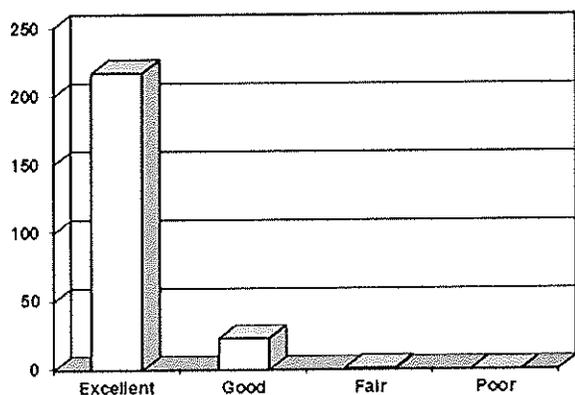
- Excellent video series. Would be very useful for F.R. training.
- Enjoyed case of month.
- I thought this was a good CE.
- Thank you!
- Love the run review.

Jan 27, 2015

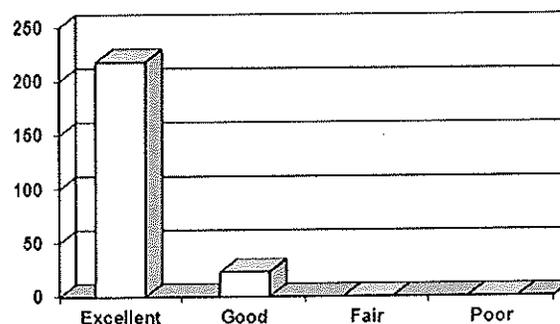
- So glad we are getting away from using backboards!
- Excellent refresher on PEDS protocols. SMR its about time!
- Nice to re address the use of backboards. Makes it easier to handle pts. Although some may need it but most don't in a lot of cases.
- About time! Please make sure TFD officers get this training. People who are up and walking with no complaint should not be forced to boarded.
- Great!
- Can you put the powerpoints up with the monthly handouts that wy if we want them we can print them ourselves!
- Great lecture!
- Excellent videos.
- Thank you to the individuals striving to keep Lucas County in line with the most up to date information and changing protocols to reflect this. Great video.

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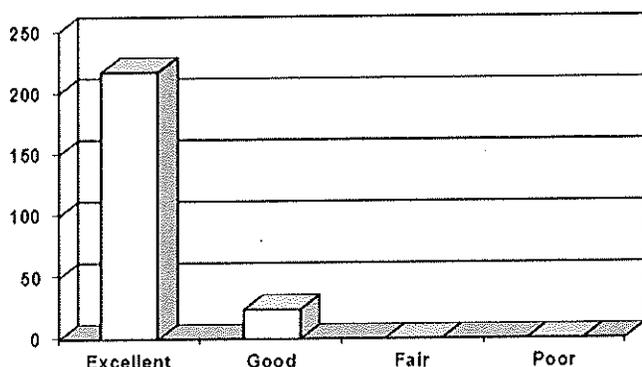
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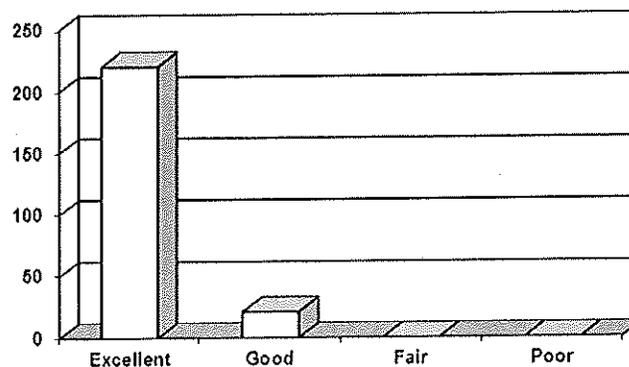
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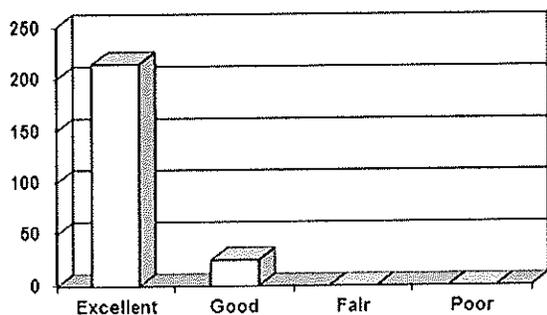
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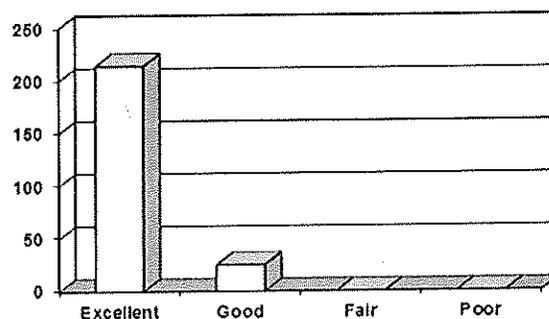
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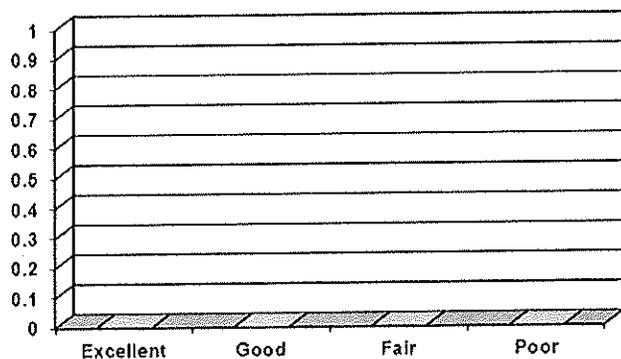
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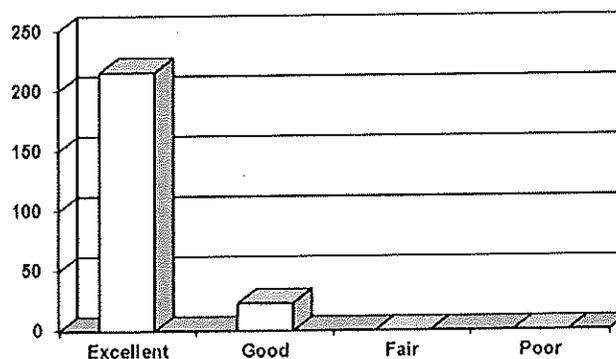
6. Handouts were easy to use and helpful
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7. Did the written test reflect the objectives and course content? N/A



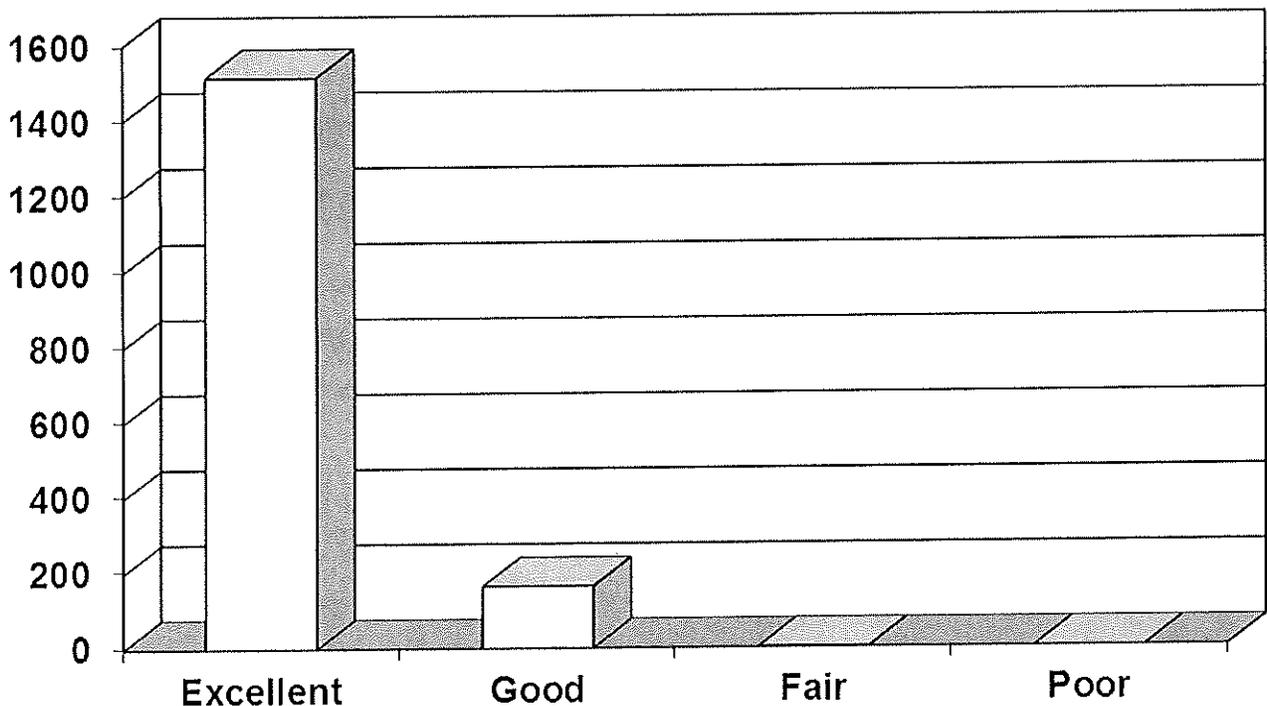
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Summary of All Responses to All Questions



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Lucas County EMS
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COMMENTS

February 3, 2015

- Very excited about Brent's practice take on arrest protocols. Lots of great info for the future use. One of the most informative and inspiring lessons....seriously. The CPR seems intimidating but will prove to be a great & much needed tool.
- We spent a lot of time going over a device that hasn't even been purchased yet. It was great information, but I feel like it will just be repetitive when we go to put it in service. Other than that, great info: need to find ways to spread everything to first responders as well. Spent too much time at the end going over other ways people do CPR .. In my opinion if we are not using it we shouldn't be spending CE time talking about it.
- For 1st Responder medics only – It would be nice to let them leave when life squad only training occurs such as the last hour of training on event analysis review.
- Very interesting and informative lecture.
- Very informative. Nice job!
- Brent does a great job. Makes you think, makes you want to improve your skills.
- Excellent presentation by Brent as always. Brent is the best educator I have experienced in my career. Brent is not permitted to retire until after I do which is 4 years.
- CPR feedback is cool and will be a very good learning tool to help improve performance.
- Very good review. Excellent information!
- Love this kind of information. The presentation was very eye opening.
- Great. Very in-depth presentation.
- Very interesting stuff! Thanks for all your work!
- I dislike hearing "this is just a slide..." If it's unimportant to your point get rid of it. Bud
- Great job. I mean it. The more you learn the less you know. Thank you for the hard work you & the staff put it. GQ
- Good update. Looking forward to see what changes will be made on our arrest patients.

February 4, 2015

- Great information. Looking forward to possible upcoming changes that will improve pt. outcome.
- Good learning points on CPR w/report.
- Can't wait to implement!
- Great as usual.
- Good presentation. Both Jon & Brent do a wonderful job!
- Thanks to Dan L. for his case. Great info and story.
- Very good/interesting/eye-opening information!
- Thank you!
- Good emphasis on CPR basics.
- Think about giving the code information to the first responder crew too. The life squad crew doesn't always have the ability to easily communicate with the inner city crews.
- Great review:

February 5, 2015

- Good CE – Feedback emailed should be beneficial to teach ways to improve. Will this be included to the First Responders on the run? Not just the life squad staff.
- Another outstanding job by Jon & Brent. Brent's power points very informative & educational. Great job!
- Cardiac lecture that didn't put me to sleep...Excellent CE...
- Please reconsider moving CE to 8-12; I realize it is not your problem that I am starving by noon (and yes I do eat breakfast) not the only person that benefits is the guy who stocks your vending machine.
- As usual – fantastic C.E. Appreciate the work put into these! As one opinion, I'm good with 4 hour lecture, it provides an opportunity to gather very good info that may not be available during shorter lectures.
- Great lecture. Proud to be a part of our system. Keep up the good work!
- Thanks for all the good information.
- Excellent C.E. Thanks to Dan for allowing review of his case.
- Good job! CPR reports sent back to medics is super.
- Great lecture!!
- One of the best lecture CE's yet. A lot of information presented; providing for a lot of thought & discussion. Case study takes an interesting twist being it's from/about one of our own?! Date/research provides w/lecture was intriguing.

February 10, 2015

- Perhaps a reminder to turn off the *!# king phones is in order????
- Program was not akin to chewing foil as advertised; nay, it was enlightening and fill w/scientific data that emboldens the depts. To place great emphasis on community. CPR and understand its undeniable inherent benefit.
- Thank you, Brent, for keeping your county paramedics abridged of all the science behind what we do. I'm proud to be a part of such a progressive system.
- Excellent information provided. Mind-boggling statistical data presented. Comparative study results are amazing! I had no idea that you could leave the LUCAS on operational while defibrillating.
- Unbelievable information presented. The technology coming out and the changes coming down the road are simply mind blowing. Thanks for keeping us on the cutting edge.
- Need more classes like this one.
- Cardiac CE are always very informational.
- Brent – awesome job. Appreciated!
- Very informative information.
- Good lecture
- Great CE and I really look forward to the future with CPR therapy!
- Great presentation. Excellent info.

February 11, 2015

- The studies are exciting. Changes in protocol seem to be simple for such great improvement of outcomes. Cpt. T. Phillips
- Thanks for staying on top of the most recent info. And thanks for all the hard work to improve LCEMS.

- Great review & info.
- Very good.
- Amazing information.
- Brent – please stop always going to the Toledo Fire side of the room when you go up to the screen to point out something. Don't forget the other side of the room.
- Great information on future procedures.
- A lot of new stuff. AI will need much review before implementation.
- Great job!
- I like the case studies. Good luck to JEMS teams. I am excited about Ketamine IV. We should use the team leader approach for critical patients a& cardiac arrests with more emphasis on this in the field & more clear roles/responsibilities.
- Great presentation Brent. For future CE's, go back to breaking up groups for skill stations with the table we sit at instead of counting numbers off to people.

February 12, 2015

- Kahan talked too much.
- Great information
 - Very well presented lecture. Even though I was coming off shift with not enough sleep, the material was so well presented that I had no problem staying awake. It was very interesting to hear about future trends.
- Great new & exciting info. People need to care more to change more.
- Good lecture. I liked the case of the month and the video. Excellent. Would love to have hands on information to take back to EMS BLS FF for station drills & training.
- Lots of good info today. Looking forward to feedback sheets.
- Great additional videos & information.
- OK

February 17, 2015

- Handouts for cardiac lectures would be helpful.
- Good information on CPR, looking forward to the new advances.
- Excellent CE! Great cardiac lecture!
- Change takes time & effort. Great class
- Excellent. Lots of good info. Looking forward to incorporating the new ideas/techniques.
- Excellent review – Lot of quality info – will pass on to crews.
- Great CE
- Great session!
- Very informative, almost too much at once. Look into why TFD life squads are not sent on structure fires IMMEDIATELY!? Other dept's LS's are sent and used as man power and TFD life squads are not even sent unless occupied? OUR MEMBERS DESERVE AND NEED LS O/S when attack to fire is made!
- Thanks for sharing. Thank you for continuing to raise the bar. My head might explode from all the new info!
- Excellent lecture.
- Great CE; nice to know we are doing U-T-D interventions & always looking for areas to improve.
- This is what I envision when I think & CE very informative.
- Very good review!

February 18, 2015

- A bit much information. A little confusing. Lecture should be more like the last slide.
- So much information. Mind blown
- Life squad 8 should be relocated so they can be the first due life squad in all of Oregon, not half! Life squad dispatching should be re-evaluated overall.
- Great info, new tools, need more
- Very informational
- Wow. Thank you!
- Thank you! Lots of great info. Overwhelming
- Really good info!
- Fascinating stuff
- Very good today a lot of good info for us old guys
- As always, great C.E.
- Very informative CEU. Great information. Thank you for what you do
- A lot of really good information. I regret not bringing paper to take better notes.
- The idea of new & innovative ways to resuscitate pt's makes the job even more interesting. Hope to see more community involvement in our process.

February 19, 2015

- Genius too bad it didn't get implemented back in the 90's. Good to have the/lessons learned along the way!!
- Good to hear about some of the upcoming tools/things we might be using in the future. As always, good nuggets of info-especially with the correct way to fix our skills.
- Great information!! To work toward that "pit crew" team approach, we should do break our sessions w/our own departments
- Great new info.
- A lot of valuable information, great lecture!
- Zoll auto pulse vs/IPD – 80 comp. rate for both –why LUCAS?? 80 comp rate for Zoll due to recoil.
- Phew! Information overload. I think I just lost my early childhood in my memory banks. Good CPR lecture. Close race today for the "stupid question contest".
- Nice to see as always moving forward!
- Very informative
- Very informational material. Really like the CPR report & getting feedback out to paramedics after cardiac arrest.
- Very nice job. Very helpful!
- Excellent lecture! Great information! Please reinforce the new information soon. More lecture sessions like this one would be beneficial.
- One of the more interesting C.E. sessions. I like the concepts. Makes sense.

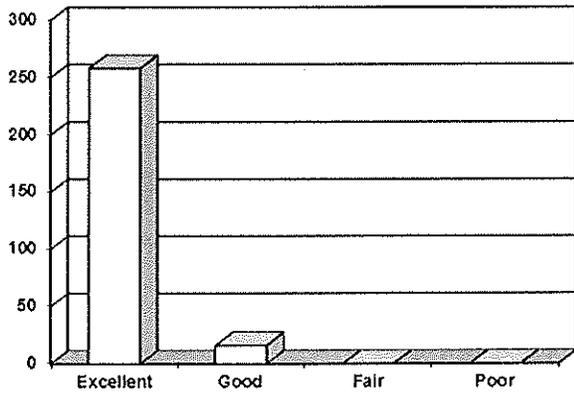
February 24, 2015

- Wicked cool microcirculation slides. Please never say the phrase "square root" ever again – It scares us. Lol. HUGE thanks for Dave for sharing his case. As always I love Brent & Jon & Ace (even though she's not here)
- Circulatory support presentation is a must for presentation to ALL BLS crews. Very enlightening information & they are typically the ones doing ventilations & compressions.
- Great information !!!

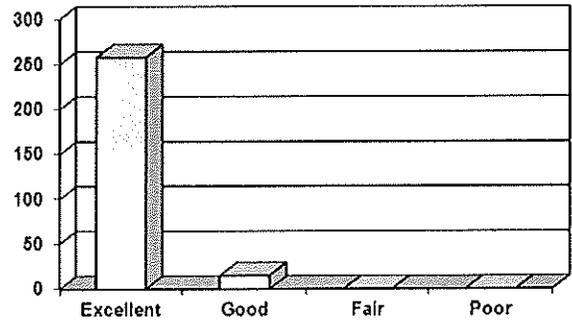
- Very useful! The visuals lead to greater understanding.
- Great lecture!
- Good review and excited to see new studies & improvements!
- As always
- Very interesting. Good class.
- Great review
- *Excellent lecture Power Points – put them available on-line as references for LCEMS medics. Should not let these sources of quality information sit idle after that month's CE is over with!
- I love it when Brent presents at CE. Good luck at the conference
- Always nice to look ahead. This same information needs to be presented to ALL first responders!
- “Lateral navigation”
- Thank you!

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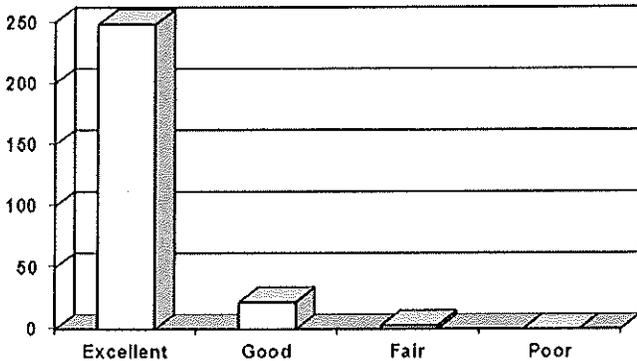
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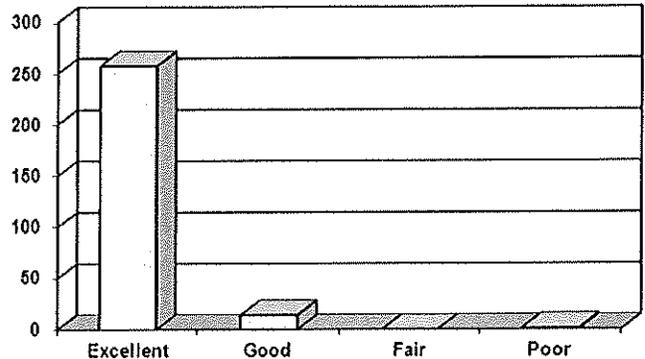
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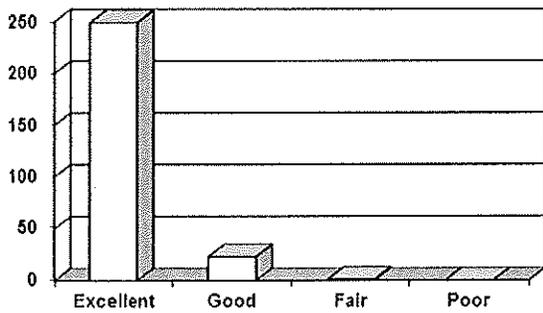
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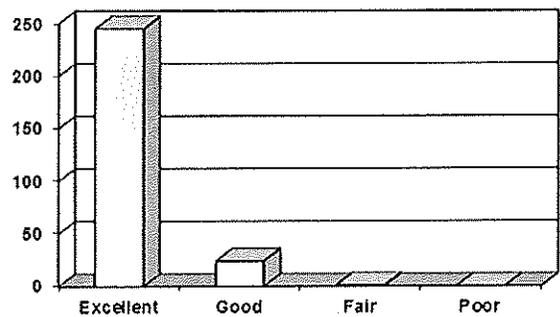
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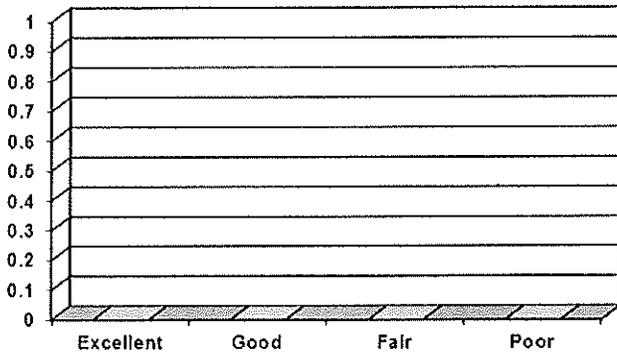
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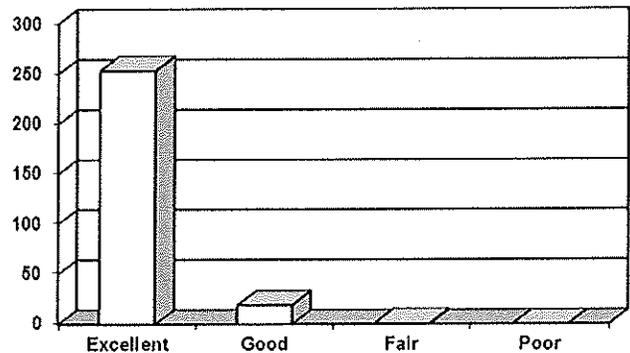
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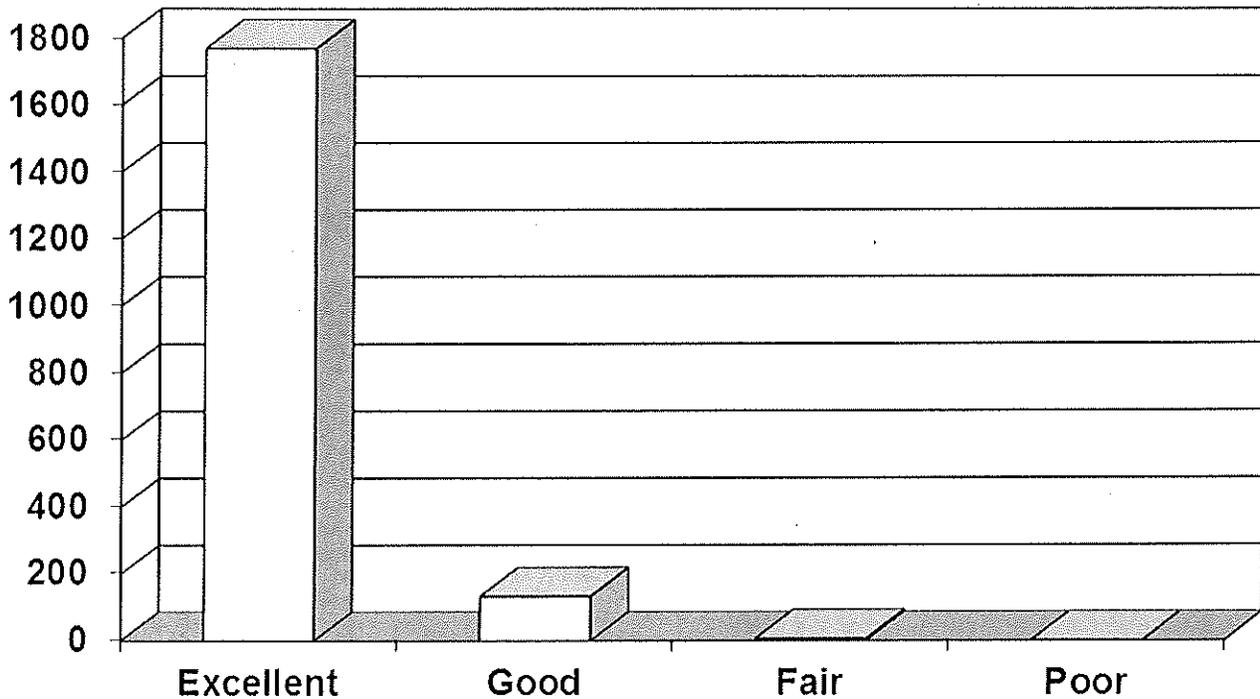
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