

# MARQUETTE COUNTY EMS MEDICAL CONTROL AUTHORITY

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### Protocols Updated at May MCA Meeting

The list of protocols updated at the May 6, 2003 MCMCA meeting is available on the MCMCA website located at [www.mgh.org/mqtems](http://www.mgh.org/mqtems), or you can always call the office for a list of the updates at 225-7410. These protocols have been revised by the Protocols Committee, approved by the full Board of Directors, and approved by MDCIS. Please take the time to review these updates. If you have a suggestion regarding ANY of the protocols that are included in the Medical Control Plan, please let your MCA representative know so that it can be addressed.

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### Communications

The Communications Protocol is being looked at closely, and will hopefully be approved soon. There are a number of issues being addressed, including the dispatching and canceling of appropriate agencies. Service Directors must provide Central Dispatch with rosters and callout preferences annually.



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Champion Township EMS First Responders are 25 years old this year, and are the oldest Medical First Responder agency in Michigan!

### Quality Improvement Committee

Any of the EMS providers who have been around for a while will remember the “Case and Care Review” Committee of many years ago. We are in the process of getting a similar group together to provide run reviews for any situation that may be in question. We will cover any topic that applies to our current Medical Control Plan.

Please let the MCA office know IN WRITING if you encounter any run that you feel could have been handled differently. This includes pre-hospital, as well as upon your arrival at the hospital. We will have hospital ED representation on this committee, as well as representation of all levels of care (MFR through Paramedic). All runs reviewed through this process, including any suggestions will remain strictly confidential and results of these reviews will only be shared with appropriate personnel and/or agencies.

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### Powell Township EMS Goes Limited Advanced!

Powell Township EMS recently upgraded their licensure level to Limited Advanced Life Support. Powell previously operated under the Bennett Bill for four years, allowing them to

‘test’ their ability to provide 24/7 Specialist-level care to their residents.

They are now licensed through MDCIS at the LALS level! Congratulations to Powell Township EMS and all of the dedicated EMS providers who work for their agency!

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### “Medical Control, this is Nicole”

If you’ve called the MCA office recently, you’ve heard the pleasant voice of Nicole Couveau, who is working part-time for the Medical Control Authority in the secretarial position.

Please help welcome Nicole as she learns just what it is that we do in the EMS community and with the Medical Control Authority.

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### EMS Week Appreciation and Awards Program

This year’s EMS Week Reception was held on May 22, 2003 at MGHS in their Conference Center. Thank you to the many people who showed up to help honor and support their fellow EMS providers.

This year’s recipient of the Earlene Kinnunen Meritorious Service Award was Jeff Parrish of Powell Township. Those on Jeff’s service provided quite a listing of the many hours of

community involvement that Jeff contributes in the Big Bay area. One of the impressive numbers that they provided was that Jeff has responded to an average of 60% of all calls in the Big Bay area in his sixteen years of service to Powell Township.



Congratulations and thanks for all the years of hard work and dedication Jeff!

Other awards presented were to two of the community “Stars of Life”, including Josh Warren, RN of Richmond Township, and Dale Beaudry, Firefighter from Powell Township.

Thanks also go out to Cindy Johnson RN EMT-P from MGHS EMS, who once again ran the EMS Week Poster Contest for all agencies or townships who chose to participate. Cindy coordinated the collection/donation of all the prizes, bike helmets, and goodie bags for each winner in Marquette County. Thanks Cindy!

Thanks to the countless others who helped to make EMS Week 2003 such a success.

### EMS Golf Outing

The fourth annual EMS Golf Outing is scheduled for June 28, again at Gentz’s Homestead Golf Course. If you are interested in joining us this year, please call the MCA office at 225-7410.



### Camp 911

Anyone who was out at the former Sawyer AFB area over the weekend of May 17 & 18 was sure to see all of the Camp 911 activities going full strength! Camp 911 took off at the tail end of the Dead River Flooding Disaster, and still most of the speakers and counselors chose to help out with this annual program.

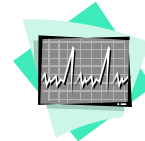


Over sixty campers attended the program, and it went extremely well.

Gary Gustafson RN EMTP would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year’s Camp 911 such a success. If you would like to volunteer for next year’s program, please call Gary at 225-3547.

### Bioterrorism Grant Update

The Region 8 Bioterrorism Preparedness Grant is successfully moving forward. The initial Preparedness Plan for Upper Peninsula was due to MDCIS/MDCH Office of Public Health Preparedness on May 31, 2003. We will now be able to start using some of the monies to implement the programs that were suggested by the over 100 members of the Advisory Committee. If you’d like to be a part of these planning efforts, please call Jim Tritten, Hospital Bioterrorism Grant Coordinator at 225-7745.



### AED Grant

The AED Grant that we applied for last year through the Michigan Center for Rural Health has furnished us with additional AED’s for use in licensed EMS agencies, at minimal cost. If your licensed non-transporting EMS agency is interested in a new AED, please call the MCA office at 225-7410.

The UP-EMS Annual Continuing Education Conference is scheduled for October 1 – 5, 2003.





**Medical Control Website**

Remember to check the Medical Control website at [www.mgh.org/mqtems](http://www.mgh.org/mqtems) when you are looking for information regarding licensure, forms, meeting schedules, protocols, contact names, etc. The full MCMCA meeting minutes are now available on the website, as are past issues of the MCA newsletter. Thanks for all of the feedback that we've received so far! Please feel free to make suggestions as to what you would like to see posted on the website.

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**Non-911 Requests for Transport Protocol**

Many of our local agencies have been providing non-emergent transfers for patients to nursing centers, hospitals, residences, etc. We recently approved the new Non-911 Requests for Transport Protocol to help guide us through this new territory.

Any patient with a medical condition that is considered an emergency, and who will require immediate care, is to be transported by the closest available ambulance. All other non-emergent transfers can be handled on a contractual basis with those facilities that have chosen to provide this type of service to their residents.

**Blood Glucose Monitors**

We recently had the good fortune of receiving nine One-Touch Ultra Blood Glucose Monitors for use on any EMS agency in Marquette County. Thanks go out to the Joann Manty of the Diabetic Education Program at Marquette General for coordinating our receipt of these new monitors. If your agency is in need of a new blood glucose monitor, please call the office and we will do what we can to help you secure a new monitor.

Ishpeming EMS has a new ALS Transfer Rig Unit 114!



Is your Epi-Pen, Albuterol, AED, and Combitube Training up-to-date?

The current program materials are now in the Medical Control Plan if you have questions regarding these programs.



**UPHCN Update – Regional Medical Control Authority Network**

The UPHCN MCAN Network has announced that as a part of the Rural Health Initiatives Grant they will be distributing \$2000 to each MCA for data collection. Local MCA's will also be given software free of charge, which will allow EMS units to electronically enter patient care data. The software is called the "Michigan Emergency Records Management and Information Database (MERMaID). MERMaID software also serves to supplement local billing, operations, and clinical quality improvement programs. Bell Memorial and MGHS are cooperating with the implementation of this endeavor. The tentative plan is to have computers located in or near each Emergency Dept. so that EMS personnel can complete electronic patient care reports.

UPHCN has also created a network of Medical Control Authority Directors. Dawn Nulf, M.D. of Portage Health Systems in Hancock is the Network Medical Director. Dr. Nulf has several conferences planned for local MCA Medical Directors. The highlight of these conferences is the Medical Directors Course. This conference is scheduled for later this summer at Mackinac Island, and local MCA's and their Medical Directors will benefit from this training. Questions on this or MERMaID can be directed to Dennis Karuzas at 225-3146.