

**Northwest Community EMS System
Research and Development Committee
MINUTES September 4, 2019**

Topic	Discussion	Actions/Follow-Up
Call To Order	Meeting called to order at 11:12 hours.	
New Members	R&D Welcomes Scott Saflarski representing Superior Ambulance	
Minutes & Agenda	Members had been sent minutes from July electronically prior to the meeting. Motion to accept made by Doug Schuberth, second by Brian Johnson. Motion approved unanimously. No additions or changes to agenda.	No additions or changes to agenda.
Old Business Status of Glucometers	NWCH EMS Dr. Jordan reports after numerous problems, error codes, and service issues have with the current microdot glucometers R&D will need to look into other options. NWC EMS has tasked R&D to evaluate and look at all glucometers available and find a replacement for the microdot. A trial/evaluation period will be implemented prior to switching the entire system.	R&D members are to research as many glucose meters they can find and select 5 to be presented at next meeting. Please submit recommendations or findings to Ed Rogers and he will reach out to representatives for November's meeting.
J-Tip Presentation	Scott Renshaw from BGF D presented J-Tip needle-less transdermal medication injection system. The system utilizes a small charge of CO2 to inject medications subcutaneously without the use of a hypodermic needle. Scott gave references to multiple children's hospitals throughout the US that have been utilizing this device.	Members from R&D stated we would first need to develop a policy & procedure for use of the device as well as talk to NWC EMS about possible interest in product for use in pediatrics. R&D members requested that more information be gathered about expected frequency of use and what medications would it be appropriate for in our current SOP's.
Bleeding Control Kit	Drew Hansen presented the Bleeding Control Kit by Combat Medical to R&D. NWCH EMS requested R&D look at the bleeding control kit for possible recommendation to local area schools if requested. The products within the kit by combat medical are the preferred items used by NWC EMS units in the field for bleeding control. The kit is organized well and easy to understand by a civilian. Celox rapid and TMT tourniquet are items in the kit. The kits can be ordered individually, in rapid deployment bags of 4 or in boxes that are mounted on the wall much like an AED case.	R&D members reviewed the contents of the kit and feedback was positive. R&D unanimously agreed if NWC EMS wanted to recommend a bleeding control kit the one by Combat Medical is a great option and unanimously supported by the members of R&D.
Closing/from the floor: information sharing	No addition presentations.	
Adjournment	Next Meeting – NOV 6, 2019. Motion to adjourn. All in favor. Motion granted. Meeting adjourned at 12:15. Minutes respectfully submitted by: Drew Hansen	