

**Northwest Community EMS System  
Research and Development Committee  
APPROVED MINUTES March 2, 2022**

Topic	Discussion	Actions/Follow-Up
<b>Call To Order</b>	The meeting is being held virtually, which permits members to fully participate via their computers or using their phones. Meeting called to order at 11:00.	
<b>New Members</b>	New Members – Ryan Lettieri RMFD / Matt Sigler AHFD	
<b>Guests</b>	Chris Garnto & Robert Koher for Vortran Medical	
<b>Minutes &amp; Agenda</b>	Agenda was sent out prior to meeting.	Approved unanimously.
<b><u>Old Business</u></b> Vascular Doppler Probe	Trainings are done. Still awaiting approval by Connie with edits by Dr Jordan.	Need authorization for EMS scope of practice and use within R9
Turkel Decompression Needle (Z. Way, BCFPD)	-\$58.18 per needle vs currently price 10g at \$10. Pneumofix is already on optional list of equipment no need to add additional needles that have same benefits that could cause confusion	No action at this time
Water-Jel (Hydrogel) Burn Kit	Previously presented. R&D went over the benefits for burn patients & use within COMED Motion to add Water-Jel dressings to Drug & Supply List as an optional item. Passed unanimously.	Connie to add to draft SOP, Drug & Supply List and inform the System.
<b><u>New Business</u></b> Vortran Go-2-Vent, *vendor presentation* (S. Renshaw, BGF D)	Pressure cycle devices vs modern volume cycle devices. IN line neb can be used. Not be used during CPR just as a ventilator. <u>GO2VENT   VORTRAN Medical</u> Cost- 82\$-114\$ per use for Go-2-Vent, re-useable monitor/alarm 400-600\$ Discussion - nice device but not directly related to our needs ie transitioning people on a vent to this device.	No action at this time.
Dechoker Airway Device (B. Freese, PFD)	<u>Dechoker   Anti Choking Device   First Aid Kit For Families - Dechoker LLC</u> 40\$ per unit. Minimal training and ease of use	Renshaw to follow up with Connie to look at the possibility to add as an optional piece of equipment.
Drug & Supply List Cleanup/Updates	Binder Lift & other Conveyance Devices. Does every lifting device need to be approved and have a training program/procedure completed?	Renshaw to follow up with Connie see what simple conveyance devices need to be approved.
<b>Open Session</b>	R&D members' consensus was to encourage members to continue to bring products foreword. This open atmosphere has shown to be welcoming to anyone to present an item for initial interest and evaluating if further investigation would be warranted.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Next Meeting 5/4/2022. Motion to adjourn: B. Freese Second: Z. Way All in favor. Motion granted. Meeting adjourned at 12:02. Minutes respectfully submitted by: Drew Hansen	