

**Northwest Community EMS System
Research and Development Committee Minutes
Wednesday, July 2, 2025**

Topic	Discussion	Actions/Follow-Up
Call to Order	The meeting is being held in a hybrid fashion, with an in-person option available at the 901 Building and an online option for those unable to attend in-person. Meeting called to order at 1032 hours by Scott.	
New Members & Guests	No new members or guests present.	
Minutes & Agenda	Motion to approve May minutes & July agenda made by L. Henson, second by T. King. All in favor. Motion granted; minutes/agenda approved. No changes or additions to made.	
Old Business a. Ultrasound (B. Bosco, PFD) b. Glucometer (M. Jordan, NCH) c. TraumaGel (B. Bosco, PFD) d. Cric Kits (S. Renshaw, BGFD)	a. Ultrasound: Dr. Jordan gave an update on the status of the trial program at Palatine. No reported uses on calls yet. b. Glucometer: After reviewing results of the GD20 trial and the additional training of the MicroDot Pro, the decision was made to transition to the GD20 systemwide. Communication will be sent to vendors, hospitals and agencies. Tentative go live date of 9/1. Will work with MicroDot and Henry Schein to coordinate returns of MicroDot supplies. c. TraumaGel: Vendor demo. TraumaGel is a hummus-like substance that is administered in a 30mL syringe directly into wounds to help control bleeding. Device can serve as a bridge between traditional bandaging and celox. TraumaGel has been FDA approved since Feb, 2024 and has started to be sold in Jan, 2025. After demo, discussion on a 6 month trial compromising of 5-6 agencies with approx. 20-25 ambulances being equipped. d. Cric Kits: Discussion about additional supplies that need to be added to D&S list to be able to use the pre-package kits as well as using 14g for needle crics (SOP's currently call for 10g). Motion made by T. King to approve the SunMed Cric Cuff, second by L. Henson. Unanimous approval. Motion made by R. Prevo to approve the use of 14g catheter for needle cric, second by B. Bosco. Unanimous approval.	a. Ultrasound: Trial will run through end of May/early June. Nothing needed at this time. b. Glucometer: Motion made by S. Renshaw to transition to the GD20, second by L. Henson and R. Prevo. Unanimous approval. Scott will contact vendors, hospital and agencies to communicate decision. Scott will contact MicroDot and Henry Schein to coordinate returns. c. TraumaGel: Motion made to trial TraumaGel by L. Henson, second by T. King. Unanimous approval. Scott will ask for volunteer agencies to participate in trial. Scott will create supporting paperwork and work with CARS committee to create procedure/feedback worksheet. d. Cric Kits: Scott will make updates to D&S list.
New Business		a. TraumaGel: Tabled for July

<p>a. ChitoSAM Hemostatic Dressing (L. Henson, BGFD)</p> <p>b. Slishman 2 & FareTec CT-7 Traction Splints (S. Renshaw, BGFD)</p>	<p>a. ChitoSAM: Hemostatic dressing that has the same properties and size of Celox, 2/3 of the price. Motion made by L. Henson to add ChitoSAM as an approved alternative on the D&S list, second by B. Bosco. Unanimous approval.</p> <p>b. Slishman 2 & FareTec CT-7: Updated versions of the already approved Slishman and FareTec CT-6. Motion made by T. King to add new versions to D&S lists, second by T. Hayes. Unanimous approval</p>	<p>meeting. Scott will look into getting samples and setting up a vendor demo.</p> <p>b. Slishman 2 & FareTec CT-7: Scott will make updates to D&S list.</p>
<p>Open Session</p>	<p>Reminder that there is an opening for the secretary position. If interested, please contact Scott.</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting made by T. Hayes, second by L. Henson. All in favor. Motion granted; meeting adjourned at 12:28</p> <p>Minutes respectfully submitted by: S. Renshaw</p>	