2008 ASPMN National Conference
Emergency Department Pain Management:
A Joint Position Statement

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Some History…
- Focus – Pain in the ED
- Partnering with national organizations
  - ASPMN
  - ENA – Emergency Nurses Association
- Official board approvals: August +
  December, 2006

How to Get Started???
- Choosing leaders
  - Joan Beard – ASPMN
  - Paula Tannabe – ENA
- Additional Organizations
  - APS – American Pain Society
  - ACEP – American College of Emergency Physicians
Membership

- How to choose key stakeholders and recruit
- Multidisciplinary – ESSENTIAL!
- How to partner with other organizations
- Setting guidelines...meeting times, cost of calls, budget aspects, group goals

First Conference Call: **March, 2007**!

Initial Goals

- Explore best practices
- Explore current research base, educational materials and resources available
- Initial request – send any ED pain protocols to share with group

Common ED Pain Issues

- Diverse patient groups
- Lack of standardized pain assessment and reassessment protocols
- How to reimburse ED’s based on quality measures
- Broad belief that there are high volumes of “addicted” patients seeking meds
Many still believe pediatric patients don’t have pain
- Some ED’s encourage NOT using opioids in any circumstance
- Lack of knowledge with treating cancer and end of life pain in the ED

Group Consensus:
Develop Position Statement
- Revised goal of group
- Incorporate current research into ED practices
- Demonstrate partnering of four national pain organizations

Draft Position Statement
Fall, 2007
- Approved by ASPMN Board of Directors
- Approved by ENA Board of Directors
Next few months…
- Revised format
- Tweak content
- Look for approval from APS and ACEP

Oops….some new challenges
- APS and ACEP issues
- Need better established membership
- Need Board of Directors approval for members and goals

NOW WHAT????
- Disband group?
- Only go with ASPMN + ENA
- Start over?
- Pick up and move forward?
Current & Future Plans

- Formal letters to APS and ACEP Board of Directors – August, 2008
- Await approval
- Collaborate closely with members
- Reformat position statement in conjunction with various organizational requirements
- Present position statement at national conferences

Lessons learned

- Establish clear membership responsibilities from onset
- Re-visit this aspect as needed throughout meetings
- Ask designated members to bring group position statements – note format and criteria

- Publish information
- Set future goals for Task Force
  - Possible Nurse-driven pain protocols
  - Possible ED pain educational modules
Where do we stand TODAY???

Thank You!
ADVOCATE FOR PAIN CONTROL !!

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