



**RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

Board Meeting Date: June 10, 2015

Subject: Printed PCR Elements

VTR#: 0615-01

Committee/Task Force: EMS Information Task Force

Recommended Goal

Recommended Policy Change

Other:

**Recommendation:**

The Department of Health should require that all Pennsylvania authorized electronic PCR software programs include the applicable elements from the attached list on the printed version of a PCR.

**Rationale [Background]:**

The Department of Health currently mandates what data elements are collected via electronic PCR software programs and are subsequently submitted to the state, however, no standard exists for what elements must be included on a printed version of the PCR. This printed version is ultimately what is transmitted to the receiving facilities. Not only does the printed version become a permanent part of the patient's medical record, but it also serves as a resource that hospital data registrars use to obtain EMS data for Stroke and STEMI registries. The EMS Information Task Force, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation, STEMI and Stroke Registrars, and the Medical Advisory Committee, created the attached list as a minimum standard that will improve continuity of care and patient data collection.

**Plan of Implementation:**

The Department should provide the attached list of elements to the software vendors to ensure that all applicable elements on the list are included on a printed version of the PCR.

The PEHSC Committee/Task Force offers consultation to the Department in regard to the content of this Vote to Recommend (VTR) and its attached documents. The PEHSC Committee/Task Force specifically offers staff or member support to participate in Department deliberations regarding this recommendation in an effort to convey committee/task force discussions.

**Board Meeting Comments/Concerns:**

Members of the Board wanted to ensure that this recommendation does not affect the elements used for billing. EMS agencies should continue to work directly with their vendor to ensure billing elements are being captured.

The VTR passed unanimously.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
President

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