

## EMDAC INTEREST GROUP FOR CALIFORNIA CHAPTER ADDITION TO NAEMSP

### NOTES FROM MEETING at noon on 1/22/15 AT THE HYATT REGENCY HOTEL NEW ORLEANS

- 18 attendees were present including 2 EMS Fellows
- Brian McNally presented the current state and future plans for the CARES data base in CA. Approximately 25% of the state population is covered, and he is working to obtain a state coordinator position with sustainable funding, perhaps a subscriber fee
- The current and future presidents of NAEMSP visited to welcome the group and indicated their support for the concept of EMDAC becoming a state chapter
- The group discussed the potential advantages of combining the efforts of the two organizations (reasons favoring becoming a state chapter):
  - Improving and potentially standardizing the work of EMDAC (e.g. protocol project, trial studies, etc.)
  - Increasing EMDAC membership by attracting provider agency medical directors, academic physicians and researchers
  - Potential tie-ins to the EMSAAC annual conference (proposing to EMSAAC to have a regular research component)
- Questions going forward:
  - How would we handle “double dues” for new members?
    - Have a single payment for both memberships (e.g. NAEMSP dues plus chapter dues = NAEMSP dues plus EMDAC dues). Promote this to LEMSAs that they pay for the Medical Director to be a member of both organizations.
    - Need to allow a membership category that would be EMDAC-only (e.g. Associate?)
  - What would be the best chapter activities?
    - Publish a position paper for NAEMSP
    - Standard protocol project with WestJEM publishing link (4 to 5 per year)
    - MAC could take this task on
    - Revise the EMDAC response interval paper
  - The group felt that it would be important to have a liaison position on the EMDAC board with NAEMSP (need for by-laws change?)
  - Would it be advantageous for EMDAC to “host” one of the iterations of the new EMS Medicine Board review course?
- Next steps:
  - John Brown will request the “instrument”, e.g. application, for state chapter membership from NAEMSP
  - John Brown will request NAEMSP board if EMDAC can have a non-NAEMSP membership
  - We will ask Greg Gilbert to place the item (vote to become a NAEMSP chapter) on the agenda for the March EMDAC meeting in LA; if approved the Secretary/Treasurer will be asked to submit the application