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Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority -- That was then, this is now!

As you know, over the past year some changes have occurred with the SVMCA. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to take a quick overview of the system to discuss past to the present.

The Saginaw Area Medical Control Authority (SAMCA), was one of the first approved by the Michigan Department of Public Health EMS Division in November of 1986. The organized system of pre-hospital care in Saginaw County however, was established in 1978 and was previously known as the Saginaw Area Advanced Life Support System.

Within the past few years, Tuscola County became a part of the Medical Control Authority, and therefore the change in name to Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority. However, other than the change in name, many other changes have occurred and will continue occurring within the next several months. Therefore, we will continue to keep you updated in these changes as they may affect how medical control is achieved in these two counties.

In Michigan, Medical Control Authorities are formed by statute. The hospitals within the MCA coverage area are mandated to form the MCA and administer it as an oversight

body for the EMS System. The SVMCA is made up of the Chief Executive Officers of each of the participating hospitals within the Saginaw and Tuscola Counties. It is this group that has the ultimate responsibility to oversee EMS activities in these counties. Part of this responsibility is to appoint/provide a medical director, through whom the MCA provides oversight of the system. Current participating hospitals are:

- Covenant Healthcare System**
- Saint Mary's**
- Caro Community Hospital**
- Hills and Dales General Hospital**
- HealthSource - Saginaw**

Up to July 2001, the MCA would designate a *resource facility* to provide the delegated system oversight. This designation was held by Saint Mary's since the system's inception. In response to all the changes occurring and the addition of Tuscola County to the MCA, the authority voted on contracting with Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals, Inc. (SCH) to provide all the services needed for oversight of the system.

This includes SCHI contracting with an EMS Physician specialist to be the system's medical director. Therefore, one of the big changes oc-

curing is the transition of medical oversight functions from Saint Mary's to SCHI.

SCHI is a separate, non-profit medical education corporation formed in 1968 when three allopathic hospitals joined forces to create a unique teaching program. In 1971, the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University named SCHI a clinical campus. SCHI is managed by a Board of Trustees, which includes representatives from College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University, Saint Mary's, Covenant Healthcare and area physicians.

The SVMCA office is housed at SCHI under the Department of Emergency Medicine. Details about the SVMCA staff are on the following pages.

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Medical Director – Edgardo J. Rivera-Rivera, M.D., FACEP

Dr. Rivera came to Saginaw in July 2001 after serving in several capacities in both emergency medicine and EMS management in other states.

He is board certified in emergency medicine and completed a fellowship in EMS/Disaster medicine. He has a master's degree in Public Health Policy and Administration and is formally trained as a flight surgeon from the United States Air Force.

In addition to his role with the Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority, he also is the director of the EMS/Pre-hospital Care Division of the SCHI Department of Emergency Medicine and assistant program director of the Emergency Medicine Residency Program.

He is medical director for Mobile Medical Response, Inc. and an attending staff physician at both Saint Mary's and Covenant Healthcare.

He is member of the State of Michigan EMS Coordinating Committee and is chairman of the state Education Committee of the EMS Coordinating Committee.

Before coming to Michigan, Dr. Rivera was the associate EMS medical director for the Orange County EMS in central Florida, and was the medical director of an air ambulance program and director of EMS and disaster medicine for a Florida Hospital healthcare system.

His array of national and international experience and involvement includes: board member of Emergency International, founding chairman of the EMS Fellow and Fellowship Grads Task Force from the NAEMSP, and EMS committee member from National ACEP.

He has published more than 20 abstracts and manuscripts in peer-reviewed literature and authoritative textbooks. He also has served on several editorial boards and peer review boards for professional journals.

Dr. Rivera has presented many lectures to a wide variety of audiences on topics ranging from "Medical Oversight in EMS" to "Cardiac Arrhythmias." In 1994, Dr. Rivera served as a faculty member and translator for an ACLS Instructors Course in Guatemala.

EMS Manager – Michelle Mora R.N., B.S.N., EMT-P

Michelle holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Lake Superior State University. She has experience working in the former St. Luke's Hospital Emergency Department as a staff nurse, as well as one of the Respiratory Telemetry units.

She worked at Saginaw Mercy Ambulance as an on-call Mobile Intensive Care Unit nurse prior to the formation of Mobile Medical Response, Inc.

After obtaining her EMT license she became the full-time Mobile Intensive Care Unit Coordinator at MMR.

During the course of working as a RN/EMT on the MICU, she pursued her career by obtaining her paramedic license.

Michelle was involved in the collaboration at MMR of taking an on-call MICU in Saginaw County and expanding it to two full-time MICU's located in Saginaw and Isabella counties.

While coordinating the MICU program at MMR, she got involved in the development of a Medical Call Center/Nurse Triage Center. Through this development, the

Medical Call Center expanded and became another successful program at MMR.

Therefore, much dedication was needed to run both the MICU program and the Medical Call Center Program individually.

As the Call Center grew, she became the full-time Medical Call Center Nurse Manager until December 2001, after which she started as the EMS Manager for SVMCA in January 2002.

Administrative Assistant - Rebecca Krueger

Rebecca holds an Associate Degree in Business Management from Dav-
enport University, and is currently
pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in
Business Management.

She has a varied background in
healthcare. She has experience at
both Central Michigan Community
Hospital and Saint Mary's as a Medi-

cal Transcriptionist and an Executive
Secretary.

She also worked as an Executive
Secretary with Great Lakes Cardio-
vascular Surgery.

Rebecca enjoys downhill skiing,
mountain biking, hiking and competi-
tive running.

She started as the Administrative
Assistant for the Saginaw Valley
Medical Control Authority in August
2001, since which time she has been
instrumental for the transition of the
office and in leading several pro-
grams.

Logo Evolves along with the System

We are sponsoring a contest to design a *new logo* for the
Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority. The idea
behind the logo is to develop a design that signifies unity
and teamwork among emergency providers and promotes
excellence of care.

We are looking for something that is both eye-catching
and colorful, but also is representative of the work we
all do.

A panel of SVMCA representatives will select the new
logo.

If you would like to submit an entry, please send it to:

Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority
1000 Houghton Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48602

Or

E-mail to: rkrueger@sch.org

Contest Rules:

- ◆ Entries should be no larger than 8 ½ by 11 inches.
- ◆ Only emergency responders within the SVMCA (in-
cluding Firefighters, MFRs, EMTs, EMT Specialists,
Paramedics, Registered Nurses and Physicians) are
eligible to submit entries.
- ◆ Please include the name of the person submitting
the entry on the back of the design. Entries will be
coded anonymously when the selection is made.



- ◆ Electronic and/or digital entries are preferred.

Deadline for the contest is **Wednesday, May 1.**

The winner will be announced and the new logo will be
revealed during EMS Week—May 19 to May 25.

The winning logo designer will receive a prize, appro-
priate wide recognition and the satisfaction of being a
leader in our community.

The winner-along with the new logo- will also be recog-
nized at the annual SVMCA banquet on Nov. 1.

Education Corner

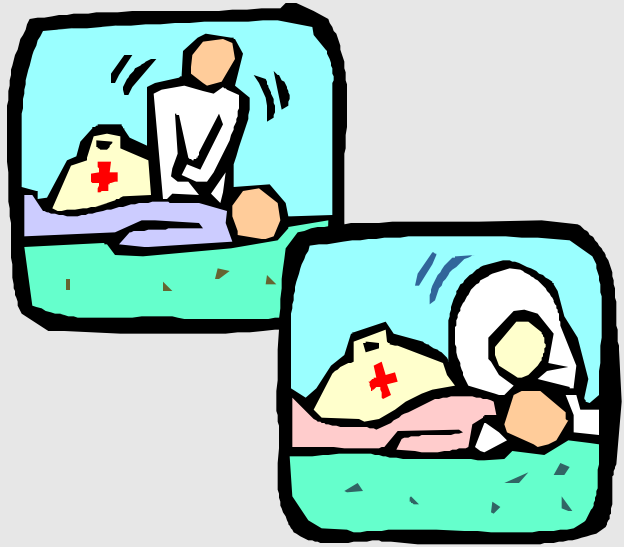
CEU'S- All Levels (MMR)

4/29	6p	Burns
5/20	6p	OB/GYN
6/3	6p	Pediatrics

Upcoming Events @ MMR

➤ EMD training	May 1-3	
➤ ACLS Provider	May 17	8a-4p
	May 18	8a-1p
➤ ACLS Instructor	June 13/14	(Times TBA)
➤ PEPP	June 27/28	8:30a-4:30p
➤ First Trauma Care	July 25 th	7-9p
	July 26 th	7a-5p

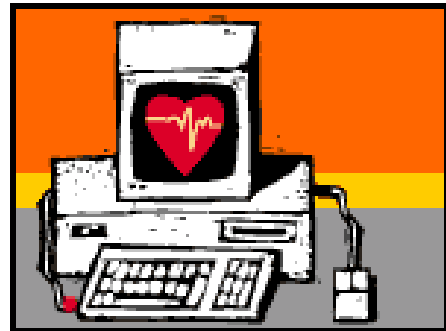
Call Karen @ 2028 for further information.



Looking to set up CE's at your agency, call Bob Schultz @ 652-4739

Web Site coming soon for the Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority!!

The Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority will soon have its own website. This website will host a variety of topics including System Policy and Procedures, Practice Parameters, Scheduled Meetings, System Providers, etc. Please stay tuned!



LOOKING FOR REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD

We are currently seeking an ALS Representative, BLS Representative and MFR Representative from the Saginaw/Tuscola EMS Sector to sit on the Medical Control Board. All minimum standards of medical care,

protocols and operating procedures established within the Saginaw and Tuscola Area Emergency Medical Services System are generally approved by the Medical Control Board prior to implementation.

Therefore, it is imperative to have input from all levels of the EMS Sector. Please contact Becky @ 583-6890 if interested.

Any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to give us a call at the Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority Office at (989) 583-6890.

