

**Clinical Issues Committee
Minutes
February 28, 2007**

The Clinical Issues Committee of the Tennessee EMS Board met on February 28, 2007 after the EMS Medical Director's conference at the Park Vista Hotel, Gatlinburg. Dr. Joseph Holley called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Attendees included:

Joseph Holley, M.D., State EMS Medical Director, Chair

Patrick O'Brien, M.D.

Clyde S. Martin, M.D.

Roger E. McKinney, M.D.

Anthony Roberts

Dennis Rowe

Mark King

Neil Christopher, Jr. M.D.

Ralph J. Honeycutt, Jr.

Steven Hamby, EMS Consultant

Donna G. Tidwell, EMS Division

Richard Land, EMS Division

Joseph Phillips, State EMS Director

Discussion of Agenda Items-

Dr. Corey Slovis, EMS Medical Director for Nashville Fire Department, forwarded a request for the committee to reconsider the requirement for ambulances to carry 9.0 mm and 9.5 mm endotracheal tubes. Upon consideration of Dr. Slovis' request as a motion, with a second by Dr. McKinney and hearing no objections, the motion to remove these items from the required ambulance equipment list was approved.

Dr. Holley requested a clarification on the authority of emergency medical technicians to administer albuterol or nebulized medications. Both Donna Tidwell and Richard Land confirmed that Beta agonists, such as albuterol, could be administered by EMTs with a physician's orders. The discussion among the physician present also clarified that such orders could mean contacting a facility for orders under on-line medical control, or that the orders could be effected by the Service EMS Medical Director as standing orders.