



Centre for Paramedic Education and Research



Patch Point

newsletter

Summer 2015 | ISSUE 2

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Ontario Base Hospitals Group
MessagePg. 2

May CPER digest winner.....
.....Pg. 2

Sim Competition.....Pg. 3

Quality of Care Award....Pg. 3

App Survey.....Pg. 4

SUMMER ISSUE

PARAMEDIC SERVICES WEEK

MAY 24 - 30, 2015



The Centre for Paramedic Education and Research (CPER) recognizes the dedication and commitment of front-line Paramedics in providing vital care and support to members of the West Regional community and beyond. It is great to see the profession elevated to a point where paramedics are recognized for this dedication and commitment by the general public as well as industry partners.

Please join us in taking this time to promote the Paramedic profession, recognize their efforts and raise public awareness.

Message from OBHG



Paramedics: Expanding Care.

The Ontario Base Hospital Group wants to congratulate all Ontario Paramedics on their dedication, commitment and care that they provide to the communities across this Province. Many lives are impacted by paramedics on a daily basis, from coaching a new mother through her last contraction and delivering a new life to holding the hand of a family member as they have the task of telling them that their loved one has died. A 911 call is a call for help, and after the ambulance communication officer has asked questions to determine the type of response that is required, paramedics are on route to provide out of hospital care for the situation. Paramedics are a unique profession as they are not only clinicians specializing in resuscitation and patient stabilization; these talented men and women are able to manage these situations in all environments. Paramedics manage situations in remote locations, in factories, the 42nd floor of an office building, homes, on highways when there is a blizzard, between health care facilities and during a hot summer day parade all come to mind. It is the environment and the ability of paramedics to work autonomously linking them to the rest of the medical community via a phone call to a base hospital patch physician. Online control can provide medical advice, consultation and provide further clinical orders to assist the patient and the families on scene.

As the organization providing medical oversight for all paramedics we are very proud of your achievements and on your expanding scope of practice. By February 2016 all paramedics will be able to consider pain management for patients, which is a common complaint of many patients paramedics encounter.

Paramedics go to work each day not knowing what type of patients they will encounter, who their partner will be and what the largest team providing care on scene will be. You manage these situations with grace and compassion. Your dedication to the citizens and visitors of Ontario is appreciated, not only during Paramedic Services Week but each and every day.

May CPER digest

May's CPER digest was dedicated to our West Regional Paramedics in honour of Paramedic Services Week.

The winner of the April 2015 CPER digest question was Jason Brinson, County of Brant Ambulance Service.



Jason's winning answer can be found in the CPER digest section (May) of our website under the Resources tab.

www.cper.ca

Sim Competition

As part of our celebration and recognition of Paramedic Services Week, we held an inaugural CPER Annual Simulation Competition. This precedence setting event was hosted at the McMaster Universities' Centre for Simulation-Based Learning. Our intent was to allow Paramedics to showcase their unique knowledge, skill and competence toward caring for the sick and injured; in addition to highlighting our affiliation with McMaster Universities' renowned medical pedagogy.

Congratulations to the winning team of the inaugural CPER Annual Simulation Competition from Niagara EMS; Brock Browett and Shane Eickmann! All teams did exceptionally well and impressed all of those judging and coordinating. The scoring was very close with only 10 points separating first place from third place. The second place team was also from Niagara EMS; Tracey Groszeibl and Jordan Alaimo. The third place team was from Hamilton Paramedic Service; Stephane Bisson and Marc Poirier.

Thank you all for your professionalism and for making this monumental event a big success!



Shane Eickmann and Brock Browett, Niagara EMS with Angela Schotsman and Dr. Erich Hanel, CPER

Quality of Care Award

The CPER Quality of Care Award is given to a selection of Paramedics from each of our region's 9 EMS Services. These Paramedics have been identified and nominated from either their peers or CPER's internal program staff including the Quality, Education, Management and Medical Council Teams. Nominees were identified for a variety of reasons such as outstanding patient care and documentation, continued medical education and presence in the classroom, community involvement of a clinical nature, or outwardly promoting the Paramedic profession.

Each recipient will receive a Certificate of Recognition and a Quality of Care pin acknowledging their dedication. An award lunch was held on June 9th, 2015.

Below is a list of the Paramedics who received the Quality of Care award in 2015:

- Michael Cameron, ACP - Niagara EMS
- Heather Little, ACP- Hamilton Paramedics Service
- Roxane Allen, ACP- Region of Waterloo Paramedic Service
- Dean Neumann, PCP - Guelph-Wellington EMS
- Eric Sault, ACP - Six Nations Ambulance Service
- Sarah Graham, PCP - Norfolk County EMS
- Randy Garrett, PCP- Niagara EMS
- Doug Mason, PCP - Hamilton Paramedic Service
- Pam Smith, PCP- Region of Waterloo Paramedic Service
- Ryan Inwood, PCP - County of Brant Ambulance Service
- Laura Collins, PCP- Haldimand County EMS
- Dave Tyler, ACP - Dufferin County Paramedic Service



APP Survey

On May 1st 2015, CPER sent out a survey to engage Paramedics in the development process of a CPER App. With over 200 surveys submitted, we have received some great ideas in which we hope to incorporate into the development of a mobile App. Stay tuned in the coming weeks for updates on this project!

The winner's of the Raptor tool / or Fourseven light were:



Gerian Sloetjes, Hamilton Paramedic Service



Tonia Lariviere, Haldimand County EMS



Liz Bernhardt-Bates, Hamilton Paramedic Service

CONTACT US

If you have any questions, comments or have a suggestion for a Newsletter article submission, please contact:

JULIE LANGDON
Administrative Assistant
jlangdon@cper.ca

