

Trauma Committee			Date: 06/4/2024
			Time: 0915-1015
			Location: Baytown
Facilitator:	Julie Matson / Kathy Rodgers	Note taker:	
Attendance:	Medical Directors online: Dr. Karanja, Dr. Arellano, Dr. Pandya, Dr. Singer RAC members online: Kathy Rodgers See sign-in sheet		
Minutes			
Agenda Item	Lead	Info/Open/Closed	
Introduction/Announcements	Julie/Kathy		
RAC R data summary Q3 2024	Julie/Kathy		
Trauma rules update/Crosswalk spreadsheet	Julie/Kathy		
TMD Attendance	Julie/Kathy		
PECC Update	Julie/Kathy		
GETAC Dates	Julie/Kathy		
RAC Trauma Systems Plan	Julie/Kathy		
<p>Data was reviewed for Q3 2024. The total number of deaths was incorrect. There were actually 31 deaths but one row was emitted by one facility. Also the deaths to ISS is incorrect – something auto corrected during the transposition of numbers and Julie to go back and fix the data.</p> <p>We had 118 cases go to the OR at the Level IV facilities. The majority are going with Ortho which is to be expected, but some are going with general surgery or other. It was discussed that one was urology with a penile fracture and one was because a larger facility had no AC in the OR so they transferred to a smaller facility to utilize the functioning OR.</p> <p>Transfer times were discussed. It was noted that the majority of our transfer times are up. Several hospitals expressed frustration that they are only allowed to utilize one EMS company due to city ordinances and this is driving up their transfer times on their ISS greater than 16 patients. The suggestion was made to ask the EMS companies if they have a hierarchy of transfers for certain cases to at least gain some understanding. It was also discussed that it would be beneficial to see what the door-to-decision versus door-to-door time to identify if its our decision making or if its waiting on EMS. Julie to update the template and send out to the group.</p> <p>The trauma rules timeline was discussed. Jan 1, 2025 the 157.125 amended rules will be surveyed on. The rules have minor wording changes and got rid of desired criteria. Chris Campbell reported that if your chart window is prior to the Jan 1, 2025, you will be surveyed on the 157.125 rules prior to them being amended which is information that came from the state on the Dec 6th call regarding the new rules. Surveys after Jan 1,2025 with chart windows post Jan 1 will survey under the amended rules. Surveys after September 1, 2025 will survey on 157.126 which will require all levels of facilities to adopt the ACS rules as well as the state rules. The ACS has not come out with rules for Level IV facilities, but they will be releasing them for comment in March of 2025 and then it will likely take a year to have official adopted standards from the ACS.</p> <p>Data that has been given from the state is that 81% of facilities are on a contingent survey, 47% of ACS facilities are on a contingent survey with the new standards and 7% are not verified with the new standards.</p> <p>We will be scheduling a 1 ½ hour meeting in January to go over the rules. We need to determine how many level IVs we have that have less than 100 cases in the registry per year.</p> <p>Committee participants are encouraged to attend TTCF and the GETAC trauma committee meetings to learn more about the rules and trauma in general.</p> <p>TMD attendance was discussed, with the new rules the TMDs will not have to join the committee meetings, but they do need to be involved in the RAC. The RAC board will discuss. Suggestions were: have them in PI committee or approval of the RAC plan and regional protocols. The RAC rules now, which went into effect in Nov of 2024, require that we have virtual</p>			

options for GA and committee meetings. The RAC board will discuss how that will look and how we will meet participation requirements. It was encouraged that people still attend in person.

Our regional PECCs are not being utilized to their highest potential. Please reach out to them and they will come into your hospital and run pediatric drills that are required by the new rules.

One hospital reported that she partnered with them and the feedback from the staff was positive and they really helped train the staff and provide that pediatric education.

It was discussed that we could bring the regional PECCs to run through a scenario in the March meeting to give facilities an idea about what the PECCs can offer the hospitals.

GETAC dates were discussed:

- March 5-7th
- June 18-20th
- August 19-22nd
- Nov 22-24 in Fort Worth
- The Austin dates do not have a hotel associated with them yet
- TTCF is always the day prior the GETAC.

The RAC trauma systems plan has not been revised since 2019. Everyone needs to read the plan and make suggestions and edits. The TMDs need to be involved in the plan. We will discuss at the March meeting.

Julie reminded everyone that the STB, LifeFlow, and QinFlows will be distributed after lunch.

The LifeFlow representative was present and gave a quick update on what is needed for training.