

STANDING COMMITTEES

BACKGROUND

The East Texas Gulf Coast Regional Trauma Advisory Council is comprised of a wide group of stake holders that provide valuable insight to their specialty. Open discussion with these entities is important to the mission and vision of the organization.

PURPOSE

Standing committees are permanent subgroups within the RAC which operates indefinitely. Each Committee is tasked with developing an SOP defining the purpose / mission of the committee, responsibilities of the committee chair and members, committee goals, budget, and membership requirements. Each Standing Committee is tasked with overseeing and making recommendations to the Board of Directors to execute critical operational, clinical, strategic and other related functions that require continuous monitoring. Recommendations will be reviewed by the Board of Directors with decisions presented to the members of the General Assembly.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

1. **Acute Care-** This committee is tasked to provide the highest standard of quality care to patients suffering from stroke, cardiac emergencies, and other critical illnesses while also promoting responsible behaviors within the community. Responsibilities include the development and review of standards for special populations and other critical illnesses. To accomplish this, the committee must employ constant attention to quality assurance and performance improvement. The committee will provide guidance in the development and review of hospital and pre-hospital assessment tools, regional plans, and treatment guidelines for stroke, cardiac and other critical illnesses. Constant review of performance standards, review of standardized data within in the region and sharing best practices are all utilized to improve care.
2. **Perinatal-** Includes representation from our Maternal and Neonatal partners and is responsible for the development of a Perinatal Region of Care (PCR) in Trauma Service Area R (East Texas Gulf Coast Regional Trauma Advisory Council RAC-R) including the Regional Perinatal System Plan. This plan will identify all resources available in the PCR for perinatal care including resources for emergency and disaster preparedness. The committee will provide guidance in the development and review of hospital and pre-hospital assessment tools, regional plans, and treatment guidelines for the perinatal population. Constant review of performance standards, review of standardized data within in the region and sharing best practices are all utilized to improve care.
3. **Prehospital Providers-** This group is tasked with review, evaluation and protocol development related to accessing the regional healthcare system, exceptional clinical

practice in the pre-hospital setting, communications / dispatching, and field triage. Responsibilities also include protocol review, evaluation and development related to facility triage, diversion and bypass criteria, and inter-facility transfers. Committee is responsible for educating the membership on prehospital current standards of care and assist with quality assurance and quality improvement. To accomplish this, the committee must employ constant attention to quality assurance and performance improvement. Constant review of performance standards, review of standardized data within in the region and sharing best practices are all utilized to improve care.

4. **Trauma-** This committee focuses on the care of a traumatically injured patients, of all ages, while also promoting injury prevention strategies. Collaborative relationships are important to facilitate optimal trauma care. To accomplish this, the committee must employ constant attention to quality assurance and performance improvement. Constant review of performance standards, review of standardized data within in the region and sharing best practices are all utilized to improve trauma care. Mentorship for new trauma program managers as well as peer discussion on trauma rules will be provided.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, an Ad Hoc Committee can be formed to address temporary issues or projects. The Chair of the Board of Directors will appoint a chair to the ad hoc committee. Members on the committee can be appointed or volunteer their assistance.

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