



AGENDA
Pediatrics Committee Meeting
Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
Crowne Plaza Hotel
6121 N IH 35, Austin, Texas
Wednesday, August 21, 2013
2:30 P.M.

Call to Order/RollCall..... Charles Macias MD, Chair

Discussion and possible action on the following items:Committee Members

1. Committee liaison reports:
 - a. Air Medical: Jorge Sainz
 - b. EMS: Verne Walker
 - c. Education: Charles Jaquith
 - d. Injury Prevention: Deb Brown
 - e. Medical Directors: Juan Juarez
 - f. Stroke: Julie Lewis:
 - g. Trauma Systems: Sally Snow
 - h. Regional Advisory Council chairs: Britton Devillier
 - i. Disaster & Emergency Preparedness: Bonnie Hartstein

2. EMS for Children State Partnership update: Sam Vance and Manish Shah
 - a. Update on the National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP)
 - b. Update on the Pediatric Protocol Resource Toolkit
 - c. Reminder of the EMS readiness reassessment

3. Update on Child Fatality Review Teams update: Susan Rodriguez

4. Position paper on minimizing radiation, by Charles Macias and group reports:
 - a. All Computed Tomography (CT) scans on children should be performed using "pediatric" dose-reduction protocols. Pediatric protocols are available through The Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging. <http://www.pedrad.org/associations/5346/ig/> ... Verne Walker
 - b. Avoidance of the use of protocols which automatically result in the performance of multiple CT studies (i.e. head, cervical spine, chest, and abdomen and pelvis) in pediatric trauma patients Britt Devlier
 - c. Imaging modalities that do not use ionization radiation, such as ultrasound, should be used when feasible Champion: Britt Devillier
 - d. Understanding and linking guidelines of care that utilize evidence based practice strategies will help minimize the use of unnecessary testing Jorge Sainz
 - e. Avoidance of further CT imaging once the decision to transfer to definitive care is made, unless the accepting institution specifically requests a scan prior to transfer. If CT imaging is performed

prior to transfer, the images should be included in the transfer documentation on disc or some other form of reviewable file. The final radiology report should be forwarded to the receiving facility as soon as possible. Acquisition of radiographic testing, or delaying testing should be balanced against the risk of delaying critical care for stabilization of the ill or injured pediatric patient

..... Juan Juarez

f. Accepting institutions should avoid repeating scans. Consider access to a cloud-based digital image translator

Juan Juarez

5. Recommendations to DSHS, as required by Senate Bill 8 of the 83rd Texas Legislative Session, 2013, regarding the laws and policies related to the licensure of nonemergency EMS transportation providers that would reduce the incidence and opportunities of fraud, waste and abuse

Charles Macias

6. Pediatric transfer guidelines; review Washington State "Pediatric Consultation and Transfer Guidelines" and the Texas Rules governing transfer guidelines and agreements

Sally Snow

7. Trauma Systems Committee Registry Workgroup (TSCRW) Update

Jorge Sainz

8. Future meetings

General Public Comment

(Comment time may be limited at Chair's discretion)

Summary for GETAC meetingCommittee Members

Announcements Charles Macias MD, Chair

Review and list agenda items for next meeting Charles Macias MD, Chair

Next meeting date..... Charles Macias MD, Chair

Adjournment Charles Macias MD, Chair