



Pediatric Committee
OF THE GOVERNOR'S EMS AND TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL (GETAC)
OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS)

COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

Committee Discussion Items:

1. Committee liaison reports
2. EMS for Children State Partnership Update
 - Evidence based summaries internally derived and national evidence based guideline/protocols (NHTSA/EMSC supported) will be posted on a Texas EMSC website soon. The summaries are intended to help inform agencies on their protocols but should be tailored for local values and preferences.
The Pediatric Subcommittee of GETAC voted unanimously to endorse the online tool to post evidence based prehospital pediatric summaries and protocols.
 - National Pediatric Readiness for hospitals is a multi year quality improvement project in all US states and territories. It will assess and address existing gaps and allow for benchmarking with QI on line resources. Texas was in the first batch of states to have their assessment and had a 60% response rate by hospitals. So far, there are more hospitals that reported in Texas than any other state. Members of the pediatrics subcommittee were assigned subject domains to search for best practice strategies to share as a state resource for ways to improve quality for pediatric readiness in hospitals.
 - Sam Vance was introduced as the new state EMSC partnership coordinator. He replaces Tony Gilchrist who has moved to Washington DC to take a national position with the EMSC national resource center.
3. Child Fatality Review Team update: A new Child Fatality Review Team annual report is posted on the website. Legislation is currently being considered for making April Water Safety Month.
- 4.. Discussion of pediatric imaging. Position paper was previously endorsed and included 6 specific strategies for minimizing CT ionizing radiation in children. Each member of the committee was assigned an aim and will investigate and report back on strategies for implementation. An action matrix will be created at the next meeting based on this information to support hospital and provider strategies to decrease ionizing radiation in children.
5. Meeting schedule changes: choice C then A then B were selected as preference for this committee. The group felt that enough pre-work can be done to condense most of our meetings to one hour of business.

General Public Comment On Discussion Items: NONE

Action Items/Motions:

None

Future Agenda Items:

1. Trauma registry update
2. Pediatric transfer guidelines
3. Pediatric readiness project QI strategies
4. Minimizing ionizing radiation in children from CT- actionable items

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