

# 7.j. GETAC Trauma Systems Committee

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# Trauma System Committee

**Priority Not Implemented**  
**Priority Activities Recorded**  
**Priorities Completed and being Monitored**

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
Spotlight on trauma center	None	
Use data to assess the system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working group developed framework for assessing trauma transfer delays</li> <li>Coordination with Jia for data</li> <li>Preliminary validation of variance from expected performance</li> </ul>	
Facilitate RAC communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working group established contact with RAC leaders</li> <li>Preliminary assessment of opportunities</li> </ul>	
Monitor designation process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordination with DSHS established</li> <li>Ongoing assessment</li> </ul>	
Monitor trauma funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work group continues to monitor for opportunities to advocate for the trauma system</li> </ul>	

# Action Item Request and Purpose

**WHAT:** Adopt “Assess the performance of the trauma system in transferring severely injured patients to appropriate level of care” as a state level PI project.

**WHY:** Optimal care is provided in the system when injured patients receive care at the appropriate level trauma center in a timely manner. Anecdotal reports suggest that there are important variances from expected performance in this regard in the Texas trauma system.

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Severe Patients - Time until Transfer by RAC, 2020-2022 (count)									
	0-1 hour	1-2 hours	2-3 hours	3-4 hours	4-5 hours	5-6 hours	6+ hours	Missing	Total
A	12	22	20	7	7	5	*	14	91
B	8	27	26	18	6	*	5	12	103
C	6	15	16	6	*	0	*	9	59
D	7	27	24	14	11	*	6	9	100
E	54	148	168	122	71	42	67	28	700
F	9	19	19	8	7	7	7	*	77
G	45	70	45	27	8	*	10	47	256
H	*	7	6	11	7	6	14	9	63
I	8	15	14	12	10	*	8	0	69
J	7	21	30	8	7	*	7	12	95
K	*	10	10	10	*	*	*	*	43
L	*	8	10	6	*	*	*	0	35
M	*	10	11	*	*	*	*	8	38
N	8	25	28	22	13	7	6	22	131
O	13	45	48	41	18	6	11	5	187
P	64	111	98	52	31	16	20	12	404
Q	20	63	67	58	29	24	48	45	354
R	8	31	28	21	20	13	15	9	145
S	8	11	16	16	7	*	*	*	64
T	*	*	*	6	*	*	*	0	18
U	13	15	43	38	38	27	40	9	223
V	*	8	12	7	*	0	*	0	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>3290</b>

# Benefit Timeline

**EXPECTED BENEFIT:** Severely injured patients requiring transfer to high level centers will have higher survival and less impairment of functional outcome when transfer times are optimized.

## TIMELINE

Q1 2024: RACs self-assess regional transfer time information for CY2023

Q2 2024: RACs demonstrate completed RAC PI plan to assess regional opportunities to improve transfer times

Q3 2024: RACs present preliminary assessment of variances contributing to transfer delays