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AGENDA
Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
EMS Medical Directors Committee Meeting
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Sunday, November 23, 2025
1:00 PM– 2:30 PM

Omni Fort Worth
Fort Worth Ballroom 4/5
1300 Houston Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

This meeting will be conducted live and virtually through Teams. Virtual meeting links are posted to the GETAC webpage at www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council.

Meeting Notice: The use of artificial intelligence (AI) bots is prohibited in this meeting. In accordance with HHS policy, the use of Artificial Intelligence, also known as "AI" Notetakers, is expressly prohibited. Producers will not admit a 'bot' or other autonomous agent into the meeting. If a 'bot' should inadvertently gain entrance, it will be removed from the meeting by one of our producers.

EMS Medical Directors Committee Chair: Christopher Winckler, MD
Council Liaisons: Gerad Troutman, MD; Sharon Malone, MD; and Taylor Ratcliff, MD
DSHS: Joe Schmider, Texas State EMS Director

1. Call to order – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
2. Roll call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair

GETAC Vision: A unified, comprehensive, and effective Emergency Healthcare System.

GETAC Mission: To promote, develop, and advance an accountable, patient-centered Trauma and Emergency Healthcare System.

4. Reading of the GETAC EMS Medical Directors Committee Statement of Purpose – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair

Statement of Purpose: The purpose of the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council's EMS Medical Directors Committee is to promote a robust, responsive, flexible emergency healthcare system that is based on evidence, quality, and safety by board-certified EMS physicians with appropriate authority, compensation, and oversight of all actions of the emergency healthcare system.

5. Review and approval: August 21, 2025, meeting minutes – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair

6. Committee Announcements
 - a. 2026 Applications: New & returning members
 - b. Departing committee members
7. GETAC chair announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
8. Update: EMS/Trauma Systems – Joe Schmider, Texas State EMS Director

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

9. Update: Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) State Partnership – Sam Vance, LP
10. Texas Stroke Awareness Campaign – Robin Novakovic-White, MD
11. Texas Rural Stroke Awareness – Robin Novakovic-White, MD
12. Discussion: 2026 EMS MD Committee priorities – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
13. Discussion: Practice of EMS Medical Direction under Texas Medical Board Rule 169
 - a. Develop a list of duties and expectations of Texas EMS Medical Directors.
 - b. Provide supporting documentation on the benefits of direct medical director involvement.
 - c. Discuss/list asynchronous EMS programs developed and implemented by EMS Medical Directors.
14. Discussion: Prehospital best practice recommendations utilizing evidence-based medicine and best current practices – Committee Members
 - a. Heat mass-casualty incident (MCI)
 - b. Prehospital sepsis treatment
 - c. Prehospital hemorrhagic shock treatment
 - d. Prehospital clinical ultrasound program
 - e. Texas wristbands
 - f. Prehospital pediatric transport
15. Approval: Red Lights and Sirens (RLS) Position Statement (Council action item) – Committee Members
16. Discussion: Acceptable EMS medical director courses – Committee Members
17. Update: GETAC Prehospital WB Transfusion Task Force (PHWBTF) – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
18. Discussion: Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve EMS medical direction in Texas – Committee Members
19. General public comment: *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
20. Summary: Action items to present at RAC meeting – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
21. Summary: Action items to present at GETAC meeting – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair
22. Review: Agenda items for the next meeting – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair

23. Next meeting date – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair

24. Adjournment – Christopher Winckler, MD, Chair

Public Comment: The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments pertaining to topics related to Emergency Health Care. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in this process by providing written public comments to DSHS by emailing deidra.lee@dshs.texas.gov no later than 5:00 PM, November 14, 2025. Please include your name and either the organization you are representing or that you are speaking as a private citizen. Written comments are limited to three minutes and will be read during the meeting for consideration by the Council. The request must contain your name, the name of the organization you represent or that you are speaking as a private citizen, and your direct phone number.

Public comment is limited to three minutes. Speakers must state their name, affiliation, and on whose behalf they are speaking. Public members who are using handouts are asked to provide an electronic copy in accessible PDF format that will be distributed by DSHS staff to Council members and state staff, and for public distribution. Handouts are limited to two pages of documentation (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only). Handouts must be emailed to DSHS by 5:00 PM, November 14, 2025, and include the name of the person commenting.

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Contact: Questions regarding agenda items, content, or meeting arrangements should be directed to Jorie Klein, DSHS, at 512-535-8538 or Jorie.Klein@dshs.texas.gov.

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