

GETAC [Committee Name] 2026 Priorities

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Guidelines: Committee Priorities

Establish 2-3 committee priorities that align with the GETAC Strategic Plan, Vision, and Mission Statement.

1. Identify the **Pillar** and **Objective** to which the priority aligns, for example, ***Clinical Elements - Coordinated Clinical Care: Promote seamless transitions of care across the emergency healthcare system.***

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2. Identify high-priority clinical areas for disseminating current information, including best evidence and practice-enhancing clinical and operational standards.
3. Identify opportunities for professional and public education leading to improved clinical outcomes.
4. Advocate at the federal, state, and local levels for recognizing EMS as an essential public service.
5. Implement mechanisms that ensure the inclusion of EMS as a seamless component of health care delivery (rather than merely a transport mechanism).
6. Promote timely access to care for urgent conditions regardless of geographic location across the state.
7. Deliver the highest quality care across the continuum of the emergency healthcare system—from prevention to rehabilitation.
8. Utilize evidence-based and/or best practice metrics to evaluate the emergency healthcare system, deliver evidence-based care, and provide public transparency of such data.
9. Promote seamless transitions of care across the emergency healthcare system.
10. Advocate for the widespread adoption of uniform healthcare resources across the state, ensuring consistent standards and promoting efficiency and quality in healthcare delivery regardless of location or provider.

Guidelines: Committee Priorities (cont.)

2. Identify the **strategy** for implementing the **objective**, along with an activity that will focus on the defined priority.
3. The **Pillar**, **Objective**, and **Strategy** are taken straight from the GETAC Strategic Plan.
4. The implementation activity will be defined by the committee.
5. Complete the template provided.

The following slide provides an example.

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Strategies:

1. Disseminate current information on best practices and educational opportunities to satisfy knowledge gaps.
2. Develop standards to minimize the time from onset of illness or injury to definitive care.
3. Define data elements necessary to evaluate emergency healthcare system effectiveness.

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GETAC 2024
Strategic Plan



EXAMPLE

Strategic Plan Pillar & Objective	Strategy and Implementation Activity
1. EXAMPLE <u>Clinical Elements - Coordinated Clinical Care</u> : <i>Promote seamless transitions of care across the emergency healthcare system. (This is Objective 9 under the Coordinated Clinical Care section of the Clinical Elements Pillar.)</i>	a. Strategy: <i>Develop standards to minimize the time from onset of illness or injury to definitive care. (This is Strategy 2 under the Coordinated Clinical Care section of the Clinical Elements Pillar.)</i> b. Implementation Activity: Utilizing established parameters, review quarterly data for improving timely transfers for severely injured patients who require transfer for definitive care.
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GETAC 2024
Strategic Plan



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“SMART” Action Plans

SPECIFIC

What do you want to do and Who will do it?

MEASURABLE

How will you know when you’ve reached it?

ACHIEVEABLE

Is it in your power to accomplish?

REALISTIC

Can you realistically achieve it?

TIMELY

When, exactly, do you want to achieve it?

Guidelines: SMART Goals for Committee Priorities

1. Establish one SMART goal for each priority listed on the previous slide. The goal should align with the objective, goal, and implementation activity.
2. Each aspect of the SMART goal should be comprised of one focused, concise statement.
3. Complete the template provided.

The following slide provides an example.



SMART GOAL FOR TRAUMA TRANSFERS

Patient Transfer Time for the Severely Injured Patient
GOAL TITLE

01/18/2024
DATE PREPARED

30% of the severely injured patients identified by a GCS less than 9 or hypotension criteria, who require transfer for definitive care, are transferred within two hours of arrival at the facility by March 2025.
GOAL

mm/dd/yyyy
DATE LAST REVIEWED

S	Specific <i>What do we want to accomplish? Why do we want to accomplish this? What are the requirements? What are the constraints?</i>	Transfers out in less than two hours for severely injured patients. Threshold parameters: Glasgow Coma Score (GCS) less than 9, blood pressure (bp) less than 110 for those over 65, and bp less than 90, if under age 65.
M	Measurable <i>How will we measure progress? How will we know when the goal is accomplished?</i>	Utilizing the threshold parameters, 80% of severely injured patients are transferred out in less than two hours of arrival.
A	Achievable <i>How can the goal be accomplished? What are the logical steps we should take?</i>	Evaluating for the threshold parameters does not require any sophisticated imaging. GCS and bp should be able to be evaluated within 10-15 minutes of arrival, triggering the transfer-out well within 2 hours. This is achievable.
R	Relevant <i>Is this a worthwhile goal? Is this the right time? Do we have the necessary resources to accomplish this goal? Is this goal in line with our long-term objectives?</i>	Optimal care is provided in the system when injured patients receive timely definitive care at the appropriate level trauma center. This goal aligns with the GETAC mission to promote, develop, and advance an accountable, patient-centered Trauma and Emergency Healthcare System.
T	Time-Bound <i>How long will it take to accomplish this goal? When is the completion of this goal due? When are we going to work on this goal?</i>	Transfer data will be reviewed quarterly in 2024 to monitor progress, to reach the 80% goal by March of 2025.

In Texas, 80% of the severely injured patients identified by a GCS less than 9 or hypotension criteria, who require transfer for definitive care, are transferred within two hours of arrival at the facility by March 2025.

Specific: *The **Trauma Systems Committee** will advocate for transfers-out in less than two hours for severely injured patients using the threshold parameters of Glasgow Coma Score (GCS) less than 9, blood pressure (BP) less than 110 for those over 65, and BP less than 90, if under age 65.*

Measurable: *The goal will be accomplished when 80% of severely injured patients are transferred out in less than two hours of arrival to a trauma facility, utilizing the threshold parameters.*

Achievable: *This can be achieved because evaluating for the threshold parameters does not require any sophisticated imaging. GCS and BP should be able to be evaluated within 10-15 minutes of arrival, triggering the transfer-out well within 2 hours.*

Relevant: *This is a worthwhile goal because optimal care in the system is provided when injured patients receive timely definitive care at the appropriate level trauma center.*

Time-bound: *This goal will be completed by reviewing transfer data quarterly to monitor progress and reach the 80% goal by October 2026.*

The following slide provides a template and sentence stems for you to revise for your committee.

Priority:

Specific: *The [Committee Name] Committee will...*

Measurable: *The goal will be accomplished when...*

Achievable: *This goal can be achieved by/because...*

Relevant: *This goal aligns with the GETAC Strategic Plan by addressing...*

Time-bound: *This goal will be completed by...*

GETAC [Committee Name] 2025 Outcomes

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Guidelines: 2025 Committee Priority Outcomes

1. Identify the committee priorities for 2025 in the first column.
2. List implementation activities and relevant information for each priority in the second column (see example).
3. Demonstrate the status of each priority by changing the color according to the legend provided.
4. Complete using the template provided.

EXAMPLE

2025 Committee Priorities Update

Priority Not Implemented
Priority Activities Recorded
Priority Completed and Monitored

Committee Priorities	Current Activities	Status
Prevention & Injury: <i>Proper security of pediatric patients during air & ground transport</i>	- Survey - Complete - Workgroup with representatives from AMSCT, Pediatric, EMS, & EMS Medical Directors Committee - 157.11 language submitted - Weight/age-based device - Policy regarding use of device	Will continue to collaborate with 157.11 workgroup
Performance Improvement & Patient Safety: <i>Fatigue Risk Management Programs for Air Medical & Specialty Care Transport Providers</i>	- Supporting research & data collection - Complete - Development of a White Paper supporting the implementation & utilization of a FRMP continues Request to be placed on Council agenda for Q4 meeting	
Coordinated Clinical Care: <i>Develop and disseminate education on how the No Surprises Act (NSA) is protecting patients from exorbitant air medical transport bills.</i>	- Air Medical resource utilization guidelines emphasis has been included - Resource document - Complete - AMSCT Committee approval received on 6/4/2025 - Medical Directors' Committee approval received on 6/5/2025 Seeking Council approval today, 8/22/2025	

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[Name] Committee

2025 Committee Priority Outcomes

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Committee Priorities	Outcomes	Status