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

Wednesday, August 26, 2026
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Austin
6505 N Interstate 35
Austin, Texas 78752

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.

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Committee Chair: Robin Novakovic-White, MD

Committee Vice Chair: Sean Savitz, MD

Council Liaisons: Scott Lail, EMT-P, FL-C; Danny Ramirez, EMT-P

DSHS: Jorie Klein, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Elizabeth Stevenson, RN, Designation Unit Manager

1. Opening

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call
- C. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements

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.*

- D. Reading of the GETAC Stroke Committee statement of purpose

The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) Stroke Committee's purpose is to promote optimal stroke care and outcomes, aiming to reduce the burden of stroke on individuals, families, and

communities and reduce the disparities in stroke care within the state of Texas.

- E. Review and approval of minutes – June 3, 2026
- F. GETAC chair announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD
- G. Update: EMS/Trauma Systems – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Elizabeth Stevenson, RN, Designation Unit Manager

2. Discussion and possible action:

A. Committee Liaison Reports

- i. Air Medical – Chantel Molina, RN
- ii. EMS Education – Amanda Jagolino-Cole, MD
- iii. EMS – Carla Escobar, RN
- iv. Pediatric – Melanie Aluotto, RN
- v. EMS Medical Director – Robin Novakovic, MD

B. Updates

- i. GETAC Council meeting June 2026
- ii. Texas Stroke Awareness Campaign
- iii. Texas Rural Stroke Awareness
- iv. Get With the Guidelines (GWTG) – Allison Capetillo
- v. Det Norske Veritas (DNV) Healthcare Liaison - Janine Mazabob, RN
- vi. Joint Commission Liaison – Andrea Yates, RN

C. 2026 committee priorities

- i. Stroke System of Care
 - a. Pediatric Task Force – Stuart Fraser, MD

1. Update items:

A. International Pediatric Stroke Organization (IPSO), Society of Vascular and Interventional Neurology (SVIN), and American Heart Association (AHA) collaboration – minimum recommendations for pediatric stroke facility criteria

b. Approval items:

- 1. Revisions, Adult Prehospital Stroke Triage Algorithm Rural
- 2. Revisions, Adult Prehospital Stroke Triage Algorithm Urban
- 3. Revisions, Adult Prehospital Stroke Triage Algorithm Suburban
- 4. Revisions, Prehospital Adult Stroke Triage and Management Resource Document

c. Rural Stroke Workgroup

1. **Approval items:**
 - A. Door-in/door-out (DIDO) best practice recommendation
 2. Rural stroke needs assessment survey results planned for 08/2026
 3. Rural Stroke Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Registries (EMSTR) and GWTG performance measures to review April and October semi-annually in 2026
 4. Rural Stroke Awareness Campaign
- ii. Post-Acute Stroke Care Workgroup
 - a. Update items:
 1. Best practice recommendation within defined time frames (1 mo, 3 mo, 6 mo) after hospital discharge for stroke
 2. Recommendation for a PASC outpatient clinic that provides evidence-based care.
 3. Recommend PASC outpatient clinic performance measures and goals that outline best practice care for GWTG
- iii. Performance Improvement
 - a. Texas RAC Data Collaborative (RDC) – Eric Epley and Tracee Rose
 - b. Stroke quality performance for Texas from GWTG
- iv. Education
 - a. Update Proposed Survey for Stroke Coordinators
 - b. Stroke managers' mentorship program and TX stroke coordinators' collaborative survey
 - c. Update Proposed Kids Stroke Awareness Competition
 - d. Statewide Stroke Awareness Campaign
 - e. Professional education opportunities and resources
 1. Stroke Committee endorsed education/certification courses
 2. Posting resources with DSHS
- v. Research
 - a. Lone Star Stroke DIDO Project
 - b. TEAM Stroke Ed study
- vi. Triage and Transport
 - a. EMS Time Sensitive Deconfliction Task Force
 - b. Updates from work group
 - c. Announcements: New items
- D. Review initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve prehospital stroke care in Texas

3. Closing

- A. General public comment – *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
- B. Summary
 - i. Action items to present at RAC meeting
 - ii. Action items to present at GETAC meeting
 - iii. Agenda items for next committee meeting
- C. Next meeting date – November 21, 2026
- D. Adjournment

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