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

Saturday, November 22, 2025
2:30 PM – 4:00 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.

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Stroke Committee Chair: Robin Novakovic-White, MD

Council Liaisons: Scott Lail, EMT-P, FL-C

DSHS: Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director, and Elizabeth Stevenson, RN, Designation Unit Manager

1. Call to order – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, Chair
2. Roll call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements – Robin Novakovic-White, 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 Stroke Committee statement of purpose – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, Chair

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.

5. Review and approval: August 20, 2025, minutes – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, Chair
6. Committee Announcements
 - a. 2026 Applications: New & returning members
 - b. Departing committee members
7. GETAC chair comments – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
8. Update: EMS/Trauma Systems – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Elizabeth Stevenson, RN, Designation Unit Manager
9. Committee Liaison Updates:
 - a. Air-Medical – Chantel Molina, RN
 - b. EMS Education – Amanda Jagolino-Cole, MD
 - c. EMS – Kevin Cunningham
 - d. Pediatric – Melanie Aluotto, RN
 - e. EMS Medical Director – Robin Novakovic, MD
10. Updates from GETAC Council meeting 08/2025

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

11. Texas Stroke Awareness Campaign – Robin Novakovic-White, MD
12. Texas Rural Stroke Awareness – Robin Novakovic-White, MD
13. Recommendation for Neuro IR Call Coverage
14. 2026 Stroke Committee Priorities
15. Review: 2025 committee priorities
 - a. Stroke System of Care**
 - i. **Approval Item:** 2026 Stroke Committee Priorities
 - ii. Update: Pediatric Task Force – led by Stuart Fraser, MD
 - A. Update: Tip sheet for acute care of pediatric stroke patients
 - B. Discussion: Future topic, stroke facility criteria recommendation
 - iii. Update: Rural Stroke Workgroup
 - A. Update: Rural stroke needs assessment survey
 - B. Rural Stroke Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Registries (EMSTR) and Get With The Guidelines (GWTG) performance measures
 - C. Door-in/door-out (DIDO) best practice recommendation
 - D. Rural Stroke Awareness Campaign
 - a. Including education dispatchers and first responders on stroke recognition and stroke protocol
 - iv. Update: Patient safety and quality concern regarding neuro-interventional coverage in the state of Texas.

- A. Update: Recommendation for performance measures
- B. Update: Recommendation of an internal review of missed opportunities
- C. **Approval Item:** Recommendation for Neuro IR call coverage

b. Post-Acute Stroke Care Workgroup

- i. Update: Sean Savitz, MD, Vice-chair

c. Performance Improvement

- i. Review: Texas RAC Data Collaborative (RDC) – Eric Epley and Tracee Rose
- ii. Review: Stroke quality performance for Texas from GWTG – Avni Kapadia, MD, and Tory Cairns

d. Education

- i. Update: Professional education opportunities and resources – Dr. Jagolino-Cole and Lisa Hutchinson
 - A. Stroke Committee endorsed education/certification courses
 - B. Update: Posting resources with DSHS
- ii. Update: Stroke program manager manual – STRAC
- iii. Update: EMS stroke education curriculum
- iv. Update: Stroke managers' mentorship program and TX stroke coordinators' collaborative survey

e. Research

- i. Update: GETAC EMS Stroke Survey abstracts – Robin Novakovic-White, MD
- ii. Update: TEAM Stroke Ed study

f. Triage and Transport

- i. Update: EMS Time Sensitive Deconfliction Task Force – Dr Novakovic
- ii. Promotion: Stroke facilities' participation in DIDO layer in GWTG
- iii. Update: DIDO performance measures and best practice recommendations to come from Rural Stroke Work Group
- iv. Announcements: New items – Lisa Hutchison and Saud Khan, MD

16. General public comment: *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*

17. Summary: Action items to present at RAC meeting – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, Chair

18. Summary: Action items to present at GETAC meeting – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, Chair

19. Announcements – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, Chair

20. Review: Agenda items for the next meeting – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, chair

21. Future meeting dates – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, Chair

22. Adjournment – Robin Novakovic-White, MD, Chair

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