

# GETAC Trauma Systems Committee Report August 2023

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# Trauma Systems Committee

- Level 4, 25 beds
- 4 bed ED
- Manon Childers, MD TMD
- D'Anda Lear TPM
- 41 miles to Level 2
  
- F3 tornado 15 Jun 5pm
- EMS/Fire significant damage
- Comm/Power out
- RAC-A support
- 100 pts, 2 admit, 40 transfer



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1. STB TX Coalition has been very successful with the Texas Train-the-Trainer virtual course. The Education Workgroup continues to make it better. They are working on a toolkit for RACs and others to use. Thanks to Rachel Lindsay at CATRAC.
2. A newsletter is provided for the GETAC Council with information collected for STB activities for May - STB Month. Thanks to CATRAC Team for their work on the newsletter.
3. STB V3 is still anticipated to be approved at the ACS Congress in October. The Packing workgroup chaired by Christine Reeves has been asked to consider whether V3 should include specific training for packing junctional and head injuries and a few other small things.

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- **Trauma rules process**

- Moving forward
- Now anticipate formal public comments open late December 2023
- This committee will be prepared to support with a workgroup-sized element to assist the Department in reviewing comments.

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- **Trauma System Assessment**
  - Transfer delays are a reported concern
  - STRAC has developed a pilot project to quantify and identify specific areas to improve
  - Committee workgroup will assess ability to assess state data repository

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- Trauma System Assessment
  - Common hotspots on trauma surveys identified
    - PI are the top three
      - Committee will seek data (specific criteria, TOPIC )
      - Committee will coordinate with RACs for support
      - DSHS calls are visionary
    - Consistency of surveys and application of survey results may be a factor
      - Committee will request summary data to better characterize

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- Trauma System Assessment
  - Military-Civilian cooperation is not characterized
    - Develop an annual report
      - Military facilities participating in the trauma system
      - Civilian facilities providing skill sustainment for military personnel

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- Items needing Council guidance
  - None



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**Items referred to the Council for future action**

None