



**STROKE COMMITTEE AUGUST 21, 2014
OF THE GOVERNOR'S EMS AND TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL (GETAC)
OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS)**

COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT

Committee Discussion Items:

- Update on Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke (TCCVDS), chronic stroke remediation and data from RAC survey on STEMI and stroke in progress.
- Report/update on Lone Star Stroke consortium, they have started several research studies.
- Karla Granado DSHS gave update on RAC data collection in process. Results will be given to RACs, GETAC, TCCVDS and legislature.
- Recommendation to use Get with the Guidelines (GWTG) Stroke hospital database for state stroke designation was discussed. Rather than recommending a proprietary database, elements that apply to preadmission and admission common to GWTG and other databases in use will be developed by a subcommittee (Morton chair)
- Use of Brain Attack Coalition (BAC) new standards for stroke ready hospitals as criteria to approve certification programs of Level III stroke support facilities was approved
- Recommendation that 4 hours of stroke related continuing education be required for recertifying EMS personnel approved last meeting was reconfirmed. (Fillingim chair)
- Transport Bypass Workgroup is working on recommendations for adding severity adjusted triage criteria as a hospital bypass option for RACs. (Craven chair)
- Trauma Systems Committee Registry Workgroup report/update – no report (Porter chair)
- Endovascular presentation/update by Kirk Conrad, MD

Action Items/Motions:

Repeat recommendation that EMS recertification require up to 4 hours of stroke specific content continuing education. This would become part of the 4 year recertification cycle currently required for EMS. The hours would be in lieu of existing general content time and assigned stroke specific content time. This would NOT add additional hours to the recertification.

Recommendation the Brain Attack Coalition (BAC) standards for stroke ready hospitals be accepted as basis for approval of certification programs of Level II stroke support facilities.

Public/Committee Comments:

- Texas Cardio-Neurology Conference (TETAF) September 26th Hyatt Lost Pines.

Announcements:

- Next meeting November 22nd 2014 at 2:30 in Fort Worth

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August 22, 2014

COMMITTEE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE / DATE