



AGENDA
Pediatrics Committee Meeting
Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Texas EMS Conference

Omni Fort Worth

1300 Houston St.

Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Sunday, November 24, 2013

9:00 A.M.

Call to Order/Roll Call..... Charles Macias MD, Chair

Discussion and possible action on the following items:Committee Members

1. Committee liaison reports:

- a. Air Medical: Jorge Sainz
- b. EMS: Verne Walker
- c. Education: Charles Jaquith
- d. Injury Prevention: Deb Brown
- e. Medical Directors: Juan Juarez:
- f. Stroke: Julie Lewis:
- g. Trauma Systems: Sally Snow
- h. Regional Advisory Council chairs: Britton Devillier
- i. Disaster planning: Bonnie Hartstein

2. Update on Child Fatality Review Teams update: Susan Rodriguez- Charles Macias

3. Position paper on minimizing radiation: Group reports and revisits

a. All CT scans on children should be performed using “pediatric” dose-reduction protocols. Pediatric protocols are available through The Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging. <http://www.pedrad.org/associations/5346/ig/> Verne Walker

b. Avoidance of the use of protocols which automatically result in the performance of multiple CT studies (i.e. head, cervical spine, chest, and abdomen and pelvis) in pediatric trauma patients. Britt Devillier

c. Imaging modalities that do not use ionization radiation, such as ultrasound, should be used when feasible. Britt Devillier

d. Understanding and linking guidelines of care that utilize evidence based practice strategies will help minimize the use of unnecessary testing. Jorge Sainz

e. Avoidance of further CT imaging once the decision to transfer to definitive care is made, unless the accepting institution specifically requests a scan prior to transfer. If CT imaging is performed prior to transfer, the images should be included in the transfer documentation on disc or some other form of reviewable file. The final radiology report should be forwarded to the receiving facility as soon as possible. Acquisition of radiographic testing, or delaying testing should be balanced against the risk of delaying critical care for stabilization of the ill or injured pediatric patient. Juan Juarez

f. Accepting institutions should avoid repeating scans. Consider access to a cloud-based digital image translator. Juan Juarez

4. EMS for Children State Partnership update: Sam Vance and Manish Shah

5. Review of National Readiness Project reports. Member reports

a. Administration and coordination: Deb Brown

b. Physicians, nurses, and other care providers staffing the ED: Charles Jacquith

c. QI in the ED: Charles Macias and Julie Lewis

d. Patient safety: Verne Walker and Bonnie Hartstein

e. ED support services: Jorge Sainz

f. Equipment, supplies and medications: Sally Snow

6. Pediatric transfer guidelines-review Washington State “Pediatric Consultation”Sally Snow

7. Report on Trauma Systems Committee Registry Workgroup Jorge Sainz

General Public Comment

(Comment time may be limited at Chair’s discretion)

Summary for GETAC meetingCommittee Members

Announcements Charles Macias MD, Chair

Review and list agenda items for next meeting Charles Macias MD, Chair

Next meeting date..... Charles Macias MD, Chair

Adjournment Charles Macias MD, Chair