

GETAC Stroke Committee Minutes  
February 1, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Neal Rutledge, Chairperson for the committee. All designated members were present at this initial quarterly meeting except noting the absence of Victoria Parada MD and Ira Nemeth MD sitting in for Dr. Raymond Fowler from Dallas, Tx.

The first order of business was to determine the subsequent meeting dates and times. The committee designated and agreed upon the following dates and times :05/17/06 (Wednesday) at 10:00 a.m., 08/09/06 (Wednesday) at 10:00 a.m., and 11/18/06 in Dallas at 10:00 a.m.

The committee charge was reviewed and public comment was received Representatives Mr. Romo from American Heart Association, Ed Racht MD the GETAC chair, Steve Janda DSHS staff liaison, the San Antonio GETAC RAC Chair, and Jennifer Smith of DSHS representing the Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Council (CVDS Council) introduced their area and indicated support and available assistance for the activities of the committee.

An approach to developing the Texas stroke treatment plan was proposed by Neal Rutledge, M.D. that was accepted by the committee. He suggested that all **issues** to the development of a statewide emergency stroke transport plan and to the development of stroke facility criteria as outlined in House Bill 2344 / Senate Bill 330 be detailed and identified by the next meeting. The charge of the meeting in August would be to develop a **draft plan** as guided by the development of the issues and a **final plan** is the target of the November meeting.

Committee members indicated their willingness to initiate the process of issues development using the bill as a guide for issue identification. The following members were identified as accepting initiating issues development responsibility:

Stroke Emergency Transport Plan

Training Requirements on recognition and treatment:	Anne Leonard, RN
Early Treatments Protocols for Rapid Transport:	James Grotta, MD
	J Brent Dalley
	Khalid Malik, M.D.
Coordination Plans with other agencies and committees	Walter Buell, M.D.
Stroke Facility Criteria	Shirley DeBell RN
	Kimberly Lawson RN
	Liana Dawson, M.D.

All committee members will participate in any issues/ protocol plans but the above identified individuals agreed to initiate issue development. A tentative plan to put the first ideas on e-mail/web by the end of February 2006 was accepted by the committee as a target date to enable the identification of concerns and issues for discussion at the May meeting. B. Dalley accepted an assignment to provide a distribution list to GETAC stroke committee members. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded and unanimously approved with plans to reconvene on May 17, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.