

FY25 Committee Accomplishments



Committee Education



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11

Courses/Webinars

329

Attendees

\$43K

NCTTRAC Funded



FY25 Committee Accomplishments

- Air Medical Committee
- Cardiac Committee
- ED Operations Committee
- EMS Committee
- EMS Medical Directors Committee
- Pediatric Committee
- Perinatal Committee
- Stroke Committee
- Trauma Committee
- Regional Emergency Preparedness Committee
- EMTF-2 Subcommittee

FY25 Air Medical Committee Leadership

Chair: Michael Constantino - Air Evac Lifeteam

Chair Elect: Jeff Donson - CareFlite Air

Medical Director: Dr. Bob Simonson - CareFlite Air

Air Medical Committee

- Collaborated with EMS to be the first “Diamond” sponsor for the TAAMS Hall of Honor Corn Hole Tournament benefiting LODD survivor scholarships
- Coordinating with EMS & ED Ops to draft the first Critical Care Transport Guidelines
- Led the development of a regional Prehospital Transfusion Program (PTP) education presentation
- Recommended to add a data element to include Lactate levels as a PI measure in the PTP data initiative

FY25 Cardiac Committee Leadership

Chair: Alison Fresh - Texas Health Arlington Memorial

Chair Elect: Chassadie Reynolds - Medical City Arlington

Co-Medical Director: Dr. Usman Hashmi - Medical City Decatur

Co-Medical Director: Dr. Alan Taylor - Methodist Mansfield Medical Center

Cardiac Committee

- Provided in-depth, after-action reviews of Chest Pain Center surveys through the Chest Pain Coordinators (CPC) Workgroup
- Hosted a Continuing Education webinar featuring Dr. Usman Hashmi, Cardiac Committee Co-Medical Director, for his presentation on Cardiogenic Shock
- Developed and published the Regional CARES Data Report Dashboard on the committee webpage, allowing members to review regional, state, and national benchmarking and performance indicators
- Endorsed Parker County Hospital District's (PCHD) AED initiative utilizing EMS County Assistance Regional Project funds to improve cardiac arrest survival

HEART Safe Community



City of Colleyville

Renewal



Town of Prosper

Renewal

FY25 ED Ops Committee Leadership

Chair: Jessica Lucio - Texas Health Hospital Mansfield

Chair Elect: Keith Jones - Texas Health Hospital Mansfield

Co-Medical Director: Dr. Elizabeth Fagan - BSW McKinney

Co-Medical Director: Dr. Christina Bird - Baylor University Medical Center

- System Performance Improvement (SPI) Initiatives
 - Lowered the number of “Overdue Status” non-compliant facilities from eight to one
 - Published a dashboard to monitor the approved Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT) of no more than 15 minutes
- Collaborated with EMS & Air Medical to begin development of the first TSA-E Critical Care Transport Guidelines
- Adopted a goal to campaign the utilization of Pulsara in the region
- Sepsis WG - created a Pediatric Sepsis Screening Tool for prehospital providers

EMS Wall Time Workgroup

- Established collaborative relationships between EMS and hospital leadership
- Reviewed data from ePCR vendors & EMS agencies to identify regional trends regarding Ambulance Patient Off-load Times (APOT)
- Established an APOT SPI Indicator of **15 minutes** from patient destination arrival to transfer of care
- Created and published a dashboard to monitor regional APOT
- Developed education to standardize APOT definitions & expectations

FY25 EMS Committee Leadership

Chair: Kevin Sandifer - Mansfield Fire Department

Chair Elect: Matthew Baker - Cedar Hill Fire Department

Co-Medical Director: Dr. Mark Gamber - Plano Fire Department

Co-Medical Director: Dr. Justin Northeim – BSW Grapevine

EMS Committee

- Collaborated with Air Medical Committee to be the first “Diamond” sponsor for TAAMS Hall of Honor
- EMS County Assistance
 - Approved to purchase more PTP Equipment for five sites with Regional Project Funds
- Expanded EMS agency enrollment in CARES, strengthening regional participation and sustaining the state’s leading enrollment position
- Approved the inclusion of Ambulance Turnaround Time as a Performance Improvement measure

FY25 EMS COUNTY ASSISTANCE

Traditional Reimbursement

66 Agencies

\$392,167

Regional Projects

7 Agencies

\$71,575

Award Distribution Breakdown

Total Awarded:
\$523,249.00

73 agencies
17 counties

CARES

38 Agencies

\$40,500

EMS Wristbands



25 Agencies

\$11,641

MCI Bands



17 Agencies

\$7,366

FY25 EMS Medical Directors Committee Leadership

Chair: Dr. Skipper Bertrand - BSW Grapevine

Chair Elect: Dr. Andrew Hogan - BioTel

- Created the “Accurate EMS Wall Time Documentation: Help Us, Help You” video for standardized reporting
- Updated and approved the Transport of End Stage Renal Disease Patients Requiring Dialysis During Disaster Situations resource document
- Implemented the Criteria for Calling Air Medical Services for ground EMS
- Hosted “Optimizing Peri-Intubation Care: Strategies for Safe & Effective Intubation in the Critical Patient” education presentation
 - Dr. Skipper Bertrand
 - Dr. Mark Gamber
 - Dr. Justin Northeim

FY25 Pediatric Committee Leadership

Chair: Natalie Carpenter - Cook Children's Medical Center

Chair Elect: Amy Tucker – Parkland Memorial Hospital

Co-Medical Director: Dr. Dan Guzman - Cook Children's Medical Center

Co-Medical Director: Dr. Geoffrey Lowe - Children's Medical Center Dallas

Pediatric Committee

- Developed Regional Pediatric Sepsis Criteria for stakeholder use
- Created Naloxone Usage Awareness presentation as a public education and injury prevention resource
- Hosted Pediatric Readiness Simulation Workshop with regional Pediatric Readiness Improvement and Simulation Mentors (PRISMs) – formerly known as PECCs
- Purchased Pediatric Readiness Training Equipment to assist in compliance with DSHS Trauma Rule requirements
- Developed the regional Pediatric Mass Transfusion Protocol Resource Document which was presented at the National TQIP conference

FY25 Perinatal Committee Leadership

Chair: Dr. Suzanne Whitbourne – Texas Health Harris Methodist HEB

Chair Elect: Dr. Christina Chan – Texas Health Presbyterian Dallas

Maternal Director: Dr. Theresa Patton – Methodist Dallas Medical Center

Neonatal Medical Director: Dr. Arpitha Chiruvolu – BSW McKinney

Perinatal Committee

- Created monthly “Facility Spotlight” presentations to highlight facility initiatives that promote collaborative efforts for maternal and neonatal health
- Approved the Neonatal Data Initiative: Safe Sleep and the Maternal Data Initiative: Maternal Mental Health to be added to the Committee SOP
- Created the Maternal SPI Letter of Review for quarterly performance review of the Maternal Severe Hypertension goal among designated facilities
- Developed the NCTTRAC Baseline Reports for both Safe Sleep and Maternal Mental Health to spur the development of best practices, education, and guidelines & algorithms for each initiative

FY25 Stroke Committee Leadership

Chair: Dr. Martin Weiss – Baylor University Medical Center

Chair Elect: Dr. Bappaditya Ray – Texas Health Presbyterian Dallas

Co-Medical Director: Dr. Robin Novakovic-White – UTSW Clements

Co-Medical Director: Dr. Sam Laali – BSW Grapevine

- Stroke Systems of Care Workgroup
 - Approved the Urban, Suburban, and Rural EMS Acute Stroke Routing Resource Algorithms
- Stroke Education Workgroup
 - Created a community toolkit that includes the BEFAST and BEFAST Spanish version handouts
 - Provided multiple case studies over the fiscal year
- Stroke Quality Workgroup
 - Approved to transition from RAC Data Collaborative (RDC) to AHA Get With The Guidelines (GWTG) Registry Super User Account for larger data repository & cost reduction
 - 17 out of 44 Designated Stroke facilities are in the enrollment process for the Super User Account
- Approved a recommendation for acceptable neuro-interventional coverage

FY25 Trauma Committee Leadership

Chair: Carolann VinZant – THR Presbyterian Dallas

Chair Elect: Ann Quinlan – THR Fort Worth

Co-Medical Director: Dr. Brian Tibbs – THR Presbyterian Dallas

Co-Medical Director: Dr. Victor Portillo – Medical City Arlington

- Completed major revisions to Regional Trauma System Plan
- Implemented Regional Trauma Program Manager Mentorship Program
- Hosted monthly Open Office Hours for questions and discussion on Trauma Program and RAC initiatives
- NCTTRAC Trauma Registry Data Initiative
 - **38** of **50** eligible trauma facilities enrolled (as of 8/19/2025)
 - **34** enrolled facilities have submitted data (Goal: 80%)
 - Developed a delayed trauma transfers dashboard to review in SPI Subcommittee meetings

- Subcommittees/Workgroups:
 - Regional Prehospital Transfusion Program (PTP) Workgroup:
 - New APRU coolers approved and funded through Regional Projects funding
 - Approved Regional Prehospital Transfusion Program Education presentation
 - Program now focusing on rural counties in TSA-E: 4 out of 5 confirmed interest in participating
 - Developed Regional Prehospital Transfusion form as a resource for EMS Agencies
 - Finalized PTP data submission instructional video for RedCap server
 - Falls Prevention Coalition Workgroup:
 - Developing a Geriatric Standard of Care Performance Improvement Tracking Template
 - Compiling resources to develop a recommended falls-specific order set for geriatric adults
 - Developed Falls Data Dashboard with DFWHC Foundation

- Subcommittees/Workgroups (continued):
 - Public Education/Injury Prevention:
 - Launched PEIP Falls Prevention Initiative that identifies areas with highest fall rates and collaborates with the EMS agencies serving those areas
 - Developed regional guidelines with Fall Prevention Initiative goals and action plan
 - Trauma System Performance Improvement (SPI):
 - Developed Regional System Performance Improvement Plan
 - Created REDcap survey to collect information on delayed trauma transfers
 - Engaged Tarrant County Medical Examiner to address autopsy report delays at the Tarrant County ME office
 - Trauma Registry Workgroup:
 - Developed Trauma Registry Data Coding Dictionary to standardize coding practices
 - Sponsored an AAAM AIS15 course to meet DSHS Trauma Rule requirement

FY25 Regional Emergency Preparedness Committee Leadership

Chair: Stephan Epley – Texas Health Fort Worth

Chair Elect: Brian Lugo – Baylor University Medical Center

Co-Medical Director: Dr. Sharon Malone – Envision Health

Co-Medical Director: Dr. Keegan Bradley – Envision Health

Regional Emergency Preparedness Committee (REPC)

- Updated REPC SOP to include Pulsara Daily Utilization as a performance measure
- Spent \$150K in Regional Sustainment funds to support World Cup '26 planning
- Coordinated with clinical committees to purchase:
 - Pediatric Readiness Training Equipment
 - Whole Blood Autonomous Portable Refrigeration Units (APRU)
- Approved two EMTF Medical Directors
 - Dr. Keegan Bradley – Envision Health
 - Dr. Geoffery Lowe – UT Southwestern Medical Center

- Successfully Developed and Executed a Regional Wildland Fire Training
 - 55 Trained over four days
 - Exercise model adopted as blueprint for TXEMTF Exercises
 - Week-long exercise conducted for less than \$6K
 - Exercised the VIP for Emergency Responder “VIPER” Trailer
 - Deployed for the first time during the Kerrville deployment
- Embedded MIST, EMS, and AMBUS partners into regional and statewide exercises
 - DFW Airport Full-Scale Exercise
 - BATAAN Memorial Death March
 - Disaster Day at Texas A&M