**Georgia Quality Improvement Program &**

**Trauma Medical Directors Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

November 15, 2022

4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

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| **Attendees** |  |  |
| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Organization** |
| Todd | S. Rob | GQIP, Medical Director |
| Solomon | Gina | GQIP, Director |
| Mlaver | Eli | GQIP, Research Resident |
| John  Clarence  Melissa  Dawn  Dennis  Josephine  Tracy  Faith  Amina  Alicia  Susanne  Rebecca  Kellie  Ashley  Courtney  Olalekan  Brooke  Gail  Elizabeth  Alana  Pamela  Laura  Steve  Kim  Greg  Kelli  Mary Beth  Karrie  Kendrix  Jim  Whitney  David  Christie  Jesse  W. Matthew  Naila  Nadirah  Rayma  Brandi  Heather  Kelly  Jay  Arina  Justin  Karen  Richard  Jolleen  Winston  Barry  Nadine  Megan  Kyle  Jamie  Ashley  Eliza  Robyn  Kyndra  Jaina  Mark  Jacob  Kerry  Arthur  Rachel  Ashley  Alexander  Michele | Mayfield  McKemie  Parris  Truett  Ashley  Fabico-Dulin  Johns  Rand  Bhatia  Cochran  Edwards  Gaskins  Rowker  Bullington  Pettiford  Akinyokunbo  Marsh  Thornton  Benjamin  Valadez  Vanderberg  Johnson  Paynter  Brown  Patterson  Vaughn  Goodwin  Page  Evans  Dunne  Williamson  Lawrence  Mathis  Gibson  Vassy  Avery  Burgess  Stephens  Fitzgerald  Morgan  Gasser  Connelly  Ghaffari  Keeton  Hust  Jacob  Thies  Charles  Renz  Lynch  Dawson  Thomas  Van Ness  Faircloth  Fox  Hatley  Holm  Carnes  Gravlee  Holloway  Carter  Curran  Hand  Orr  Angelidis  Evans | Advent Redmond  Atrium Health Floyd  Atrium Health Floyd  Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center  Atrium Health Navicent  Atrium Health Navicent  Atrium Health Navicent  Atrium Health Navicent  Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  Crisp Regional  Doctors Hospital  Emanuel Medical Center  Emanuel Medical Center  Emanuel Medical Center  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady/Emory  Hamilton Medical Center  Hamilton Medical Center  John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital  John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital  John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital  Memorial Health Meadows Hospital  Memorial Health Meadows Hospital  Memorial Health University Medical Center  Memorial Health University Medical Center  Morgan Medical Center  Morgan Medical Center  Northeast Georgia Medical Center  Northeast Georgia Medical Center  Northside Gwinnett Hospital  Northside Hospital Gwinnett  Northside Hospital Gwinnett  Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital  Piedmont Athens  Piedmont Columbus Midtown  Piedmont Henry Hospital  Piedmont Henry Hospital  Piedmont Henry Hospital  Piedmont Walton  Piedmont Walton  South Georgia Medical Center  Wellstar Cobb  Wellstar Cobb  Wellstar Cobb Medical Center Burn Center  Wellstar Kennestone  Wellstar Kennestone  Wellstar Kennestone  Wellstar MCG  Wellstar MCG  Wellstar MCG  Wellstar MCG  Wellstar North Fulton  Wellstar North Fulton  Wellstar North Fulton  Wellstar Paulding  Wellstar Paulding  Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center  Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center  Winn Army Community Hospital  Winn Army Community Hospital |

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**Georgia Quality Improvement Program (GQIP) Meeting**

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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| **Agenda Items** |
| **Welcome** |
| Dr. S. Rob Todd, the GQIP Medical Director, welcomed attendees and asked Dr. Dennis Ashley to introduce Dr. Samir Fakhry. Dr. Ashley welcomed Dr. Fakhry, a renowned Trauma Surgeon currently working at the HCA Healthcare Research Center. Dr. Fakhry is leading a multi-institutional project and will give us an overview of his study. Dr. Ashley mentioned that Atrium Health Navicent has agreed to participate in this study by sending in its data and wanted to share the study with any centers interested in participating. |
| **Geriatric Activation Criteria (GAC) Study** |
| Dr. Samir Fakhry presented an overview of the Geriatric Activation Criteria (GAC) Study, addressing the need for quality data on activation criteria for geriatric trauma patients. Dr. Fakhry proposed a multi-center study to gather accurate activation data and determine the frequency and justification of full and partial activations in geriatric trauma patients.  Dr. Fakhry outlined the data collection process, requiring participating centers to generate standard NTDB files for 2017-2019 and provide a separate file indicating activation levels (full, partial, or none). The anonymization process involves removing PHI and merging files for analysis.  Questions arose regarding the time commitment for data preparation, and it was estimated to take about a half day. The major and most lengthy challenge is obtaining a Data Use Agreement from interested centers.  The possibility of emailing the Executive Summary (**ATTACHMENT A**) to the group and allowing individuals to connect one-on-one for further discussion was also mentioned. Dr. Fakhry will be able to provide support throughout the data process. The study aims to complete data collection by the end of the year. |
| **Event Review Template** |
| Dr. Dennis Ashley discussed a tool developed by Kathy Martin to help identify patients experiencing complications using Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) as an example. The tool provides definitions for AKI complications, levels of harm, drill-down questions for PI Coordinators, and allowable closures.  Dr. Ashley proposed to extend this tool to cover other TQIP complications, streamlining the review process. He inquired about potential interest to create a group of various trauma program staff to develop the tool further. Liz Atkins mentioned Kathy Martin, the tool’s author, could act as a consultant facilitator to help adapt the tool.  There was positive response from participants expressing interest and potential benefits of consistency and research endeavors. Dr. Ashley advised that the tool idea will need to be reviewed by the GCTE group to ensure support. Gina Solomon will send out a link to the article. |
| **NSQIP Update** |
| Dr. Joe Sharma shared updates on NSQIP’s ongoing projects and initiatives. The presentation covered the sunset of the opioids project; there is a promising initial analysis showing improvements based on postoperative opioid prescriptive guidelines.  Upcoming projects were introduced, focusing on geriatric and patient-reported outcomes to expand beyond bariatric cases. Post-pandemic data insights revealed trends in mortality, morbidity, and specific outcomes in colorectal cases. The acute care surgery report emphasized the need for re-engagement in areas where recovery compliance has declined. |
| **GTC Update** |
| Liz Atkins provided updates on the upcoming Georgia Trauma Commission meeting in Cordele, Georgia, including a Rural Action Planning meeting to discuss findings and recommendations from the ACS rural focused report. The Georgia Trauma Commission also coincides with National Rural Health Day, emphasizing the importance of rural providers. The meeting will take place on November 16, 2023, starting at 9:00 AM.  Liz Atkins also reviewed upcoming changes to the FY2025 Performance-Based Pay (PBP) criteria (**ATTACHMENT B**). The PBP requirements align with the 2024 calendar year, starting in January. Attendees were encouraged to reach out for further details or questions. |
| **ArborMetrix Update** |
| Gina Solomon discussed the upcoming launch of the platform, likely at the end of December, with a rolling launch starting in January. The platform is a work in progress, and feedback from users will be needed for improvements. Ongoing communication will follow in the coming weeks, covering education, log-in information, and related details. |
| **Upcoming GQIP Meetings Discussion | Spring, Summer/Fall 2024** |
| Dr. S. Rob Todd emphasized the transition from a Winter meeting to Spring 2024. The GQIP meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 21st at Chateau Elan. The date is not ideal but was constrained by prior commitments. The keynote topic will likely be Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and speakers such as Randy Chestnut were considered. There was a suggestion for a case on pediatric trauma and burn.  The closed session format from the summer meeting received positive feedback, and the group expressed interest in continuing the same setup.  Dr. Todd also mentioned a plan to conduct a survey to gather input on the summer/fall 2024 meeting, considering a later date and potentially exploring different formats. |
| **Potential Workgroups – VTE & Interfacility Transfer** |
| Dr. S. Rob Todd emphasized the need for individuals interested in participating in the two potential workgroups. The goal is to include a diverse range of participants, including physicians and trauma team partners, such PI Coordinators. Dr. Alexis Smith mentioned that the Pediatric Subcommittee has initiated a project on interfacility transfer.  If anyone is interesting in leading either workgroup, please reach out to Dr. Todd or Gina Solomon |
| **Upcoming TQIP Conference & Collaborative Breakfast** |
| Dr. S. Rob Todd reminded attendees of the upcoming TQIP conference scheduled December 1st through December 3rd. There will be a collaborative breakfast on December 2nd at 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM, the room location is currently pending. Gina Solomon noted there were issues with registration for the collaborative breakfast and explained a list of attendees were provided to ACS to ensure registered attendees could have access to the breakfast.  Dr. Todd shared updates on the collaborative’s performance, highlighting improvements in complication rates, particularly avoiding red indicators for AKI. |

*GQIP Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM*



**Trauma Medical Directors (TMD) Committee Meeting**

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

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| **Agenda Items** |
| **Upcoming Initiatives** |
| Dr. Matthew Vassy, Trauma Medical Directors Committee Chair, provided an update on ongoing projects:   * A survey is being developed to understand perceived delays in interfacility transfers. * Years ago, Dr. Ashley sent a letter and poster regarding encouraging rural trauma team development and quick transfer of patients. We are interested in revising the letter and sending it back out again, ensuring it also aligns with the MARCH PAWS project.   Dr. Vassy requested MARCH PAWS materials and contact if available. Gina Solomon will connect Dr. Vassy with the MARCH PAWS project lead, Courtney Terwilliger. |
| **TMD Committee Meeting Structure** |
| Dr. Vassy expressed a need for input and ideas on how to structure future TMD meetings effectively. There is difficulty finding a dedicated time for TMD meetings to explore issues.  Dr. Elizabeth Benjamin highlighted the importance of having a strategic plan and clear objectives for the TMD group, acknowledging that the group is in the process of rebuilding and need to identify areas where they can be most effective.  The committee discussed the potential of combining the TMD meetings with national meetings to maximize efficiency. Dr. Vassy will reach out to the group and organize a plan to connect during the upcoming National EAST conference. |

*TMD Committee Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM*

**Summary Items**

* Dr. Samir Fakhry presented an overview of the Geriatric Activation Criteria (GAC) Study (**ATTACHMENT A**). If your center is interested in participating, please contact: Dr. Fakhry - [Samir.fakhry@hcahealthcare.com](mailto:Samir.fakhry@hcahealthcare.com) and Nina Wilson - [Nina.Yoes@hcahealthcare.com](mailto:Nina.Yoes@hcahealthcare.com).
* Dr. Ashley proposed extending the Event Review Template Tool, developed by Kathy Martin, to other TQIP complications:

<https://trauma-news.com/2022/05/manage-levels-of-review-more-efficiently-with-event-review-templates/> . The tool proposal will need to be reviewed by the GCTE group to ensure support.

* Liz Atkins reviewed FY 2025 PBP criteria changes (**ATTACHMENT B**); please contact [Elizabeth.atkins@gtc.ga.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.atkins@gtc.ga.gov) for any questions or concerns.
* Dr. Todd will conduct a survey to gather input on the GQIP summer/fall 2024 meeting, considering a later date and potentially exploring different formats.
* If anyone is interested in leading or participating in the VTE or Interfacility workgroup, please contact Dr. Todd- [srtodd@gmh.edu](mailto:srtodd@gmh.edu), or Gina [Solomon-Gina.Solomon@gtc.ga.gov](mailto:Solomon-Gina.Solomon@gtc.ga.gov).
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