



**Georgia Trauma Commission**

*Right Patient, Right Hospital, Right Time, Right Means*

**Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2016**

**Scheduled: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Gwinnett Medical Center  
Center for Weight Management  
3215 McClure Bridge Road  
Duluth, Georgia 30096**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Laura Garlow, <i>Chairman</i>	WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center
Liz Atkins, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Grady Memorial Hospital
Gina Solomon, <i>Former Chairman</i>	Gwinnett Medical Center
Kathy Segó, <i>Chairman of Education Subcommittee</i>	Athens Regional Hospital
Regina Medeiros, <i>Chairman of Registry Subcommittee</i>	Augusta University
Tony Volrath, <i>Chairman of Process Improvement Subcommittee (Via Conference Line)</i>	Grady Memorial Hospital
Tracy Johns, <i>Chairman of Resource Development Subcommittee (Via Conference Line)</i>	Medical Center Navicent Health
Sabrina Westbrooks, <i>Chairman of Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee</i>	Clearview Regional Medical Center
Lisa Ulbricht, <i>Chairman of Injury Prevention Subcommittee</i>	WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center

<b>OTHERS SIGNING IN</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Michelle Murphy ( <i>Via Conference Line</i> )	Appling Healthcare System
Heather Morgan	Athens Regional Medical Center
Fran Lewis	Atlanta Medical Center
Sarah Hockett ( <i>Via Conference Line</i> )	Atlanta Medical Center
Melissa Brown ( <i>Via Conference Line</i> )	Augusta University
Sandra Lowe ( <i>Via Conference Line</i> )	Augusta University

Jennifer Eades <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Augusta University
Nancy Pritz <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Augusta University
Jaina Carnes <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Cartersville Medical Center
Greg Pereira	CHOA
Karen Hill	CHOA
Kellie Rowker	CHOA
Melanie Cox	Clearview Regional Medical Center
Joni Napier <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Crisp Regional Hospital
Kim Moore	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Lisa Dukes	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Gail Thornton <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Emanuel Medical Center
Sharon Nieb	Emory: Injury Prevention Research Center
Chelsea Adams <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Fairview Park Hospital
Melissa Parris <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Floyd Medical Center
Katie Hasty <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Floyd Medical Center
Kelli Scott	Grady Memorial Hospital
Traci Jones <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Grady Memorial Hospital
Bernadette Frias <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Grady Memorial Hospital
Sarah Parker <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Grady Memorial Hospital
Elizabeth Williams <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Grady Memorial Hospital
Colleen Horne	Gwinnett Medical Center
Kim Brown	Hamilton Medical Center
Rudy Flores <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	HCA: South Atlantic
Daphne Stitely	JD Archbold Memorial Hospital
Shawna Baggett	JD Archbold Memorial Hospital
Heyward Wells	Joseph M. Still Burn Center
Farrah Parker	Joseph M. Still Burn Center
Karrie Page <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Meadows Regional Hospital
Rochelle Armola <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Memorial Health University
Michelle Benton <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Morgan Memorial Hospital
Jo C <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Navicent Health, Medical Center
Jim Sargent	North Fulton Regional Hospital
Nigel Clift <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	North Fulton Regional Hospital
Jesse Echols-Gibson <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Denise Hughes <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Linda Greene <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Scott Shelnett	Piedmont Newnan
Emma Harrington <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Shepherd Center
Alex Jones <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Taylor Regional Hospital
Misty Mercer <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	Trinity Hospital of Augusta
Cassandra Burroughs <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center
Dena Abston	Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission
Renee Morgan	DPH/Office of EMS/Trauma
Marie Probst <i>(Via Conference Line)</i>	DPH/Office of EMS/Trauma
Danlin Luo	State Office of Epidemiology

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Laura Garlow called the meeting of the Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence to order at 11:06 AM. Quorum was established with 7 of 9 members present.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Ms. Garlow welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ms. Laura Garlow

**MOTION GCTE 2016-05-01:**

**I make the motion to approve the meeting minutes as corrected.**

**MOTION BY:**

**Tracy Johns**

**SECOND:**

**Liz Atkins**

**ACTION:**

The motion ***PASSED*** with no objections, nor abstentions.

**DISCUSSION:**

There was no discussion that followed.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Injury Prevention (IP):**

Ms. Lisa Ulbricht

Ms. Ulbricht reported the following: The IP committee is working on a state-wide initiative to provide Car Fit and Car Seat Safety training in combined events. We will need to send several members of the subcommittee to car seat coordinator training. The objective is to mitigate MVCs as the leading mechanism of injury across all ages and across the State. Car Seat Safety tech training will take place this summer with dates to be released on Safe Kids website. Car Fit training conflicts with our August meeting, but they should have some alternative dates within a couple weeks.

Upcoming training dates for Child Passenger Safety Technician certification:

- a. June 14-16, 2016 – Macon, GA
- b. June 28-July 1, 2016 – Milledgeville, GA
- c. August 9-11, 2016 – Athens, GA
- d. September 20-23, 2016 – Lawrenceville, GA

May is Trauma Awareness month with a focus on Fall Prevention. Members are sharing best practices across all trauma centers with a focus on Fall Prevention. They will also work with the Trauma Foundation to upload all IP events to the Trauma Foundation Event Calendar.

**Registry**

Ms. Liz Atkins

Ms. Liz Atkins gave the Registry Subcommittee update for Ms. Regina Medeiros.

There is new leadership as Jo Roland has left the State for the Registry committee. Regina Medeiros has been appointed chair. Several centers will be piloting TraumaCoder software and will make a recommendation in the next few months. TraumaCoder is coding program for ICD 9 & 10 as well as AIS using logistical mapping processes. They also worked with the State office to reduce the required number of data elements as well as H, M, L priority system for the State Trauma Registry. The list was sent to trauma centers on Tuesday. The State Data Dictionary is soon to follow and will only include elements required by the State. Any facility specific elements will need to be defined by the respective facilities. There may be PI related elements that will be added such as SBIRT as this is an ACS required metric.

**Resource Development/Specialty Care/ Special Projects**

Ms. Tracy Johns

Ms. Johns reported they have the GA Trauma Foundation website educational calendar operational as well as course registration/management system. The web page for resources is being built. We want to organize our current resources on the website so we can determine additional resource needs. Some of the resources we have collected include: Transfer agreements; Job Descriptions; Registry Validation Examples; Triage Criteria; ORANGE Book Chapter Outline; Registry Resources (state inclusion criteria, complication hierarchy, comorbid resource sheet, guide to assign injury type).

Ms. Johns requested guidance from GCTE on prioritizing next projects and who should work on additional resources: **PI resources** (documenting standards compliance, samples of minutes, using PRQ reports for PI); **Additional Registry Resources** (resource/orientation manual); **Injury**

**Prevention (SBIRT); Description of state designation process; Certification resources** (TCRN, CSTR). After resource page completed, then will build page for GCTE minutes, bylaws, and structure.

**Education**

Ms. Kathy Segó

There are 2 current ASPR funded courses (1 TNCC & 1 ENPC) that need course directors. There are 2 TNCC and 2 ENPC courses in the planning stages (all ASPR funded). All RTTDC courses that were funded are scheduled. There is also funding available for 2 additional ATCN courses: Grady (August) and WellStar (November) may be able to host those courses. There is also a joint ENPC & TNCC instructor course scheduled for August.

**PI**

Mr. Tony Volrath

Mr. Volrath reported, based on the PRQ requirements, two reports have been created that address the timeliness of antibiotic administration in blunt mechanism open tibia fractures. One is a data table report; the other is a statistics report. The data table report provides a by patient work list that indicates whether antibiotics were given within 60 minutes of the patients arrival in the ED, the service provider and the location the med was given. Outlier cases are reviewed and documented in the outcomes module tracked issue tab. The statistics report will be used to report out aggregate data such as number of cases, percentage of compliance, etc. It can be used for the PRQ.

As of last week, each center has built their reports and tested them to ensure that they are working. We are now in the collection and review phase. We are running the reports from 7/1/15 – 12/31/15 and entering the procedure codes for ABX admin. We chose July because volume varies among centers and some may not have as many cases. We are then doing the same for the 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. of 2016. The data will be aggregated and analyzed in our June meeting where we will be discussing our reviews and any trends that were identified. We will share our findings, concerns and recommendations with the GCTE group in August.

**Emergency Preparedness**

Ms. Sabrina Westbrooks

Ms. Westbrooks reported they are still working on a template for transitioning to plain language for in-house codes for GA hospitals. It is a safety concern for patients and visitors. They complimented Greg Pereira and Karen Hill's presentation of pediatric disaster management at GMAG. They also alerted the committee that the Joint Commission is focusing on hospitals' EOP. Jim Sargent reported at his ACS site visit last summer, there was an interest in them as well.

**Georgia Trauma Commission Update**

Ms. Dena Abston

Ms. Abston reported GTC meeting would take place tomorrow from 10 am to 1 pm on the main campus of Gwinnett Medical Center. The August meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> the day before the Day of Trauma in Savannah at the Hyatt Regency. The November meeting will be hosted by Atlanta Medical Center.

The EMS Subcommittee approved and is receiving grant applications for Trauma Regional System Improvement Grants. There is around \$300,000 available in this grant program from FY 2016 funding which ends on June 30, 2016. So far, there have been only two grant applications received from Region I and Region X. Regions III, VII, and IX are all expected to be working on proposals. The deadlines to submit the grant applications are May 31, 2016. Proposals are to be submitted to Dena Abston. The full EMS Subcommittee will be meeting to review all proposals on June 9, 2016 at GPSTC.

RTAC updates: All RTACs are progressing at different variations. Thus far, RTAC VIII is the only region that has not requested any startup funding. During the Trauma System Evaluation Committee meeting in late April, the structure of the RTAC's was reviewed and recommendations will be reported to the full Commission.

Performance Based Payment Criteria for FY 2017 contracts is being discussed with some changes to the criterion. The potential changes may include: Trauma surgeon response time and record closure

to be validated by the OEMS&T and no longer self-reported; and Level 1's and 2's should expect to apply for and schedule an ACS consultative visit. There was much discussion regarding the benefits and risks of consultative visits. After much discussion, the majority of the GCTE membership agreed with the proposal.

**Georgia Trauma Foundation**

Ms. Lori Mabry

Ms. Mabry reported the Day of Trauma would be at the Hyatt Regency Savannah, Friday, August 19, 2016 at 8 AM. There will be three types of break out sessions: TPMs, TMDs, and Registrars. The program and agenda will be coming out soon. Certificates of attendance will be given for RNs, and registrars with CME awarded as well.

**OEMS/T Update**

Ms. Renee Morgan  
Ms. Marie Probst

Ms. Morgan presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter data from the trauma centers program reports.

Ms. Probst reported that she is still working on the data element list and reducing the Data Dictionary pages. There will be a DI conference in Nashville, TN on 9/25/2016 to 9/29/2016. She also noted that PRQ reports are still undergoing tweaking for the central site.

**MOTION GCTE 2016-05-02:**

**I make the motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**MOTION BY:**

**Liz Atkins**

**SECOND:**

**Regina Medeiros**

**ACTION:**

The motion ***PASSED*** with no objections, nor abstentions.

**DISCUSSION:**

There was no discussion that followed.

Next meeting will follow the Commission meeting in Savannah, Georgia.

Meeting adjourned: 1:20 PM

*Minutes drafted by Dena Abston*