



SETRAC Stroke Committee

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

SETRAC Conference Center, 1111 N. Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77008

Virtual Meeting

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Presenter: Dr. Sean Savitz Topic: Call to Order/Approval of Minutes	Meeting called to order. Minutes from May 25, 2022 were approved with no changes. Attendance will now be tracked by going to www.setrac.org/stroke . This is where you will enter your code words at the beginning and end of the meeting.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Bhavisha Patel Topic: Best Practice Education ○ Assessment/Reassessment	Bhavisha Patel (BJ) Stroke Program Coordinator, Quality Director from Oak Bend Medical Center presented on their assessment and reassessment program that she started in 2006. She introduced LaToya Bates, Quality and Stroke Coordinator who accompanied her. OakBend Medical Center was established in 1947 to fill the community need for accessible health care. OakBend Medical Center JS Campus is a 168-bed facility and OakBend Williams Way campus is a 61-bed facility that continues to offer the community a wide range of services and specialties. In 2006 OakBend Medical center realized the need for stroke services as well. Their mission is to provide exceptional, compassionate health care for the community regardless of their ability to pay. Bhavisha presented on their Best Practices implemented after their last TJC survey. The assessments and reassessments were completed according to the patient's needs and clinical practice guidelines. Observation: There was no neurological assessment documented in the ED immediately prior to the patient's transfer to a higher level of care. Corrective Action: NIHSS drop down was created in the ED department's disposition field. Compliance Monitoring was discussed: monthly chart review, report non-compliance to the ED leadership, and discuss all the data in their stroke committee meetings every month.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Dr. Sean Savitz Topic: New Business ○ TNK Implementation	Dr. Savitz spoke briefly on TNK implementation and inquired where everyone stood with implementation at their facilities and when they anticipated changing over to TNK. He asked if there was anything that could be done on a regional level to help with the implementation. He asked if there were concerns with	Continue to put TNK on the agenda for future meetings



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	individuals or hospitals about implementing TNK as it is understood everybody is not doing so, it is not FDA approved for acute ischemic stroke, and it is not in the AHA guidelines. It is considered an alternative to TPA, Dr. Savitz wanted to make sure there is plenty of time for discussion among the committee. Particularly since Dallas, Austin, San Antonio all those health systems have been implementing TNK. St. Joseph Medical Center is in the initiation phase of planning a TNK pilot at their facility they have a protocol designed and education for nursing starting the second week of September will be implementing TNK. They are finalizing the education their goal is to start the education next week in the ED and ICU estimation of four weeks to get their staff educated. CHI St. Luke's use TNK and TPA and have seen positive results. UTMB will be implementing TNK in September. All HCAs as a division is switching over to TNK at the end of the year. Methodist has not started the implementation waiting on more FDA approval before they move forward. The Medical Center's Medical Director has shown interest they have reached out to a few hospitals that are administering TNK they are not looking to switch over anytime soon maybe a year or two. Their interest is in protocol development, how they are rolled out, barriers, and outcomes. Grace advised that Ben Taub has just started using TNK. There was great dialogue. Gena has experience and is willing to share what she knows to anyone needing information. She advised for education if their facilities purchase APEX with the Hemisphere, #4 has the education built in for TPA and TNK.	
Presenter: Dr. Sean Savitz Topic: Old Business ○ 2022 Committee Goals ○ Update SETRAC Regional Stroke Plan	Dr. Savitz spoke on the SETRAC Regional Stroke Plan to make sure everyone was aware of the updates. It now indicates that if patients have a suspected large vessel occlusion in the field that the options are comprehensive stroke center or advance stroke center according to the stroke designation rules that have been updated by the state. Tonya mentioned the document was sent to the SETRAC IT team to be uploaded to the website and that	



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	Carrman sent out a copy to everyone and if another one still needs a copy to let her know. Health systems and hospitals considering advance stroke center certification please notify SETRAC as you normally would when upgrading from a primary to the next stage up it is the same process.	
Presenter: Grace Farquhar/Susan Zamora Topic: Stroke Data Subcommittee ○ Q1 2022 Regional ○ LVO Data Review	Grace presented on Q1 2022 Stroke Data. She reminded everyone that the data was due at the end of May the data is due 60 days after the close of the quarter. Q2 data will be due at the end of August for regular data that is going into the database, comprehensive or a tubectomy capable facility data will be due at that time also. One facility has not submitted Q1 2022, and one facility has not submitted all Q1 2022 data in the database. Four facilities have not submitted Q1 2022 LVO data. Data submission is required to be considered as a “participating” facility within SETRAC. The SETRAC stroke database has been upgraded to the changes made to the data dictionary earlier this year. The data definitions that were revised early this year are reflected in the database. The fields that are not used anymore are greyed out. Previously whatever your hospital’s designation was when the report was run that is what was shown. If your facility were a primary stroke center in 2017 but is now a comprehensive stroke center all the data back to 2017 would show up as comprehensive. Now there is a way in the data base to track it. The number of patients arriving outside of 4.5 hours LKW remains steady around 70%. A workgroup will be formed to review the data and discuss ideas to lower this percentage. The regional goal is to have 50% of patients that receive Alteplase/TNK within 30 minutes currently the regional percentage is 25%. Stephanie Palmer offered to assist the workgroup to help look at the numbers a little deeper. Grace asked if there was anyone else that wanted to join the workgroup to let her know. Tonia advised that Methodist West median time has been 26-28 minutes (75-80%) due to hiring a stroke hospitalist. Q4 2021 showed a sharp increase in the number of	The committee has no further recommendations.



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	patients that did not receive TPA due to “too mild” and has decreased for Q1 2022. The RAC Data Collaborative will be receiving stroke data from all RACs. SETRAC will be able to provide the committee with reports that compare our region with other RACs and the state. Treating wake up stroke patients and perfusion studies were discussed. If the group is interested, the studies could be reviewed, and protocol considered. Maybe the coordinators could take advance imaging to their medical directors in the interest of treatment within 4.5 hours with highly selected patients if they have advance imaging at their centers.	
Presenter: Tonya Carter Topic: Stroke Education Workgroup	Next hospital to present on Best Practice Education will be Huntsville Memorial.	The committee has no further recommendations
Open Discussion:	There was no open discussion	The committee has no further recommendations.
Next Meeting / Adjournment	There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be held Wednesday September 28, 2022, at 2:00pm – 3:30pm – In Person with Virtual Option.	Code Words School/Data