



SETRAC Stroke Committee

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Presenter: Dr. Haris Kamal Topic: Call to Order/Approval of Minutes	Dr. Kamal called the meeting to order. Minutes from November 20, 2024, were approved with no changes. Attendance will be tracked by going to www.setrac.org/stroke . Enter your code words at the beginning and end of the meeting.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Suzanne Dominey Topic: FDA Approval of Tenecteplase	Suzanne from Genentech presented on FDA approval of Tenecteplase for acute ischemic stroke on adult patients. Suzanne provides an overview of the approval, including contraindications, warnings, and precautions. Suzanne talked about the urgency to treat with Stroke being the 5 th leading cause of death in that nation. She talked about assessing TNKase eligibility and assessing disability individually as she reviewed slides. She discussed the Act trial which formed the basis for the FDA approval highlighting the dosing guidelines based on patient weight. Suzanne also explains that Tenecteplase has a longer half-life (90-120 minutes) compared to Alteplase (5 minutes), allowing for a 5-second bolus administration. She informed the members and showed the pictures of the new packaging coming soon. There were questions and an open discussion between the members.	The committee has no further recommendations
Best Practice Presentation Presenter: Memorial Hermann Southeast-Traci Prenat Topic: Performance Improvement Project	Tracie Prenat from Memorial Hermann presented on a PI Project her facility started working on to decrease thrombolytic therapy time for eligible stroke patients in the emergency department. Traci started her presentation with sharing Memorial Hermann vision, values and standards. She showed slides and talked about the opportunities identified. Traci Prenat explains that they implemented teleneurology and centralized communication system called Neuro-1 to address inefficiencies in their code stroke process. The changes included revamping algorithms, conducting mock drills, and streamlining the inpatient code stroke process. Post-implementation surveys showed 92% favorable	



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	responses for both process efficiency and neurological responsiveness, indicating increased staff confidence in the new system. Prenat discussed the successful implementation of a new protocol that streamlined patient care, resulting in a decrease in door-to-needle times. There was open discussion between the members on stroke patient weighing challenges.	
Presenter: Melanie Aluotto Topic: SETRAC QI Program	Melanie reminded the members of the SETRAC QI program. The purpose is to give a platform to submit case reviews, trends, or any concerns / issues in the region and the QI medical directors would look at those issues to find resolution. She shared the link for all that might be interested.	The committee has no further recommendations.
Presenter: Grace Farquhar ○ Topic: Data Update- Q4-2024 ○ EMS Metrics for Stroke	Grace mentioned, EMS metrics for stroke. Grace stated, SETRAC will be removing this from the agenda. She stated, she is still working with the EMS groups to determine the best way to get data, more to come. Grace reminded the members that Q4-2024 data was due at the end of January. Q1-2025 data is due at the end of May. Grace review data charts from Q-2019-Q4-2024. Grace pointed out; it looks like strokes are going back up over the years. She showed slides on total stroke by year and total stroke by month. Grace showed slides on alteplase/TNK administration. She also showed door to needle times, showing we are going in the right direction. SETRAC discussed the thrombolytic administration rates in their region, noting a decrease from 15.7% to 13%. SETRAC also mentioned the need to compare data with guidelines and to ensure only patients with stroke symptoms outside healthcare facilities are included. Grace highlighted the need to ensure reasons for delay are documented and to reclassify some reasons for non-administration. Grace also showed slides and discussed the Regional Door-To-Puncture times from Q1-2023 = 43 minutes and Q4-2024 = 36 minutes. She has been improving as time goes	The committee has no further recommendations.



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	on. D2P times are 60 minutes, so we are still within the timeline. There were questions open discussions between the group.	
Presenter: Susan Zamora Topic: Data Subcommittee Update	Susan recapped everything that was discussed at the Data meeting. mentioned the addition of chronic care facility data to the stroke data subcommittee and the formation of a small group to improve patient care. She also mentioned this group needs a co-leader.	The committee has no further recommendations.
Presenter: Tonia Shelton/ Lacey Hess Topic: Stroke Coordinators Subcommittee	Tonia stated this group also discussed the stroke coordinators subcommittee's plans to develop projects based on data work, Including patients' arrivals at the hospital. She talked about working on smart goals for 2025, including stroke boot camps and best practices presentations. She also mentioned changes to the meeting time. Tonia motioned to vote on all meetings moving up 1 hour. The group agreed. All stroke meetings will be moved up an hour starting at the next meeting on 05/28/25. There will be a vendor providing lunch at the next meeting.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Melanie Aluotto Topic: GETAC Update	Melanie informed the members that she is on the GETAC Stroke Committee. She shared information from the last GETAC meeting including a resource document for stroke triage guidelines and a document on transfers between comprehensive stroke centers. She also mentioned a new document in the works, a pediatric stroke resource document, which will identify designated hospitals for pediatric stroke patients in the region. Melanie showed slides and talked about patients transfers and on-call concerns. Melanie informed the members the state is investigating these transfers due to reports of shared on-call providers and potential negative patient outcomes. Reasons for transfers include administrative issues, advanced stroke care, patient/family requests, and equipment downtime. The state's main concern is about on-call	



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	physicians serving multiple hospitals, which could potentially violate EMTALA regulations. Melanie showed a slide from our region on transfers and opened the floor to the members to discuss why there are transfers from comprehensive to comprehensive. There was an open discussion between the members.	
Presenter: Melanie Aluotto Topic: Stroke Education Workgroup	Melanie shared the 2025 best practice calendar. If anyone can't present or would like a new date to present, please contact Merjani.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Members Topic: Open Discussion	Melanie mentioned this committee needs to come up with 2-3 smart goals. She talked about past goals being performance and door to needle. She opened the floor to the members to decide on 2025 smart goals. More to come. There was no other 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 May 28, 2025, at 1:00pm – 2:30pm	Code Words LVO/ Stroke



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Mar 27, 2025	Cori Gibson	HCA Houston Healthcare Tomball		
Mar 27, 2025	Naylon Bird	Ben Taub General		
Mar 27, 2025	Jason Lee	Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital		
Mar 27, 2025	Saundra Small	Memorial Hermann Sugar Land		
Mar 27, 2025	Madonna Pardilla	Houston Methodist Hospital (TMC)		
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Mar 27, 2025	Lacy Hess	HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake		
Mar 26, 2025	Lenora Watson	Ben Taub General		
Mar 26, 2025	Monika Sukaviriya	Memorial Hermann Greater Heights		
Mar 26, 2025	LaToya Bates	OakBend Medical Center at Williams Way		
Mar 26, 2025	Ada Vaglienty	St. Joseph Medical Center		
Mar 26, 2025	Kathleen Cablitas	Memorial Hermann Katy		
Mar 26, 2025	Ashley Richards	HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast		
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Mar 26, 2025	Curtis Townsend	CHI - St. Luke's at The Vintage		
Mar 26, 2025	Regina Bonton	HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress		
Mar 26, 2025	Margarita Longoria	Memorial Hermann Southwest		
Mar 26, 2025	Marian Skewes	Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital		
Mar 26, 2025	Letrida Rhyans	Memorial Hermann-The Woodlands		
Mar 26, 2025	Sharon Humphreys	CHI - St. Luke's at The Vintage		
Mar 26, 2025	Erika Sirchia	Memorial Hermann-The Woodlands		
Mar 26, 2025	Madonna Pardilla	Houston Methodist Hospital (TMC)		
Mar 26, 2025	Merrilee Littlewood	Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital		Hou



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Mar 26, 2025	traci Prenat	Memorial Hermann Southeast
Mar 26, 2025	Traci Goglas-Cummings	HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest
Mar 26, 2025	Laura Halberdier	HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood
Mar 26, 2025	Stephen Autrey	
Mar 26, 2025	ISABEL GONZALES	Memorial Hermann TMC
Mar 26, 2025	Tressa Sumners	Memorial Hermann Memorial City
Mar 26, 2025	Arianna Selph	CHI - Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center
Mar 26, 2025	Leila Semaan	Memorial Hermann Memorial City
Mar 26, 2025	Tiffany DeLaurentis	Huntsville Memorial
Mar 26, 2025	David Shacklett	Memorial Hermann Greater Heights
Mar 26, 2025	Theresa Eschete	CHI - St. Luke's The Woodlands
Mar 26, 2025	Nidia Johnson	CHI - St. Luke's Sugar Land
Mar 26, 2025	Courtney Oberndorfer	CHI - Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center
Mar 26, 2025	Vi Nguyen	CHI - Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center
Mar 26, 2025	Susan Zamora	Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Mar 26, 2025	Tonia Shelton	Houston Methodist West Hospital
Mar 26, 2025	Joyce Cabriana	HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood
Mar 26, 2025	Angelica Antaran	Memorial Hermann Cypress
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