



SETRAC Stroke Committee

Wednesday, July 23, 2025
SETRAC Conference Center, 1111 N. Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77008
In-person/Virtual Meeting

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Presenter: Tonia Shelton Topic: Call to Order/Approval of Minutes	Tonia Shelton called the meeting to order. Minutes from May 28, 2025, 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
New Business: Presenter: Tonia Shelton/Melanie Aluotto Topic: 2025 Committee Goals	Tonia Thanked Erica Ruis with Imperative Care for sponsoring lunch today. The stroke committee discussed their 2025 committee goals, focusing on extended window treatments and educational initiatives. They agreed to set goals including conducting at least one "heart of the matter" intervention per quarter and standardizing data collection through GWTG for rehab referrals. The committee also explored developing educational materials about late-window stroke treatments and discussed potential new goals around young stroke patients and neck dissections, with Allison offering to help develop custom data fields for tracking stroke outcomes and social determinants of health.	The committee has no further recommendations
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: Stroke Data	Grace reviewed the Q1 2025 data, which showed an upward trend in stroke cases, particularly in March, which was the busiest month of stroke since 2017. The thrombolytic administration rate has decreased from 15.7% to 13%, and only 92% of eligible patients received thrombolytics, with 7.8% of patients not receiving treatment due to acceptable reasons. The committee discussed the need for more accurate data collection, with plans to	The committee has no further recommendations.



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	potentially hold a boot camp to educate staff on proper data entry. They also considered examining door-in-door-out times for transfer patients to identify and address delays in treatment. The group discussed several topics related to stroke care and treatment. Melanie suggested partnering with cardiology committees and proposed recommendations for improving transfer processes. The group also discussed the use of MRI for treating stroke patients beyond the 4.5-hour window. There were discussions about potentially creating a report on thrombectomy volumes and door-to-needle times for stroke treatment across the region.	
Presenter: Tonia Shelton Topic: Stroke Coordinators Subcommittee	Tonia recapped what the workgroups are working on with Rehab Utilization, still trying to find a way to pull that data. Extended Window Stroke update was just given by Grace in the Data report out.	The committee has no further recommendations
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 shared that Dr. Savitz's requested that someone Participate in GETAC work group on post-acute stroke care. She also informed the members of the upcoming Heart of The Matter event this Saturday, she asked for volunteers. Melanie informed the members that SETRAC will be moving to the warehouse location and asked for the members to volunteer to host future meetings. Melanie will be sending out a signup sheet. Grace mentioned all the changes taking place with the board members' positions. Grace also talked about the RAC self-assessment that will soon come for Stroke Committees. The members also discussed unblinding hospital metrics in data collection. There was	The committee has no further recommendations



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	open discussion between the group to pursue unblinding with a rolling timeline approach, allowing hospitals time to improve their metrics before sharing. The members also discussed concerns about dosing criteria for TNK, particularly regarding discrepancies in dosing calculations for different weight ranges. There was more open discussion between the members of these topics.	
Next Meeting / Adjournment	There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be held Wednesday July 23, 2025, at 1:00pm – 2:30pm	Code Words Purple/Blue



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