



SETRAC Cardiac Care Committee

Friday, October 24, 2025
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Presenter: Dr. Waleed Kayani/ Cathy Williamson/ Jake Varner Topic: Call to Order/Approval of Minutes	Cathy Williamson welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting minutes for July 25, 2025, were approved. Reminder to log attendance at www.setrac.org/cardiac . There will be 1 codeword at the end of the meeting.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Dr. Waleed Kayani/ Cathy Williamson/ Jake Varner Topic: New Business	The SETRAC Cardiac Committee meeting began with introductions from committee members and other participants from various hospitals. For new business, Melanie announced that nominations are open for the medical director position for a three-year term starting in 2026, with Dr. Schultz indicating his willingness to run again. The committee aims to complete the elections before the board meeting on January 26th.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Victoria Lindsey - Memorial Hermann Northeast Topic: Best Practice Presentation - Increasing Post Cath Site Check Presenter: Briana Perkins- HCA Northwest Topic: Best Practice Presentation - Cardiac Rehabilitation Practices	Victoria Lindsey from Memorial Hermann Northeast presented her best practice on Post Cath Checks. Victoria shared their plan and process on improving post-catheterization site check compliance, which increased from 44% to the 80s since March 2024 through education, accountability measures, and real-time tracking. Briana Perkins from HCA Houston Northwest shared their success with cardiac rehab transitions and STEMI transfers, achieving 96% compliance in cardiac rehab documentation and implementing a risk assessment tool for out-of-arrest STEMI cases. Briana explained their process for providing cardiac rehab education, including how the cath lab team documents education for patients discharged after hours or on weekends. The discussion highlighted the importance of proper documentation and referral processes to meet compliance requirements.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Micah Panczyk Topic: TEXAS CARES Data Update	Micah Panczyk shared TEXAS CARES Data. He presented on how the RAC compares to the State of TX. He presented the 2024 Overall Survival Rates on bystander, first responder, and EMS performance. Micah showed slides with data on Overall Survival in National, Texas and SETRAC. Micah presented data on bystander witness arrests and bystander CPR rates, highlighting the need for quality improvement processes to optimize performance. He discussed the importance of early	



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	bystander CPR in improving survival rates and introduced the CARES T CPR module as a tool to enhance telecommunicator performance.	
Presenter: Melanie Aluotto Topic: Old Business ○ QI Referral Program ○ Heart of the Matter Program	Melanie reminded the members of the QI program. Melanie presented a link on the SETRAC website, so all members would have access to it. She informed all members if there are cases, trends or any events where there might be concerns, these things can now be referred to the QI program. Melanie presented on the Heart of Matter program. The goal is to eventually cover the entire region with outreach on Stroke and Cardiac education, specifically on stroke risk factors, teaching hands-only CPR, and giving out blood pressure cuffs to those in need. Melanie talked about previous successful Heart of The Matter events and mentioned upcoming events. She mentioned preparations for the FIFA games in Houston next June, including the need to train 5,000 volunteers before FIFA in June 2026.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Cathy Williamson Topic: DIDO Workgroup Update	Cathy gave the DIDO Workgroup update. They reviewed a toolkit being developed for non-PCI hospitals and freestanding emergency centers to improve door-in-door-out times, which includes forms, templates, and educational resources. Patrick presented the toolkit's status, emphasizing the need for feedback and input from freestanding ERs before finalization. The team also discussed the importance of accurate contact information for PCI Transfer Centers and requested updates from members. The group discussed the differences between chest pain PCI and resuscitation centers, explaining that resuscitation centers have additional capabilities like post-cardiac arrest care pathways and targeted temperature management for STEMI. The team agreed to list all facilities with their transfer center numbers and consider adding a map or regional listings for quick reference, while also maintaining the detailed accreditation information for accredited centers.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Rebecca Nutt/ Lady Brenda Boateng	Rebecca Nutt gave the STEMI Coordinator Subcommittee updated. She recapped the last subcommittee meeting. This subcommittee discussed	The committee has no further recommendations



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Topic: STEMI Coordinator Subcommittee	the DIDO workgroup still working on transfer center numbers, the 2025 Q-1 data was sent out, and she requested all that they haven't to please submit that data. She mentioned her interest in partnership for the 4-minute city. Rebecca also talked about obtaining NCDR contract agreements, developing a PI project, increasing heart of the matter event participation, and assisting with a PCI/STEMI bundle.	
Presenter: Cynthia Hernandez/ Grace Farquhar Topic: Standing Reports Q1 2025 Regional Data Review	Grace Farquhar started with slides on total hospital submissions from Q1-2020 to Q2-2025. Grace reminded all the members; data submissions do affect their participation requirements with SETRAC. They reviewed Q2 2025 data, noting that 29 out of 37 PCI facilities submitted complete data, with 5 facilities missing full data and 3 submitting incomplete data. The group discussed goals for improving door-to-balloon times and transfer times between facilities, with current metrics showing progress but still room for improvement. The committee also examined arrival methods, noting a concerning trend of decreasing EMS transfers and increasing private transportation, which they hope to address through ongoing heart of the matter training programs. The meeting focused on reviewing reasons for delays in PCI procedures and categorizing them as either medical, patient, or system related. Grace explained that most delays were due to medical reasons, with a small percentage attributed to other reasons, and suggested creating educational materials to help categorize cases appropriately. The group discussed transitioning to getting data directly from NCDR in the future, though this may be delayed due to funding issues. Grace also reviewed metrics on lytic administration, noting the number of transferred patients did not receive lytics, with non-PCI centers showing improved performance compared to freestanding facilities. Grace also mentioned that, and the data dictionary has been updated and is in the database.	The committee has no further recommendations
Open Discussion	The members reviewed the 2025 smarts goals and decided to carry some over to 2026 and add a new goal to have the PCI capable hospitals provide feedback and participate more. Cathy thanked Memorial	The committee has no further recommendations



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	Hermann for hosting today's meeting. There was no other open discussion.	
Next Meeting/Adjourned	There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be January 23, 2026 @ 9:00am-10:30am	Code Words – Fall

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Hearty Sarsoza	Memorial Hermann TMC
Kristine Macalalad	HCA Houston Healthcare Tomball
	Houston Methodist Hospital
Cathy Williamson	(TMC)
Tim Sphar	Memorial Hermann Sugar Land
	HCA Houston Healthcare
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