



SETRAC Stroke Committee

Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Memorial Hermann The Woodland
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 September 24, 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: Stroke Committee Medical Director Election Topic: 2026 Committee Goals	Tonia started with thanking Erica Ruiz for sponsoring lunch for today's meeting. Melanie informed the members and shared the QR code to vote for the Stroke Committee Medical Director. Voting results will be shared at the end of the meeting. There was a brief discussion on working 2026 goals. Goals that were discussed were 1. Continue working on rehab utilization and the extended window, with plans to refine this into a more specific, measurable goal. 2. Continue providing evidence-based education. 3. Develop a coordinator workshop.	The committee has no further recommendations.
Presenter: HCA HH North Cypress- Regina Bonton Topic: Pulsara Utilization	Regina Bonton from HCA Houston Healthcare Cypress presented on Pulsara utilization. The presentation highlighted how Pulsara has improved door-to-needle and thrombectomy times by enabling better communication and preparation between EMS, the hospital, and the cath lab team. The hospital also uses Pulsara for walk-in patients and provides immediate feedback to EMS crews through the platform. Regina discussed her process for tracking EMS team usage rates and shared insights on the Pulsara alert system for stroke patients. There were questions and lots of open discussion on this topic.	The committee has no further recommendations.
Presenter: Oakbend Medical Center-Bhavisha Patel & Latoya Bates Topic: Stroke Thrombectomy “not bound by time anymore-24hrs and beyond.”	Latoya Bates from Oak Bend Medical Center shared a little background history on the OakBend medical center, stating they have been a part of the Fort Bend community for 70years. She shared their best practice, which was implemented after their last TJC survey. She presented their improvements in communication	The committee has no further recommendations.



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	between ER doctors and radiologists, achieving a 92% compliance rate using Tiger Connect, an inter-hospital communication tool.	
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 previously reviewed data on Q2-2025. Q3-2025 data is due by November 30 th . Grace didn't have new data to report on; however, she did look deeper into data on a national level to compare with SETRAC. The SETRAC regional goal is 50% within 30mins. For Q2-2025, National is 39.3% and SETRAC is 31.5%. The committee reviewed regional stroke care metrics, noting that SETRAC is underperforming the national average for door-to-needle times, with only 45% of patients receiving treatment within 45 minutes with SETRAC regional goal being 75% within 45mins. Grace announced upcoming changes to the data repository system and discussed the addition of new exclusion criteria for Alzheimer's disease immunotherapies.	The committee has no further recommendations.
Presenter: Tonia Shelton Topic: Stroke Coordinators Subcommittee	Tonia recapped several updates and discussions. She discussed extended window stroke and rehab utilization, being the two goals they are working on. She also recapped the best practice presentation and upcoming volunteers for 2026 best practices.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Tonia Shelton Topic: Stroke Education Workgroup	Tonia shared the 2026 best practice calendar. If anyone can't present or would like a new date to present, please contact Merjani. She also showed the 2026 calendar which is completely and open for volunteers to sign up.	The committee has no further recommendations



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Presenter: Members Topic: Open Discussion	There was open discussion on looking into and reviewing GETAC EMS acute stroke routing resource documents and providing feedback at future meetings. 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 January 28, 2026, at 1:00pm – 2:30pm	Code Words Mia's/ Food

Nov 19, 2025	Aji Kurian	Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center	
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Nov 19, 2025	Naylon Bird	Ben Taub General	
Nov 19, 2025	Monika Sukaviriya	Memorial Hermann Greater Heights	
Nov 19, 2025	Vi Nguyen	Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center	
Nov 19, 2025	Isabel Gonzales	Memorial Hermann TMC	
Nov 19, 2025	Merrilee Littlewood	Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital	
Nov 19, 2025	Susan Zamora	Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital	
Nov 19, 2025	Kristy Esterline	Houston Methodist Cypress	
Nov 19, 2025	Madonna Pardilla	Houston Methodist Hospital (TMC)	
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Nov 19, 2025	Anita Anhwere	HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress	
Nov 19, 2025	Justin Ward		Huntsville-Walker County EMS
Nov 19, 2025	Erika Sirchia	Memorial Hermann-The Woodlands	
Nov 19, 2025	Regina Bonton	HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress	
Nov 19, 2025	Letrida Rhyans	Memorial Hermann-The Woodlands	
Nov 19, 2025	Laura Halberdier	HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood	



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Nov 19, 2025	Leila Semaan	Memorial Hermann Memorial City
Nov 19, 2025	Taylor Grow	Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital
Nov 19, 2025	Angelica Antaran	Memorial Hermann Cypress
Nov 19, 2025	Bhavisha Patel	OakBend Medical Center
Nov 19, 2025	Courtney Oberndorfer	Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center
Nov 19, 2025	Kathleen Cablitas	Memorial Hermann Katy
Nov 19, 2025	LaToya Bates	OakBend Medical Center at Williams Way
Nov 19, 2025	Traci Prenat	Memorial Hermann Southeast
Nov 19, 2025	Joyce Cabriana	Memorial Hermann Northeast
Nov 19, 2025	Donna Samuel	Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital
Nov 19, 2025	Theresa Eschete	St. Luke's The Woodlands
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