



SETRAC Trauma Committee

Thursday August 6, 2026
SETRAC Conference Center, 1111 N. Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77008
Virtual Meeting

Page 1 of 9

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Presenter: Dr. Shiree Berry Approval of Minutes/First Code Word Designation Congratulations	Dr. Berry called the meeting to order. The minutes from February 5, 2026, were approved by Jessica Yell and LeAnne Young. The minutes for April 2, 2026, were approved by LeAnne Young and Jessica Yell. Attendance will be tracked by going to https://www.setrac.org/trauma at the end of the meeting for this meeting as the QR Code expired. Carrman will have a new QR Code for October's meeting. Everyone was asked to log their attendance by the link. Dr. Berry acknowledged and congratulated the designation advancement of four hospitals. • Memorial Hermann Greater Heights Hospital, Advanced Level II Trauma Facility • HCA Houston Healthcare West, Basic Level IV Trauma Facility • Rice Medical Center, Basic Level IV Trauma Facility • Texas Children's Hospital The Woodlands, Basic Level IV Trauma Facility • Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital, Advanced Level III Trauma Facility	
Presenter: Susanna (Meg) Michael ○ Best Practice Presentation	Susanna (Meg) Michael, Adult Trauma Program Manager with Memorial Hermann TMC reported on "Lessons Learned from TQIP-Driven Performance Improvement and Surviving the Process. She emphasized the importance of validating data before building projects and involving multidisciplinary terms in improvement efforts. Meg shared a lot of pertinent information along with 4 best practice tips Best Practice Tip #1 – Don't chase every Red Box – Many trauma centers receive a report and immediately focus on every outcome outside expected performance. ("Trying to fix everything usually results in fixing nothing")	The committee has no further recommendations



SETRAC Trauma Committee

Thursday August 6, 2026
SETRAC Conference Center, 1111 N. Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77008
Virtual Meeting

Page 2 of 9

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
	They learned • Focus on high-impact opportunities • Look for recurring trends • Consider volume and clinical significance • Prioritize projects aligned with organizational goals Best Practice Tip #2 Validate the Data before building the project Questions: • Are registry abstractions accurate • Is documentation affecting outcomes • Are there coding inconsistencies • Is the sample size meaningful Lesson Learned from past data drilldowns: "The first root cause analysis should be on the data itself." Best Practice Tip#3 Stop Owning the Entire Problem Yourself! When a TQIP opportunity is identified, the trauma program often becomes responsible for: • Identifying the issue • Investigating cases • Gathering data • Educating staff • Facilitating improvement initiatives • Monitoring outcomes The Result? The Trauma program becomes the owner of problems it can't solve alone Best Practice Tip#4 Make PI Multidisciplinary from the Beginning Successful PI efforts required shared ownership across the trauma program and key stakeholders Include: • Trauma Medical Director	



SETRAC Trauma Committee

Thursday August 6, 2026
SETRAC Conference Center, 1111 N. Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77008
Virtual Meeting

Page 3 of 9

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
SETRAC Trauma Education Calenda 2026	• Trauma Surgeons • Physician Liaisons • Nursing Leadership • Registry Staff • Your favorite Starbuck barista Remember this phrase: “The trauma program owns the process, but not every solution” Consider volume and clinical significance Prioritize projects aligned with organizational goals Performance Improvement begins when you ask why. Meaningful change happens when you turn those answers into action. Dr. Berry went over the Trauma Education Calendar – October 1st UTMB Clear Lake will present a best practice presentation followed by HCA Northwest on December 3rd.	
Presenter: Rebecca Crocker Topic: Standing Report ○ ACS / TQIP Update	Suzanne reported on the upcoming legislative priorities regarding trauma registry funding. The trauma funding was cut she advised the importance of the funding. She stated that there are more trauma deaths then there are cancer and cardiac deaths combined. Suzanne asked that the hospitals report what they do to their legislators. ACS Update Rebecca reported on the new ACS standards and stated that they released their guidelines last week or week before. NTDS2027 data dictionary was released late last week she advised that there are big changes coming, example lacerations will no longer be included in the trauma population. She asked that the registrars check their numbers to see what effect it will have on their registry volume.	The committee has no further recommendations



SETRAC Trauma Committee

Thursday August 6, 2026
SETRAC Conference Center, 1111 N. Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77008
Virtual Meeting

Page 4 of 9

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
	TQIP The TQIP conference is in November in Anaheim there is a room block that has sold out a couple of times. She advised if anyone was going to go ahead and get their room.	
Presenter: Andrew Hiriart/Jessica Yell Topic: Standing Report Trauma Data Registry Subcommittee Update	Trauma Data Registry Subcommittee Update Jessica Yell (Pediatric) Andrew Hiriart (Adult) discussed briefly what they went over earlier in the data subcommittee meeting. Data subcommittee update showed steady overall trauma volumes and mortality rates across the region with plans to review the new 2027 data dictionary changes in December's meeting. The pediatric data report included data for 4,833 pediatric records from 31 facilities. Andrew data report included data that included 32,330 records from 31 facilities. Much discussion was had.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Blake Milnes Topic: Injury Prevention Committee Update	Injury Prevention Committee Update Blake reported that the injury prevention committee spoke on the mass casualty incident (MCI) drill conducted at Ben Taub hospital on May 14 th . The drill involved 50 students acting as patients to test the hospital's emergency response capabilities. The drill simulated an explosion during FIFA events with multiple casualties requiring triage, decontamination, and surge capacity testing across the hospital system. The presenters (Alyssa Badillo, Ashley, Stephen Mora) detailed how they planned the exercise over six months, involving multiple departments and agencies including SETRAC, Memorial Hermann, Texas Children's Hospital, LBJ, and the Houston Zoo. They identified key areas for improvement including communication with frontline staff, establishing clear command structures, cross-training for incident command roles and better discharge management processes. The committee also discussed the development of a statewide injury prevention and violence prevention strategic plan for an upcoming American College of	The committee has no further recommendations



SETRAC Trauma Committee

Thursday August 6, 2026
SETRAC Conference Center, 1111 N. Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77008
Virtual Meeting

Page 5 of 9

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
	Surgeons consultation visit. Kristen Beckworth and Sarah Beth Abbott shared upcoming community events Child Passenger Safety week (September 20-26) and a car seat check event (Saturday, September 26, 2026)	
Presenter: Jessica Yell Topic: Pediatric Committee Update	Pediatric Update Jessica Yell reported on a concerning trend that Chief Dudley Wait with Fort Bend EMS shared with the committee where parents are refusing emergency medical care for children who experienced near-drowning incidents in Fort Bend County. Cultural or convenience factors may be influencing the decisions. Fort Bend County's unique demographic challenges, noting high per capita income but hidden poverty, which affects families ability to access appropriate healthcare. The group explored ways to better educate parents about when medical intervention is necessary for child safety, particularly in case of potential neglect. Safe Sleep practices was discussed Suzanne proposed creating an education video for both healthcare providers and new parents. Jessica ended the meeting with the conversation with plans to transition the pediatric committee to quarterly meeting cadence alternating between virtual and in-person formats. Suzanne will check with Grace to see what the bi-laws say. The committee voted unanimously to put Dr. Shenoi's article on pediatric drowning on the SETRAC website.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Clayton Ehrlich Topic: EMS Committee Update	EMS Update Suzanne gave the EMS update for Clayton. The EMS committee met on July 15th the next meeting is scheduled for September 16th at 1:00pm. The location is still being finalized. Right now, the committee is focused on	The committee has no further recommendations



SETRAC Trauma Committee

Thursday August 6, 2026
SETRAC Conference Center, 1111 N. Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77008
Virtual Meeting

Page 6 of 9

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
	regional standardization and developing resources that can be adopted across the SETRAC region. One of our biggest initiatives is the Regional Low Acuity Transport Guideline, which includes both a Direct-to-Lobby Guideline and a Freestanding Emergency Department Transport Guideline. A workgroup has been established for the initiative and is made up of our regional EMS and hospital partners to develop these guidelines. Once completed, they will be available as a regional resource that agencies and hospitals can adopt to help improve the transport of low acute patients. The committee is also continuing to work on several other regional initiatives, including evaluating opportunities to standardize prehospital stroke assessment tools, developing a regional EMS exposure resource to better align post-exposure testing and follow-up practices, and advancing regional EMS data efforts to support benchmarking, performance improvement, and data-driven decision making. If anyone is interested in attending the EMS Committee meetings or participating in any of these initiatives, please reach out to Clayton, and he will be happy to get you added to the committee listserv. Blood Products Committee Reports The Blood Products Committee continues to make steady progress toward implementation of the Southeast Texas Regional Blood Program. Over the past several months, the committee has been focused on developing the regional guidance documents, operational workflows, and implementation process needed to support a standardized and sustainable regional program. They experienced a delay in equipment delivery due to manufacturer backorders, but they are hopeful that equipment will begin arriving within the next couple of weeks. Once the equipment arrives they will start rolling out the program in phases. Starting with agencies that are already administering blood products allowing them to validate their operational process, gather feedback, and make any necessary adjustments before expanding the program throughout the region.	



SETRAC Trauma Committee

Thursday August 6, 2026
SETRAC Conference Center, 1111 N. Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77008
Virtual Meeting

Page 7 of 9

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
	The Blood Products Committee welcomes anyone with an interest in prehospital blood administration to attend their meetings. The committee currently meets on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00pm. Their next meeting is August 13th at 1:00pm at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. If you have any questions or are interested in getting involved, please reach out Clayton Ehrlich. Pulsara Discussion The committee discussed challenges with Pulsara notification systems in emergency medical services, highlighting cultural and staffing issues that affect compliance and data quality. Dr. Wandling reported a significant increase in ETA zeros due to incomplete or missing information such as heart rates, blood pressure, and GCS scores. Dr. Wilson explained that while the same personnel are entering information, changes in workflow and personnel have contributed to the problem, as some staff are less adept at entering data into Pulsara compared to previous phone-based systems. The group agreed that standardizing the information conveyed through Pulsara and creating a template with minimum required data points could help address these issues, with the recommendation coming from the College of Surgeons to establish consistent baseline information for trauma patients. The group agreed to form a collaborative workgroup including trauma committee members and EMS partners to standardize notification processes and develop a color-coded patient classification system. Suzanne offered getting on a call to collaborate with everyone to get everyone on the same page to resolve for the sake of the patient. The conversation on Pulsara sparked much talk and engagement among the committee, HFD, and Pulsara representatives. FIFA World Cup Lori Upton reported on the World Cup she stated that the planning that was done from the committees, City, and FIFA was outstanding. They prepared for the worst but got the best. The crews from the hospitals and agencies for 39 days from treating patients on site and the cooling tents were helpful she	



SETRAC Trauma Committee

Thursday August 6, 2026
SETRAC Conference Center, 1111 N. Loop West, Suite 160, Houston, TX 77008
Virtual Meeting

Page 8 of 9

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
	hoped that the daily updates were helpful to plan ahead and also assure in the event that something occurred you knew someone had your back. RAC Wide Project (Transfer data) Dr. Berry asked to please turn in your data hopefully to report on in December.	
Presenter: Carrman Rivers Topic: Stop the Bleed	Carrman gave a call for instructors to assist with classes the first and second week of August she displayed which classes needed instructors. She reported the stop the bleed 2nd quarter classes taught and those trained there were 18 classes with 260 people trained. She advised that stop the bleed classes were on hold from May 1st – July 31st due to FIFA World Cup classes resumed August 1st.	The committee has no further recommendations
Presenter: Dr. Shiree Berry Topic: Open Discussion ○ 2027 Goals ○ ESO/Data Submissions Update ○ Texas Wristbands	2027 Goals Dr. Berry advised for the next meeting in October we will be talking about 2027 goals she asked that the committee bring their goals to the next meeting. The top goals on Dr. Berry's list are Whole Blood and Transfers under 2 hours. Texas Wristbands Dr. Berry reported that the wristbands that SETRAC has are almost gone. If anyone needed wristbands to contact Clayton he will give direction on how to get them.	The committee has no further recommendations
Adjourned / Next Meeting	There being no other items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned. Next Meeting will be held on Trauma Day Thursday October 1, 2026, at 1:00pm to 3:00pm In Person Meeting at Houston Transtar.	
Attendees	Katie Fisher, Jasie Brymer, Vickie Hipsher, Blake Milnes, Hoang Pham S. Meg Michael, Courtney Terry, Shabnam Chaugle, Katy Bowden Sherina Garcia, Mike Holmes, Brian Brewer, Jayme Peres, Dr Karan Patel, Maysoon Bader, Robin Hazlett, Leslie Miller, Stephen Mora	Code Words Root Beer/Float



SETRAC Trauma Committee

Thursday August 6, 2026

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

Virtual Meeting

Page 9 of 9

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
	Annika Butler, Analysa Gallegos, Christy Gonzales, Cameron Ruttman Trey Babino, Brittany Salazar, Stephanie Morris, Justin Thompson LeAnne Young, Joseph Murray, Howard Pryor, Michelle Hauth Jenny Floyd, Dr. Neil Grieshop, Rose Rodriguez, Krisann Shoemaker, Ben Shapley, Melanie Gander, Omar Metwalli, Rebecca Crocker, Amber Miller Ulrike Beelar, Andrew Hiriart, Eric Parmley, R. Liza Garcia, Kristine McNaughton, Jessica Yell, Kurt Lucas, Kristen Beckworth, Crystal Foster GENNA LABRANO, Sarah Abbott, PRISCILLA VARGAS, Trey Urech JOSH SWAMP, Genevieve Agenor, Shelby Robertson, Alyssa Badillo John Harvin, Victor Alanis, Katelyn Conn, Mike Wandling, Julie Matson Lauren Oliver, Alex Sullins, Amber Miller, John Harvin, Roy Castleberry Cynthia Croston, Graciela Ortiz, Cynthia Croston, Mike Holmes, Genevieve Agenor, Maysoon Bader, Jonathan James, Jeanette Pennick, Katy Bowden, Dr. Juneja, Dr. Shiree Berry, Dr. Ronnie Adams, Corie Marquez,	