

9/28/17 NCRTAC Performance Improvement Committee Minutes

Attendees:

Sara Steen, Jenny Blenker, Krista Henderson, Mariah Dem, Audrey Evans, Terry Nichols, Ginal Brandl

The group commended Sara on her regional PI case presentation. It was received overall very well by the general group. Audrey volunteered to present a case for the next meeting in November. Sara will create some templates for use and consider having Mike post the templates on the website.

The group reviewed data on LOS. Determined most are due to transport delays or imaging delays. Will plan on having each hospital review their own cases as part of their PI process.

Gina researched the legality of sharing information between hospitals. This not a HIPPA violation and the information is needed for registry and medical record. Will await the state group to post a statement clarifying our need for this information.

The group reviewed the ED directory and updated it. They would like it on one page for facilities for reference.

The group reviewed data on the administration of antibiotics administered for open fracture at referring facilities before departure as means to track our RTAC position statement. All transfers received antibiotics before leaving referring facilities. About 70% received antibiotics within 1 hour. Will report data to the general committee and determine if additional tracking is needed.

Discussion occurred to activate patients who meet criteria. Will develop some educational resources for facilities to use to justify trauma activation and the existence and importance of trauma centers.

The group will research educational opportunities to promote trauma education for our region as a means to spend our budgetary funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Steen

Performance Improvement Committee Chair