

09/24/15 NCRTAC Performance Improvement Committee Minutes

Attendees: Sara Steen, Jenny Blenker, & Audrey Evans

Performance Improvement Plans: These were discussed at the State offered TOPIC course in June. Sara shared her hospital's plan. Attendees discussed the purpose and use of such a document as they would be helpful during trauma reviews.

Mild TBI project: Discussed the bike helmet distributions. All hospitals are asked to submit a response on how the helmets were utilized. The group discussed the lack of community and physician resources to follow these patients. The group will pursue a speaker at the RTAC spring conference related to mTBI. The group will also discuss the specific points we would like the presenter to cover.

ED LOS >3 hrs: Reviewed the submitted 5 cases. Themes of delays in transfer were identified related to obtaining CT imaging and transport delays. It was also noted that only 1/5 cases with ISS >15 had a trauma activation. We would like to further discuss activation criteria and ways to encourage staff to activate these patients. Next meeting bring your facility's activation criteria.

The group briefly discussed radiology imaging and report exchanges between facilities. There are opportunities for improvement here related to patient care and billing.

Discussion was held to the low participation in the PI committee.

Next meeting we would like to review Excel applications on how to create graphs and coding.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Steen

PI Committee Chair