

RAC-G Pediatric Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 25, 2025

Time: 11a-12p

Location: Virtual and In-person at the UT North campus H building Room H209

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AGENDA

Dr. Catherine Goetz & Greg LaMay-Co-Chairs

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| 1. Call to Order | Dr. Goetz & Greg LaMay |
| 2. Introductions / Roll Call | Dr. Goetz |
| 3. Reading of the RAC-G Mission Statement
and the GETAC Pediatrics Committee
Statement of Purpose | Greg LaMay |

RAC-G Mission Statement

The Piney Woods Regional Advisory Council-Trauma Service Area G (aka RAC-G) Operates as a not-for-profit entity which serves as a link between area hospitals, pre-hospital providers and local, state and federal agencies in matters of trauma, healthcare and disaster preparedness and response

GETAC Pediatrics Committee Statement of Purpose

To work collaboratively with entities involved in prehospital and emergency pediatric care, to promote pediatric injury and illness prevention, and to improve the outcomes of our vulnerable pediatric patients by developing evidence-based strategies for high-quality practice in order to deliver safe, compassionate, and effective care

Dr. Goetz reviewed the GETAC state Pediatric meeting materials and has discussion points:

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4. National Pediatric Readiness Quality Improvement (NPRQI) Dashboard uptake - this is a free dashboard that can be implemented by hospitals to track Pedi quality measures. RAC-G has 3 hospitals actively using the NPRQI (Christus Jacksonville, Winnsboro, & Tyler) 2 others pending (Longview Regional, UT Pittsburg). At previous meeting, Heather Moses mentioned that UT Main has been running into problems getting this up and running because of internal/administrative confusion about what it is/what it does.
 - a. B Ray mentioned that once 5 hospitals in a RAC region join then we get a regional dashboard
5. Still need more information from hospitals from the ER Peds Readiness gap analysis. Facilities are encouraged to fill out and track progress prior to updating the formal Pediatric Readiness Score.
 - a. B Ray mentioned that the spreadsheet is at the national level (Google form) and that if anyone wants access to reach out to her
6. At Board of Directors meeting we discussed bulk purchasing for pedi mannequins - ~1200 dollars a piece. Also discussed bulk purchasing for anything that is a need according to assessments e.g. smallest ET tubes are an item that tends to be missing.
 - a. UT Health Pittsburg needs a scale that can do kg
 - b. The manikin that that RAC can purchase in bulk is a Laerdal one
7. Measles update. Over 500 cases in Texas primarily impacting unvaccinated and under vaccinated children w/ 2 pediatric deaths in Texas. Cases in Lamar County, moving from West Texas into Central Texas as well as other states – New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas. Regional rural hospitals will likely see cases soon. How can we help regional ERs prep for the issue?
 - a. Guidance for ER intake of measles patients <https://www.cdc.gov/infection-control/hcp/measles/index.html> . Please see link for your facilities' capabilities: negative pressure room vs no negative pressure room
 - b. Link for communication toolkit from DSHS <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/vaccine-preventable-diseases/measles-rubeola/measles-communication-toolkit>
 - c. Measles reporting discussed at the last Board of Directors Meeting - reporting Monday - Friday facilities reporting, RAC gets dinged if the facilities aren't reporting. Systems may report for their satellite facilities. These records are available in the Emergency Management system.
8. Pedi stroke protocols underway via the stroke committee.

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9. RAC outreach: we had a booth at a local health fair “Spring into Good Health Event” on 4/12 - gave away car thermometers
 - a. There were approximately 100 attendees and those in attendance had access to bicycle safety information, fall prevention resources and bubbles (these were from Christus)
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