

Trauma Systems Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2026

Call to order 0830

A meeting of Trauma Systems was held virtually through Microsoft Teams and in-person at UT Health North Campus in room H104 on 7/21/26.

(Sign in Sheet attached to minutes.)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jodi

Second: Rachael Keilin

Purpose of Meeting: Regional Plan Revision

1. Trauma Registry Moment

Ashley discussed what rural vs. non-rural facilities are. Based off RAC performance criteria, rural counties have a population of <50,000 based on latest estimated federal census population figures.

2. Pediatric Readiness Moment

This is more of an ER focus; we encourage trauma engagement with our pediatric readiness. Keep the results, report out on those during facility committee meetings. Consider joining pediatric committee for the RAC, which starts at 0730. Contact Greg La May and Jessica Land if you would like to join.

3. Regional Plan Revision (Due August 2026)

Our regional plan is due to be revised every other regional year. Ashley discussed working regional plan; the beginning of the plan discusses general information about our RAC. Highlighted portions are areas in which feedback is needed. Ashley discussed changing “Time to Level I or II Facility >20 minutes” on the critical and urgent time requirement algorithms and suggested increasing this time requirement. The questions we need to consider are how many trucks do we have with the resources available to support this change, can we look within our registries to get an accurate depiction of scene to facility times, and should we consider following national field triage suggestions by the ACS. Other editing suggestions included changing wording on objectives and audit filters. Shawn suggested adding tourniquet placement and tension pneumothorax recognition and treatment as audit filters. The committee was agreeable that these would be beneficial to track.

4. GETAC Update

Next meeting is August 25-28th, 2026. At the last meeting, Regional Whole Blood Program was discussed specifically on costs, increased waste, and blood product usage. Whole blood wastage increases if there is no blood rotation system developed between pre-hospital providers and hospitals. Lastly, RAC-U presented their delays in emergent transfer data.

5. Delayed Trauma Transfers

The three largest delays identified are prehospital delays, provider delays, and internal systems delays. On pre-hospital delays, we average >50 minutes for air medical to respond. For internal system delays, there were imaging delays that were upward of 3 hours for imaging to come back. Ashley suggested evaluating scan requests from accepting facilities that may cause delays (e.g. requesting CT scans). ATLS only suggests general diagnostics vs. complex imaging for initial workup before transfer. Overall, the appropriateness of additional scans is a judgement call and may be appropriate in some situations. Other discussion included understanding the transfer center process when initiating transport from one facility to another; do facilities wait until acceptance before we initiate transport. Ashley is going to present these findings at general assembly following this meeting.

6. **Announcements:** Virtual meeting September 10th from 0900-1000 to discuss the committee charter/expectations. Next RAC-G Trauma Committee Meeting is held October 20, 2026, at 0830 in person or via TEAMS.
7. **Roundtable:** Delays associated with awaiting trucks to support ventilators were identified, plans to collaborate with PI Regional Committee are in order. Shawn discussed weaknesses in updating EM resources within our free-standing emergency rooms; there was a recent event with limited facility capacity. Stephanie Thomas requested information on which facilities could not accept patients, Shawn will provide that information. Mandi mentioned that bed-sync is available for use. On the topic of pre-hospital whole blood rotation, there are tremendous cost savings associated with this. Christus has agreed to rotate with FFL but not ground. UT is in the process of establishing a rotation process.

Adjournment 0931

Secretary must sign Minutes
Secretary

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07/21/2026