



Oklahoma State  
Department of Health  
Creating a State of Health

Region 8 Trauma Rotation Committee

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, August 29, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Location of Meeting: Oklahoma County Medical Society  
313 Northeast 50th Street • Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Minutes

1. Dr. David Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
2. Roll Call was taken. Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Dr. David Smith	Dr. Eric Friedman
Dr. Chad Borin	Dr. Zachary Hurwitz
Dr. Thomas Lehman	Dr. Ross Martin
Dr. John Nalagan	
Dr. Ryan Wicks	

3. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to approve.....Dr. David Smith, Chair
  - Dr. Smith summarizes the role of the Trauma Rotation Committee from the last meeting: a collegial agreement between the metropolitan hospitals to provide adequate coverage of trauma and emergency services. Discussion is had as the purpose of the committee and the make-up of the committee with the trauma rotation only pertaining to hand.
  - Dr. Smith reports the bylaws recommend ten members with a current make-up of 8 members. These members include 3 emergency room physicians, 1 general surgeon, 1 neurosurgeon, 2 hand surgeons, and 1 oral-maxillofacial surgeon. It is recommended that a trauma surgeon be added to the Trauma Rotation Committee to represent the vacated position of Dr. Roxie Albrecht with Dr. Alisa Cross nominated for this position. It is also suggested that Rowdy Anthony be added as a hospital administrator for OU Health. Rowdy Anthony is nominated for Trauma Rotation Committee. It is discussed if other hospital administrators would be available for Trauma Rotation Committee meetings or any other specialties that are underrepresented. Dr. Michael Hahn is also nominated to serve on the Trauma Rotation Committee. Dr. Smith closes nominations.
  - Dr. Borin moved to recommend priority 1 and unassigned priority 2 patients are to be transported to a Level I or Level II facility to RTAB. Dr. Wicks seconded. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. David Smith		
Dr. Chad Borin		
Dr. Thomas Lehman		
Dr. John Nalagan		
Dr. Ryan Wicks		

- Members may be removed if they miss two consecutive meetings. Notices must be provided for relinquishing membership or adding new members. It is asked if any members are planning on removing themselves or if it is known if any other members plan to no longer participate in Trauma Rotation Committee without discussion.
- Dr. Lehman moved to eliminate the scarce resource list and Dr. Wicks seconded the motion without discussion. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. David Smith		
Dr. Chad Borin		
Dr. Thomas Lehman		
Dr. John Nalagan		
Dr. Ryan Wicks		

4. Planning discussion topics

- Rowdy Anthony, Vice President, Operations for OU Health is present and reports that the announcement of taking Priority 2 trauma patients in January was a statement saying that OU is a Level 1 trauma center and is open for all trauma patients, all the time. Rowdy reports that OU removed itself from the trauma rotation since they were taking all patients all the time, there was no need to be part of a rotation, but OU did not intend to say the Trauma Rotation needed to dismantle and OU was not trying to tell other facilities what they should or should not do with trauma. Rowdy reports that any priority 1 or priority 2 trauma patient needing a trauma surgeon, they are best served at OU. Priority 3 trauma patients usually need emergency services and do not need trauma surgeons, therefore they should be seen at the closest most appropriate emergency room with the capability of treating the patient. Currently, for trauma patients coming from outside of Region 8, patients are transported to the closest most appropriate facility. Approximately 2300 patients a year are transferred to OU from other metro facilities which has been reduced since January. Mr. Anthony reports that there has been an increase of over 200% in priority 3 trauma patients arriving at OU which should be transported to the closest most appropriate facility. There are questions if the medic/hospital triage is correct, and they are receiving priority 3 patients or if the patients are mis triaged and they are receiving patients that were mislabeled as a priority 3 patient. Mr. Anthony reports that there are some patients that were labeled a priority 2 but per the Trauma Triage Algorithm are priority 3 patients but the majority are priority 3 patients that are being transported directly to OU. During this discussion, it was advised that the age limit has changed for OU with the adult campus accepting trauma patients 15 and older with OU Children's campus taking trauma patients under the age of 15. Discussion was also had on the OTERAC approved changes to the T3 algorithms.

5. New Business (For matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting)

6. Future meeting dates for 2023

- Tuesday, September 19, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.  
Dr. Borin moved to cancel September 19, 2023 meeting with Dr. Wicks seconding the motion. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Dr. David Smith		
Dr. Chad Borin		
Dr. Thomas Lehman		
Dr. John Nalagan		
Dr. Ryan Wicks		

- Tuesday, December 19, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.