

**Region 8 Trauma Rotation Committee  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, March 29, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Oklahoma County Medical Society  
313 N.E. 50th Street, Suite 2  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105**

The meeting notice was filed with the Oklahoma Secretary of State on October 18, 2021 at 4:20 p.m. The meeting notice/agenda was posted on the Oklahoma State Department of Health website on March 28, 2022 at 11:28 p.m.

**MINUTES**

- I. Call To Order.....David W. Smith, MD, Chair  
The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chair Dr. David Smith.
- II. Roll Call.....David W. Smith, MD, Chair  
Roll call was taken with the following member present: Dr. David W. Smith, Dr. Roxie Albrecht, Dr. Zachary M. Hurwitz, Dr. Thomas P. Lehman, Dr. John Nalagan, and Dr. Ryan Wicks. Dr. Chad Borin, Dr. Eric Friedman, and Dr. Ross Martin were absent.
- III. Approval of Minutes – December 7, 2021.....David W. Smith, MD, Chair  
A motion to approve the December 7, 2021 minutes as written was made by Dr. John Nalagan and seconded by Dr. Ryan Wicks. There was no discussion and the motion passed 6-0.
- IV. Reports
  - A. Region 8 Prehospital Trauma Transport Statistics.....David Howerton  
David Howerton was not present for report. Data from the EMSA-West division regarding the number of Priority 1, 2, and 3 trauma patients by trauma patient destinations and initial acuity impressions from November 1, 2021 through March 23, 2022 was provided to members in the member packet for review. Jennifer Woodrow discussed issues identified with the shared Prehospital Trauma Transport Statistics Report available on OKEMSIS for use by all Region 8 EMS agencies to include duplication of data and inability to populate pivot tables due to differences in facility name designations. Dr. David Smith discussed that it would be beneficial to have all data from all agencies to determine the Region 8 trauma population, where patients are coming from, and patient care needs in order to ensure required resources are available for patient care and the identification of deficits and other possible resources for utilization. Dr. Smith noted data would also be beneficial to identify the possible need for a Region 8 Level II Trauma Center and provide regional facilities with the information to develop a good business model. Ms. Woodrow clarified the data presented represents only prehospital trauma transports and does not include interfacility transfers. Members reviewed the data with points of discussion to include the following:
    - The need for data showing diagnosis which result in the need for interfacility transfer
    - OSDH requirements for EMS agency data reporting and the need for all Region 8 EMS agencies to report data in a consistent format
    - Possible methods to obtain data to include requesting data directly from the trauma facilities due to difficulty in obtaining current and accurate data from other resources
    - OSDH requirements and manner in which interfacility transfers are handled in the event an EMS agency initially contacted is unable to accept a transfer request. Ms. Woodrow clarified that if an EMS agency is unable to accept an emergency request for transfer, that agency is required to call for mutual aid with non-emergency transfers exempt from this requirement.

Jennifer Woodrow noted she was unable to obtain usable OKEMSIS data for use in the Prehospital Trauma Transport Statistics Report from Region 8 EMS agencies other than EMSA. Ms. Woodrow stated she will email all Region 8 EMS agencies a request for the data prior to the next Region 8 RTAB and all future Trauma Rotation Committee meetings.

- B. TReC.....Jessie Leslie  
 Jessie Leslie presented TREC data for Regions 7 and 8 from December 2021 through February 2022 regarding total interfacility transfers by patient priority, specialist requested, transferring region, and receiving hospital noting average time to acceptance. Mr. Leslie then presented data for Regions 7 and 8 from December 2021 through February 2022 regarding total hand and facial trauma interfacility transfers and consult calls noting one patient was transferred from Region 8 into Region 7 in January and a total of three Region 7 appropriate hand patients were transferred from Region 7 into Region 8 due to lack of pediatric orthopedist. Mr. Leslie noted that hand and face transfers sometime require a few extra steps to determine if a patient is an on call appropriate patient or if they require Level I services. Mr. Leslie clarified that Region 7 appropriate patients include those patients from Regions 2, 4, 5, and 7 with some Region 5 patients appropriate for both Regions 7 and 8 as well as out of state facilities depending on location. Dr. Lehman noted that hand patients are still being transported from Region 7 into Region 8 with some regularity acknowledging Regions 2, 4, and 5 may account for some of these patients. Dr. Lehman requested confirmation that Region 7 facilities have coverage and hand surgeons on call as required. Jennifer Woodrow clarified that Region 7 does not have a rotation call schedule specific for hand and face trauma but EMResource shows the Region 7 facility on call for trauma as well as facility capability and capacity to include availability of hand and face specialties. Ms. Woodrow will work to obtain EMResource reports showing Region 7 coverage for report at the next Trauma Rotation Committee meeting. Members discussed reasons for patient refusals by Region 7 facilities to include designation of patient as non-trauma, no call coverage, and/or the physician on call is unable to provide the necessary treatment with hand replants given as an example and noted to be a problem that needs to be solved. Dr. Lehman suggested the committee should review data showing transfers from Region 7 into 8 as well transfers from Region 8 into Region 7. Chair Dr. David Smith requested OSDH, TReC, and EMResource to verify Region 7 hand surgeon call coverage and OSDH to query Region 7 hand providers to determine if they are able to perform hand replants or if those patients will always require transfer. Dr. Smith noted that the query could possibly be handled through the Region 7 RTAB if needed. Ms. Woodrow encouraged members to submit any issues identified to the Combined Region 6/8 Continuous Quality Improvement Committee for consideration.
- C. Emergency Systems.....Jennifer Woodrow  
 Jennifer Woodrow announced staffing updates to include the addition of Administrative Assistant Samantha Hickson and Statistical Research Specialist Senait Teckle and open positions to include EMS Administrator II and Epidemiologist II/III. The new Trauma Fund application period opens April 18, 2022 for January through June 2021; application forms will be located on the Emergency Systems website. The application deadline is May 31, 2022 for hospitals and June 15, 2022 for EMS agencies and physicians; applications are required to be stamped and received by OSDH by 5:00 p.m. Trauma Fund webinars are tentatively scheduled on April 27, 2022 for hospitals, May 11, 2022 for physicians, and May 18, 2022 for EMS agencies. Questions and/or training request can be directed to Special Projects Coordinator Katrina Warden. The Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Stabilization and Improvement Revolving Fund (OERSSIRF) Request for Proposal period will be open and posted on the OSDH EMS webpage soon. Anyone interested in serving on the OERSSIRF review panel should submit an email and biography to Dale Adkerson for appointment by the Commissioner. OSDH has updated their COVID-19 response points of contacts which are available from Ms. Woodrow upon request. A letter drafted by Dr. David Smith and OSDH for distribution to the Trauma Rotation Committee members and frequent guest regarding the approved Code of Conduct for Region 8 Trauma Call System Providers was presented for review. Ms. Woodrow reminded members of the requirement of all licensed hospitals in Oklahoma to report assaults

on medical staff to the Violence in the Workplace Registry with a handout provided in the member packet.

V. Business

A. Discussion, consideration, possible action and vote to approve any recommendations to committee workgroups and/or needed scheduling or coverage changes regarding hand, OMFS, and neurosurgery coverage.....David W. Smith, MD, Chair  
Chair Dr. David Smith asked members to identify any issues regarding current hand, OMFS, and neurosurgery coverage not discussed during review of the Region 8 Prehospital Trauma Transport Statistics and TReC Reports with no further issues identified for action.

B. Discussion, consideration, possible action and vote to approve amendments to the Trauma Rotation Call Schedule Notes.....David W. Smith, MD, Chair  
The Trauma Rotation Call Schedule was presented and reviewed by the Committee with the following amendments identified and agreed upon by members:

- Level II Hand Trauma references amended to Priority II Hand Trauma
- NOTE:  
(b) This schedule is for unassigned, Priority 2 patients with single-system injury, or at risk for injury that at least include neurosurgery, facial trauma or hand trauma, but currently stable, ~~picked-up-by EMSA in its service area or~~ transported by EMS into the metropolitan area from Region 8 or other regions of the State.

A motion to approve revision of the call schedule as recommended with changes to be applied retroactively to previously approved call schedules was made by Dr. Thomas Lehman and seconded by Dr. Chad Borin. There was no discussion and the motion passed 6-0.

VI. New Business (For matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting)  
No new business was conducted.

VII. Next Meeting

- A. Oklahoma Trauma and Emergency Response Advisory Council  
April 6, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.
- B. Region 8 Regional Trauma Advisory Board  
April 12, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.
- C. Region 8 Trauma Rotation Committee  
June 14, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Chair Dr. David Smith presented the next meeting dates with no schedule conflicts identified by members.

VIII. Closing, Adjournment, and Dismissal

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Ryan Wicks and seconded by Dr. Thomas Lehman. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Approved,



Dr. David Smith, Chair  
Region 8 Trauma Rotation Committee  
June 14, 2022