

**RTAB Region 8 Trauma Rotation Committee**  
**313 Northeast 50<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Oklahoma City, OK 73105**  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 – 5:30 pm**

**MINUTES**

- I. CALL TO ORDER - Jay P. Cannon, MD**  
The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Cannon at 5:32 pm. Members in attendance were Dr. Cannon, Dr. Borin, Dr. Martin, Dr. Nalagan, and Dr. Smith. Absent members were Dr. Albrecht, Dr. Friedman, and Dr. Lehman.
- II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - 12/04/2018**  
A motion to accept the minutes was made by Dr. Borin and seconded by Dr. Nalagan. There was no discussion, and the motion passed 5-0.
- III. EMSA STATISTICS - David Howerton**  
Mr. Howerton provided data from January through the end of March 2019. He stated that the numbers over the last ten years have been very consistent, especially with Priority 1 patient destinations, to include that OU Medicine receives a large number of Priority 3 patients. There were no questions about the data.
- IV. TReC REPORTS - Lisa Fitzgerald**  
Ms. FitzGerald from the Trauma Referral Center (TReC) was not in attendance, and Mr. Daniel Whipple reviewed the TReC data from December 2018 through February 2019. The number of transfers into or within Region 8 decreased from the previous quarter reported, but this appears to be the normal trend during winter months. Additionally, there were no anomalies in the number of calls accepted, consulted, or refused. Overall the percentage of specialists requested, sending region, and destinations appear to be similar to previous reported data.
- V. REGION 8 TRAUMA ROTATION COMMITTEE BYLAWS DRAFT LANGUAGE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPROVE - Daniel Whipple**  
Mr. Whipple reviewed the discussion from the last meeting and the edits to the bylaws that resulted from that conversation. The primary change was moving from the committee only reviewing the on-call rotation to adding the duties of cultivating and utilizing resources for the care of trauma patients. Dr. Cannon was concerned with the current language stating that any member whom misses three consecutive meetings will be automatically removed; he feels that this may be unreasonable due to the schedules of some providers. It was agreed that the language stated that members shall be removed after missing three meetings will be struck. Another point of interest was adding emergency resources to the duties of the committee rather than just trauma resources. A motion to accept the bylaws with the amendments above was made by Dr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Nalagan. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed 5-0.
- VI. MERCY REQUEST/EMR Downtime - Dr. Cannon**  
Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City has requested that they not be on call on the third Wednesday of every month due to pre-planned downtime secondary to electronic medical record maintenance. Ms. Timberlake stated that this only affects the schedule twice during a six-month period, and that it is not difficult to manage. A motion to accept the request was made by Dr. Borin and seconded by Dr. Nalagan. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed 6-0. Dr. Smith moved that the committee send a letter to the participating on-call hospitals to ascertain if they have pre-planned downtime and would like to request not to be on-call during that timeframe. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nalagan, there was no additional discussion, and the motion carried 6-0.

**VII. ELECTIONS - Dr. Cannon**

a. Committee Chair

Dr. Cannon feels that it is time to step down as chair of the committee and recommended Dr. Smith as his successor. A motion to accept Dr. Smith as the Trauma Rotation Committee chair was made by Dr. Borin and seconded by Dr. Nalagan. There was no discussion, and the motion passed 5-0.

b. Subcommittee Member - Zachary M. Hurwitz, MD

As Dr. Hunter has retired, Dr. Hurwitz was introduced to the group as a potential new member. It was moved by Dr. Cannon to accept Dr. Hurwitz as a new member and seconded by Dr. Nalagan. There was no discussion, and the motion passed 5-0.

**VIII. VOTE TO APPROVE OF DRAFT METRO CALL SCHEDULES - August 2019 thru January 2020**  
A motion to accept the draft on-call schedules was made by Dr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Martin. There was no discussion, and the motion passed 6-0.

**IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

Dr. Nalagan stated that hospital leadership should be invited, and having voting rights, to this meeting as there is a difference between hospital leadership and physician leadership and both are needed to work together for the system to work. He further stated that if a Level II Trauma Center is to be seriously considered that hospital leadership needs to be present. Dr. Borin stated that several key hospital administrators have been invited to attend the meeting, but not many arrive. Dr. Cannon stated that when administrators are invited to specific meetings that there has been appropriate turnout from those individuals. Mr. Rowdy Anthony believes that there is benefit that can be derived from having those members in the room during the meeting.

Dr. Smith enquired if data from the Oklahoma EMS Information System (OKEMSIS) could be presented at future meetings. He would like to see OKEMSIS data similar to that presented from TReC regarding the number of patients brought into or within Region 8 for trauma patients. Mr. Whipple stated that there will be some limitations of the data as there is a lag time between the run and when it is required to be submitted into the database.

**X. NEXT MEETING**

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was proposed as the next meeting date by Dr. Smith. Ms. Timberlake will query the members to see if that date will work for all and advise the group.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Nalagan and seconded by Dr. Martin. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Approved



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David W. Smith, MD  
Chair, Region 8 Trauma Rotation Committee  
August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019