

**TIDEWATER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL, INC.
EMS STROKE PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Meeting Date: August 12, 2021 **Meeting Location:** Hybrid **Chaired By:** Dr. Joel Michael **Begin Time:** 2:30 PM **End Time:** 3:29 PM

Minutes By: Valerie Vagts **Members Present:** Dr. Micheal, Pat Edwards, James Reynolds, Michael Whitehurst, Sheila DeYoung, Greg DeYoung, Alek Collins, Robin McAlpin, Matt Owens, Sabrina Werner, Steve Henson, Kenneth Hudgins, Valerie Vagts

Item (Project)	Discussion (Status)	Action Required	Barriers	By Whom/When
Intro / Approval of Minutes	Δ Approved last meetings' minutes Matt Owens 1 st , Michael Whitehurst 2 nd , none opposed	N/A	N/A	N/A
Review Data reports	Δ Data unavailable due to ESO transition of data from ImageTrend	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medical Incident Review	Δ Michael Whitehurst, CRMC: Vessel Occlusion, pt being cared for by family, presented 3 times within a couple weeks with stroke symptoms and was released AMA by family each time. Family did well recognizing symptoms, Crews did well getting key data for strokes and utilizing protocols, there was appropriate triage. Stroke 1-EMS incoming, stroke 2- hospital called, stroke 3 – interventional therapies needed. Team talked about other options (stroke mimic, cardiac arrhythmia, etc.) the patient could be experiencing, if it wasn't a stroke but couldn't confirm due to pt leaving the hospital without allowing further tests. Great comprehensive system and a team win! Δ Next presentation – Robin McAlpin	N/A	N/A	N/A
BEFAST	Δ Dr Michael recapped the LVO Diversion discussion had with Dr. Lo, Dr. Salomonsky, Dr. Michael and Matt Owens. In summary, assessing and diverting in the field is not something to pursue at this time due to the downstream impacts of diversion, like cost, transport times, possibly overloading the hospital facility, etc. This topic will revisited in April, post stroke conference in March.	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Business	Δ Asking to have a case on a trauma related stroke, a stroke-like presentation secondary to the trauma. May be traumatic dissections that are related to stroke – would be a topic of interest. Δ TEAMS was a hit overall; however, there was feedback that having a dial in number would help people to be able to communicate when they join via desktop computer. In the room, being able to see Dr. Michael speak would be helpful as well. I will work to resolve the audio issue – this caused some people to not be able to speak up.	Yes	N/A	Stroke Committee/ next meeting
Roundtable	Δ New Orleans International Stroke Conference in February. Δ Stroke survey at Dr. Michaels hospital in October coming up.	Yes	N/A	Stroke Committee/ next meeting
Next Meeting	The EMS PI Committee meeting will be hybrid on October 14, 2021 at 2:30 PM	N/A	N/A	N/A