

**Alabama Trauma System**  
**QI Workgroup Meeting**  
**March 18, 2010 10:00 a.m.**  
**Office of EMS & Trauma Conference Room**  
**Montgomery, Alabama**  
**Call in Information: 1-800-491-4634**

In attendance: Glenn Davis, Dr. Campbell, Verla Thomas, Tammie Yeldell, Robin Moore

Attending by Phone: Denise Louthain, E. Allan Pace, David Garmon, Geni Smith, Joe Acker, Alex Franklin, Geni Smith

Not in attendance: Choona Lang, Beth Anderson, Spencer Howard, Dr. Crawford, Michael Minor

Verla Thomas opened the meeting with a welcome.

### **Trauma System Update**

Dr. Campbell gave a brief update on the Alabama Trauma System.

- A meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2010 in Huntsville to discuss the transfer process.
- Funding from the legislature will not be requested until the trauma system is in full operation.
- A one day retreat is scheduled for May 4, 2010 to discuss funding distribution.
- Some EMS providers expressed concerns related to retrieving their equipment back when patients are transported to the hospital. Currently in Region 5, Denise picks up all the equipment in her region so her service provider can pick them up from the regional office. Currently in Region 6, each hospital has a designated area for the providers to pick up equipment.

### **QA/QI issue reporting process**

Verla Thomas gave a brief overview of the revised QA/QI Improvement Plan process and ATCC/Trauma System Issues QA/QI forms.

### **QA/QI Report Project Update**

Tammie Yeldell gave an update on the EMS Active Licensure Providers with 3<sup>rd</sup> party Software from Regions 1, 2, 3, and 6. The information was queried from the AlaCert database.

### **Trauma Registry Update**

Verla Thomas gave a brief overview of the Alabama Trauma Registry data input thus far.

- 515 cases have been entered into the trauma registry, with 434 closed and 81 not closed.
- The only report that has been processed was to determine how many cases were put into the system.
- Each region director was given a listing of their hospitals in their region that participated in trauma registry software training.
- DI will be working with the NTRACS and Trauma One hospitals on downloading their data into the registry.
- A conference call was held on March 24 with all trauma registry managers to answer any questions they may have about the new trauma registry software. The next conference call is scheduled for the month May with each region individually. Regional directors will get invitations to attend for their region and use the teleconference to get any under triage and feedback information needed.
- Compliance status will be sent out to each director.

### **Benchmark Update**

Robin Moore gave a brief review of the Benchmark Indicator 202.3 worksheet and Benchmark indicator Planning Tool 201.3.

### **NATS Update**

Alex Franklin shared with the QA/QI workgroup forms used in Region one for Non-Compliance and Under triage issues. (None-Compliance Issues: Under triage Patients form; Under triage Report Form and Under triage Patient Report). Feedback forms are returned to Alex and then he export in an excel file to Joe at ATCC.

### **EAST Update**

Allan Pace met with the EMS providers in East region to discuss two QA/QI issues:

- EMS providers are required to enter the trauma system patients in the system before they arrive to the trauma center not after the patient arrives to the trauma center.
- EMS providers are required to complete QI reports accurately to ensure timely follow up by regional staff.

### **LifeTrac Software/Feedback reports Update/BREMSS**

Joe Acker met with the software vendor and the issue involving patient ID# has been fixed. Also, pulling a report by county and region will be available will soon.

Gulf and BREMSS could not run any reports due to issues with the web observer.

Joe investigated issues with recordings not matching reports received on patients entered into the ATS. After his investigation, he found that the recordings were not sent out. Therefore the issue was addressed and resolved.

### **WEST Update**

Glenn Davis shared with the QA/QI workgroup, the ATS has been active for several days and has not experienced any QA/QI issue.

### **SOUTHEAST Update**

System not activated

### **GULF Update**

David Garmon is experiencing issues with getting feedback forms back from the trauma centers in his region. Providence Hospital which is currently a Level III trauma center has expressed an interest in upgrading to a Level II trauma center.

### **Next Meeting**

April 15, 2010 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Meeting Adjourned 11:30 am

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