

## 6-14-22 RDSTF-5 Trauma Advisory Board Clinical Leadership Committee Minutes

**Welcome/Roll Call:** Beverly Cook, Lynne Drawdy, Dr. John McPherson, Matt Meyers, Dr. Peter Pappas

Dr. Pappas asked Lynne to remind the Trauma and EMS Medical Directors that they can delegate others to attend on their behalf.

**Call to Order:** The meeting called to order at 8:05 am.

**New Business:** The Committee on Trauma 2021 Triage Guidelines for EMS were sent out for review: Dr. McPherson stated that he reviewed these. Dr. Pappas asked what these would change for EMS. He stated that these will be presented at the EMSAC, FCOT and at the Region 5 Trauma Advisory Board Executive Committee. Dr. McPherson stated that these are reminiscent of earlier guidance and stated that this will mean more patients going to trauma and an increase in aeromedical transport, including both adults and pediatrics. He expressed concerns about the impact on trauma centers. Dr. Pappas agreed. He stated that we need to discuss with Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children to see what they are seeing now and plot out the increased volume expected with the criteria. He also expressed concern over the potential that this could atrophy capabilities at acute care hospitals. Dr. McPherson stated that whether a patient goes to a trauma center is one of the most difficult decisions EMS makes. He asked Dr. Pappas what FCOT will recommend. Dr. Pappas stated that FCOT will ask EMSAC to review the changes and provide feedback on how to integrate these in a way that is appropriate for EMS in Florida. He stated that he would like to see all using the same criteria statewide. Dr. McPherson stated that black and white guidelines are easier to teach and reduce complaints. Dr. Pappas stated that state EMS is supportive of the criteria but does not want to interfere in local decision-making. Dr. McPherson stated his biggest concern is having enough trauma and air medical capacity. Dr. Pappas stated that our trauma capacity is double what it was twenty years ago, but our population continues to grow. He expressed concern over having Level III and IV as this would impact acute care hospital capabilities and make it difficult for EMTs. Dr. McPherson stated that if the trauma center directors are behind the new criteria it will be easier for EMS. Dr. Pappas agreed and stated that he expects a lot of questions. There will be continued discussion on these. Dr. Pappas suggested looking at Trauma trends compared to last year.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for August 9 and neither Dr. Pappas nor Lynne is available. It was agreed to move the meeting to 8:30 am on August 11.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 8:37 am.