



June 17, 2025 (1200 PM) - Zoom

SERTAC GENERAL MEETING MEETING MINUTES

SERTAC CHAIR: Kelli Anderson

SERTAC COORDINATOR: Tom Thrash

Welcome and Introductions by Tom Thrash

1. Guest Speaker – – **Wisconsin Organ and Tissue Donation**

2. Michelle and Jared provide an overview of organ and tissue donation processes in Wisconsin. Versity serves the southeastern part of the state for organ procurement, while covering the entire state for tissue recovery. They explain that organ donation requires ventilated patients meeting specific clinical indicators, while tissue donation can occur up to 24 hours after death. The presenters emphasize the importance of early referrals from hospitals, EMS, and medical examiners, and discuss the viability timeframes for different organs. They also touch on the legal aspects of donation, noting that medical examiners rarely restrict organ donation but may have more input on tissue donation cases.

3.

Data Reports – Tom Thrash SERTAC Coordinator - Tom presents data reports on falls and EMS response times in the region. The reports show that falls are most common among elderly white females, with over 1,400 falls in May. Average EMS transport times exceed 30 minutes, despite the area having many hospitals. ATV/UTV accidents average around 8 per month, with a slight increase noted. Falls reported to hospitals average about 900 per month, with slightly higher numbers on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Subcommittee Reports:

PI Committee: Michelle – Michelle proposes encouraging staff to document reasons for delays in patient care to identify areas for improvement. She then introduces the Brain Injury Guidelines (BIG) criteria for grading intracranial hemorrhages after trauma, which can help determine necessary follow-up care. Lisa shares that Advocate Aurora sites have been using and reviewing these guidelines for about two years, including data collection on patient outcomes. Ginger mentions that their neurosurgeons are awaiting new guidelines from a national group, as there are challenges with hospitalists at smaller centers managing these patients. The group discusses the need for education and data to support implementation of these guidelines.

Medical Oversight Committee: Andrew Lynn – Ginger presents a project on improving the massive transfusion protocol (MTP) process at her previous hospital. The project involved breaking down each step of the MTP process, identifying breakdowns, and rebuilding it as a rapid response system. Key improvements included creating a single-call activation process, clearly defining roles for responders, and implementing a continuous quality improvement process. The new system proved successful in getting resources and blood to the bedside more quickly. Ginger emphasizes the importance of partnerships across departments for such projects. Michelle and Wendy share their own experiences with MTP at their centers, noting it is often used more frequently outside of trauma. They discuss the challenges of owning and improving low-volume processes that span multiple service lines.

Education Committee: The Education Committee provides an update on several initiatives. The Sertac conference is scheduled for October 3rd and will include a keynote speaker and an interactive outdoor session. Registration is now open. The committee is seeking a new chair due to term limits. They discuss funding opportunities for providers to attend an ultrasound course at an upcoming trauma symposium. Tom provides an update on Stop the Bleed training, offering kits as incentives for public classes. The group also discusses the role and responsibilities of the Education Committee chair position, which will be open for nominations in the general session.

Injury Prevention: Kelly announces that the 3,000 injury prevention folders have been distributed, and 500 more English and 500 Spanish folders have been ordered along with printed materials. Gun locks are available for distribution through a form on the Sertac website. Keli presents two versions of informational sheets to accompany the gun locks, focusing on firearm safety for children. The group discusses potential improvements to the handouts, including simplifying the content, avoiding text boxes for easier translation, and possibly creating a brochure format for better readability.

Conference: Kelli Anderson –

HERC: Tom announced that SERTAC is getting 176 STB kits from HERC

Coordinators: Wendy – Wendy starts the trauma coordinator portion of the meeting and asks for new members to introduce themselves. Kelly inquires about inpatient education practices at other sites, seeking ideas for hospital-based education. Wendy and Lisa share their approaches, which include collaborating with unit educators, using online resources like TSN modules, and tailoring education to specific unit needs. They emphasize the importance of open communication with educators and flexibility in choosing topics. Kristin suggests using interesting case reviews as an engaging educational tool for staff.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UPDATE:

ELECTIONS No Nominations were had for the EMSC Position. 1 nomination for the Education committee and it was Leah Forlenza, a unanimous ballot was cast and passed. Leah is the new Chair of the Education Committee. All other positions stayed the same.
Coordinators Report

The meeting adjourned at 240 PM,

