



# NEWSLETTER

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**Championing Care and  
Strengthening  
Preparedness**

## WHO WE ARE

To reduce death/disability related to trauma, disaster and acute illness, through implementation of appropriate education and a well-planned, coordinated disaster and emergency response system.



## LETTER FROM CBRAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I'm excited to introduce our new educational newsletter—created to keep you informed, inspired, and empowered in the work you do every day. This initiative reflects our commitment to continuous learning and sharing knowledge across our organization.

Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to growing together as we launch this new resource.

Warm regards,  
Hilary Watt  
Chief Executive Officer

## LETTER FROM CBRAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is proud to support the launch of this new educational newsletter. We believe that continued learning and open communication are key to advancing our mission and strengthening our collective impact.

We're excited to see how this resource will spark new ideas, conversations, and progress across the organization.

Sincerely,  
The Board of Directors



**Andrew Cortez**  
**Amy Vivion**



**Jennifer Carr**  
**Randy Mitten**  
**Melissa Stuiwe**

**Not pictured: Angela Rhoden, Stephanie Roth, Stephanie Simmons, Randy Endsley  
Amber Strealy, June Ness-Delgado & Patricia Carr**



# Provider Spotlight



Christus Spohn Shoreline one of our Level II Trauma Centers hosted a pediatric simulation drill alongside the Regional Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC)—now known as the Regional Pediatric Readiness Improvement Specialist and Mentor (PRISM) Jules Boatright BSN, RN, CPEN . Pediatric simulation is key to improving emergency care for children. These hands-on drills help sharpen teamwork, communication, and critical thinking—ensuring our providers are prepared to deliver the best care when it matters most.



# Education Spotlight



## Screening & Treating: EMS And The Sepsis Care Continuum

### Case Scenario

It's a hot summer day and EMS is dispatched to an old farmhouse on the edge of the town for a patient who has been "generally weak" and now unable to get out of bed. Upon arrival, paramedics find a previously healthy 65 year old female who has had a productive cough for a week.

She has had little oral intake for 3 days and her urine has been dark and low in volume. Her husband called EMS because she has become progressively more confused over the course of the day. Her vital signs are T 38.1 HR 96 BP 115/80 RR 23 O2 Sat 91%. The patient is quickly loaded into the ambulance. An IV is placed and fluid bolus is initiated. Fingertstick blood sugar is within normal limits and an ECG demonstrates sinus rhythm. Given the semi-rural location, transport to the hospital will exceed 30 minutes. The paramedic suspects sepsis. What is the role of EMS in sepsis screening and treatment? How should we best screen for sepsis in the prehospital environment? Beyond IV fluids, should EMS administer antibiotics?

[READ THE LITERATURE REVIEW HERE!](#)



Driscoll Health System Grand Rounds Lecture Series

**\*NONE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY\***

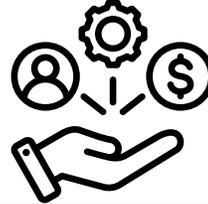


**EIIC**  
EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center

Texas Pediatric Readiness Education Series



Emory Serious Communicable Diseases Program



## RESOURCES & TOOLS

[GETAC MEETING SCHEDULE](#)

[CBRAC REGIONAL TRAUMA AND EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS PLAN](#)

[PEDIATRIC READINESS IN THE ED CHECKLIST](#)

[CBRAC HOSPITAL SELECTION AND FIELD TRIAGE GUIDE](#)



**TEXAS**  
Health and Human Services

## DSHS DESIGNATION LEVEL CALLS

### Statewide Perinatal Designation Meetings

Texas maternal and neonatal levels of care designation program staff are invited to attend the monthly meeting in collaboration with the department and peers throughout the state. Share ideas and best practices to improve patient outcomes for Texans.

Join us by requesting registration below:

- [Perinatal Level I](#)
- [Perinatal Level II-IV](#)

### Statewide Stroke Designation Meeting

Texas stroke facility designation program staff are invited to attend our monthly meeting in collaboration with the department and peers throughout the state. Share ideas and best practices to improve patient outcomes for Texans.

Join us by requesting registration below:

- [Stroke Level I-III](#)
- [Stroke Level IV](#)

### Statewide Trauma Designation Meetings

Texas trauma designation program staff are invited to attend our monthly meeting in collaboration with the department and peers throughout the state. Share ideas and best practices to improve patient outcomes for Texans.

Join us by requesting registration below:

- [Monthly, recurring - Trauma Level I & II](#)
- [Monthly, recurring - Trauma Level III & Non-Rural Level IV](#)
- [Monthly, recurring - Trauma Rural Level IV](#)
- [July 8, 2025, 3-4 PM - Trauma PI: Ask the Experts \(all levels\)](#)
- [August 5, 2025, 3-4 PM - Trauma PI: Ask the Experts \(all levels\)](#)
- [September 9, 2025 - Trauma PI: Ask the Experts \(rural level IV\)](#)
- [October 7, 2025 - Trauma PI: Ask the Experts \(all levels\)](#)
- [November 4, 2025 - Trauma PI: Ask the Experts \(all levels\)](#)
- [December 9, 2025 - Trauma PI: Ask the Experts \(rural level IV\)](#)

# 2025



**COASTAL BEND**  
Regional Advisory Council

# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 CBRAC WHOLE BLOOD COMMITTEE MTG 9AM-10:30AM	3	4 <i>Holiday</i>	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 CBRAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MTG 9AM	12
13	14	15 CBRAC PCR COMMITTEE MTG 12PM-1PM	16	17	18	19
20	21 CBRACTRAUMA COMMITTEE MTG 11PM-12PM	22 CBRAC STROKE COMMITTEE MTG 12:30PM-2PM	23 CBRAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP 9AM-11:30AM	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



For a meeting invite or questions about the newsletter, please reach out.



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Join us for a CBRAC  
Outcomes presentation !



# Klippel-Treanaunay Syndrome



**August 18th , 2025**



**10am - 11am**



**JOIN HERE!**



Join us for an informative session as we explore clinical outcomes and key insights surrounding Klippel-Treanaunay Syndrome (KTS). This review will highlight patient care strategies, common complications, and current research findings.



1 CE hour will be provided for EMS, link is attached. Instructions for CE will be included prior to the virtual event. Questions? Contact Angela Rhoden at [angela.rhoden@hcahealthcare.com](mailto:angela.rhoden@hcahealthcare.com) or 832-567-2670

# SAVE A LIFE PUT CHILDREN FIRST



Join us for an inspiring day  
dedicated to the well-being and  
safety of our children.  
Learn about child safety!

- ✓ Free Injury Prevention Goodies
- ✓ Hot Car Awareness Demonstration
- ✓ Guest Speakers & Experts on Child Safety
- ✓ Fun Activities for Kids



**Friday August  
8th, 2025**  
10AM-1PM



**Cole Park**

2600 Ocean Drive  
Corpus Christi TX 78404

