

CSNS NTENS Spring 2024 meeting minutes

Attendance:

Incoming Chair: J. Brett Fleming

Outgoing Chair: Laura Ngwenya

Members: Brad Bahnstadt, Timothy Beutler, Megan Still, Alejandro Bugarino, Callum Dewar, Joseph Chen, Sarah Woodrow, JP Kolcun, Chesney Oravec, Greg Murad, Carlton Christie, Kris Hooten, Sarah Hodges, Edie Zusman, Ann Parr, Vincent Wang

Ongoing Projects Update:

Passed resolutions assigned to NTENS:

1. Informal consultation and clinical advice by neurosurgeons, Submitted by: Vincent Y. Wang, M.D., Ph.D., Jason Stacy, M.D., Ann Parr, M.D., on behalf of Neurotrauma and Emergency Neurosurgery Committee and Medico-legal Committee Survey: 114 responses on the survey, submitted abstract and was accepted for oral presentation. Vincent Wang to write it up.
2. Barriers to Global Involvement
 - Karina Zacaracas had a student (Stanford) working on this, only 77 responses, she wants to send it out again, however, there is still enough to do a white paper.
3. Military readiness resolution
 - Dr. Hooten and Dr. Cal Dewar (fellow) presented at this fall 2024 CSNS meeting
 - In process of writing up white paper
4. High BMI resolution
 - Sherry Taylor, Joseph Chen, Chesney Oravec
 - Ideas to consider for white paper:
 - OR bed sizes, what equipment is out there and what needed
 - Talk to bariatric surgeons at BMI centers?
 - Make a list of things we want to look at
 - OR tables, CT scan, Wilson frame, Jackson table
 - How many people to do safe log roll
 - JP Kolcun (fellow) volunteered to help Chesney. Laura Ngwenya to look into this as well.
5. E-bikes and scooters helmet resolution
 - Anthony DiGiorgio and Laura Ngwenya
 - Completed—to be voted on by EC via email, then forward on to AANS/CNS. May be official position statement.

Other non-resolution projects

1. Explosion of New Trauma Centers: A Look into the Accreditation Process and Implications – being worked on by Joe Domino, Anthony DiGiorgio, Joseph Wang, James Wright

- Joe Domino reported on data so far: Two pathways exist to accreditation (ACS and State Specific) – ACS TQIP data available for Level 1 centers; other sources of data might be AHA and JAMA article
 - Joe Domino picking up project again?
2. Telehealth and Crossing State Lines – Telehealth (video and/or telephone visits) might disappear in the near future, it would be interesting to look at geographic regions where neurosurgeons might be the most affected (ie. they live near adjoining states)
 - Status: Anthony DiGiorgio has manuscript in progress, will reach out.
 3. Critical care reimbursements for neurosurgeons
 - Anthony DiGiorgio manuscript in progress (with help from Vasanth Raja—med student?), will reach out.
 4. TBI transfers and necessity – CNS Guidelines Committee practice parameter
 - Adair Assigned to this
 - Will be CNS guidelines practice parameter, has been circulated on May 4.

New Ideas

1. Domestic Violence and ICD10 coding
 - Brought forward by Edie Zusman
 - How to bring up improved ICD 10 codes for experience of violence and TBI from both known and unknown assailants?
 - She discovered that the code for IPV comes BEFORE the medical diagnosis is made and may be impacting the BIAS we are seeking that a patient with black eyes from a bar fight gets a concussion work up and CT where the same patient with black eyes labeled domestic violence get referred to the social worker for mental health issues often without a concussion assessment or other standard pathways of trauma care.
 - Edie will be speaking at ACOS, she wants to consider a metric to address this—resolution or white paper? Sarah Woodrow discussing starting by seeing where the other domestic violence questions came from. Greg Murad—in Florida there is a combined pathway for substance abuse and trauma screening. Laura Ngwenya—write this as a resolution for evaluating the pathways that these patients come into the system. Joe Chen—look at what is being done to screen for concussion and other head trauma. Edie will put together a resolution.