



Blood Clot Pulmonary Embolism Policy (BCPEP)

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 21, 2024
Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Location: GoToWebinar

Members Present: Ali Ataya, M.D., Christopher Pittman, M.D., Leslie Lake, Giovanni Betta

Presenters: Dr. Gustavo Heresi, Dr. Robert Evans Heithaus

Agency Staff Present: Jaime Bustos, Nancy Tamariz, Krischell Weston, Susan Slappey, Nicole Seferlis

Meeting Materials: BCPEP Meeting Packet. Copies of meeting materials are posted on: [Blood Clot and Pulmonary Embolism Policy Workgroup \(myflorida.com\)](https://myflorida.com)

Call to Order and Roll Call: Dr. Ataya called roll and introduced the guest speakers.

Agency Updates: Jamie Bustos provided the Action Item Updates. The Agency continues to schedule guest speakers for future meetings. The September meeting will be held in-person at the AHCA Headquarters. More details will be provided within the next few weeks.

Guest Speaker 1: Dr. Heresi presented on Chronic Complications of Pulmonary Embolism. Chronic Thromboembolic Pulmonary Hypertension (CTEPH) can be defined as blood pressure in the lungs arising from single or recurrent pulmonary emboli. Images were shared to show the differences between an acute event versus a chronic thromboembolic occurrence. The diagnostic process includes three steps of Suspecting, Screening, and Confirming. There should be a high level of suspicion before a diagnosis. Graphs were showed to display the Societal Costs of CTEPH. His presentation wrapped up with questions and discussions amongst the workgroup members.

Guest Speaker 2: Dr. Heithaus is an Interventional Radiologist at Tampa General Hospital. He shared some Pulmonary Embolism (PE) statistics. One million people in the US are affected by PE in the US and there are about 100,000 deaths per year. There are many new devices and techniques that can be used to treat PE compared to ten years ago. Pharmacologic Thrombolysis is a method involving the utilization of tubes and catheters. Images were shown to share syringe-based systems and angiovac. Dr. Heithaus suggests it may be beneficial to treat PE in the same ways as heart attacks and strokes. The presentation ended with questions and discussions. Dr. Pittman encouraged the policy group to focus on developing simple processes that interventional radiologists, cardiologists and others can utilize for their PE and DVT patients.



Meeting Summary and Next Steps: Dr. Ataya updated the group on the progress of the report. A drafted version of the report is ready and will be reviewed at the upcoming in-person meeting. The workgroup should have the final report complete by the deadline.

New Action Items	Owner
The AHCA team will work with the Chair to finalize the details for the in-person meeting.	AHCA

With no further business to discuss, moved to adjourn, with no objections. The committee adjourned.

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