



The Clinical TMS Society

Clinical Standards Committee Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2025 @ 2pm ET / 1pm CT / 12pm MT / 11am PT
7pm BST
July 11, 2025 @ 4am AEST
Via Zoom

"Members are reminded to disclose any changes in Conflict of Interest (COI) information since the most recent disclosure and follow all COI policies."

Clinical Standards Committee Roll Call | Attended ☒ | Did Not Attend ☐

Co-Chair	Joseph Taylor, MD, PhD	<input type="checkbox"/>	Co-Chair	Saydra Wilson, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Member	Scott Aaronson, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member	Rebecca Allen, MD, MPH	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member	Tracy Barbour, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member	Daniel Blumberger, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Member	Suneel Chamoli, MBBS, MD, FRANZCP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Member	Pilar Cristancho, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Member	Andrew Kozel, MD, MSCR, DFAPA, FCTMSS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Member	Dino Santoro, MD	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member	Subha Subraminian, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member	Rick Trautner, MD, FCTMSS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Voting Member	Linday Oberman, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
President	Joshua Brown, MD, PhD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vice President	Tracy Barbour, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Guests & Staff: None

I. Dr. Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm (ET)

II. Review April meeting minutes

Quorum not met. Tabled to August meeting.
The Committee members introduced themselves.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Statement of concern with respect to MeRT and autism

Approved by the Board of Directors and has been posted on the website.

B. Committee Goals

The Committee reviewed and discussed the new goals for this year.

- Create guidelines for repeat MT's.
 - A full text data extraction will be completed soon and work will begin on a draft manuscript.
- Consider treatment extension review of literature.
 - Dr. Barbour to deliver a draft by the next meeting.

- Develop a procedure for rapid communication between the Clinical Standards and Insurance Committees.
 - The co-chairs of each committee will communicate between meetings to rapidly develop supporting statements for insurance-related advocacy.
- Follow up on the TMS pregnancy registry and consider a statement.
 - The intention is to look at the data to see if there has been enough change to draft a statement to suggest that TMS should be offered for perinatal depression.
 - Need to contact Martha Koo (registry lead) for an update of where the registry stands now and find out if results have been published.
 - Pilar Cristancho volunteered to lead.

ACTION- Saydra Wilson will give Martha Koo's contact information to Pilar Cristancho.

- Evaluate TMS evidence for bipolar depression and consider a statement.
 - Explore the feasibility of a society statement based on available safety and efficacy data.
 - Discussion highlighted the lack of published RCTs, misclassification in clinical practice, and unpublished data from device manufacturers.
 - The Committee discussed contacting Neuronetics and Brainsway to gather data about efficacy in bipolar depression, suspecting that there is reasonable evidence to support a statement of coverage from the Society.

ACTION- Scott Aaronson and Lindsay Oberman volunteered to contact Neuronetics, Brainsway, and other industry partners.

- Evaluate TMS evidence after ECT non-response and consider a statement.
 - The Committee discussed enlisting the help of a librarian for a rapid review of the literature.
 - Idea raised to also consider patients intolerant to ECT, not just non-responders.
 - Mention of treatment effectiveness and cost-effectiveness analysis supporting TMS before ECT.

- Subah Subramanian volunteered to help with the project.

ACTION- Subah Subramanian will begin compiling data on TMS response following ECT non-response and explore collaboration with a librarian for a rapid review of the literature.

ACTION- Daniel Blumberger to share cost-effectiveness study.

- Revisit statement policies and processes.
 - All Committee members are expected to review and become familiar with the Society's statement procedures prior to the next meeting. During review, they should assess whether any relevant scenarios are not adequately addressed by the current procedures or if any aspects of the procedures are unclear or ambiguous.

ACTION- See page 11-13: [Policy and Procedures](#)

IV. New Business

No new business.

V. Committee Projects and Informational Items

A. **Supportive statement on the evidence for TMS compared to other augmentation or switch strategies in treatment-resistant depression**
No report.

B. **Recommendations for ratings scales (Partnering with Research Committee)**
No report.

C. **Review of Literature on treatment extension**
See 2025-2026 goal discussion.

D. **Explore guidelines for repeat MT's based on a literature review**
See 2025-2026 goal discussion.

E. **Ad-hoc Committee for Brain Stimulation Subspecialty Certification**
No report.



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F. Device Clearance Table Review

No report.

VI. Adjourn Meeting at 3:00pm (ET)

VII. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 14, 2025 @ 2pm ET / 1pm CT / 12pm MT / 11am PT / 7pm BST and Friday, August 15, 2025 @ 4am AEST

2025-2026 Committee Goals:

- Create guidelines for repeat MT's. *In progress*
 - Consider treatment extension review of literature. *In progress*
 - Develop a procedure for rapid communication between Clinical Standards and Insurance Committees. *In progress*
 - Follow up on the TMS pregnancy registry and consider a statement. *In progress*
 - Evaluate TMS evidence for bipolar depression and consider a statement. *In progress*
 - Evaluate TMS evidence after ECT non-response and consider a statement. *In progress*
 - Revisit statement policies and processes. *In progress*
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