

Trauma Prevention Coalition

Member Organizations

American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) - Since its inception the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma has worked to further the study and practice of traumatic surgery in its various departments, in the United States and Canada. It serves as the premier scholarly organization for surgeons dedicated to the field of trauma and the care of critically ill surgical patients. Today, the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, is the premier academic trauma surgery organization in the United States and has approximately 1,200 members from 30 countries. The Association publishes the Journal of Trauma and holds annual scientific meetings designed to exchange knowledge pertaining to current research practice and training in the surgery of trauma and support research studies to investigate new methods of preventing, correcting and treating traumatic injuries.

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) - The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons is the professional organization of orthopaedists, the medical doctors who specialize in bones, muscles, and joints. An orthopaedic surgeon is a medical doctor with extensive training in the diagnosis and non-surgical as well as surgical treatment of the musculoskeletal system. The Academy is the authoritative sources of orthopaedic information for patients and the general public on musculoskeletal conditions, treatments and related issues.

American College of Surgeons - Committee on Trauma (ACS-COT) - The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and improve the quality of care for surgical patients. Since 1922, when it formed a Committee on Fractures, the American College of Surgeons (ACS) has waged a continuous effort to improve care of injured patients. Today trauma activities are administered through our 83-member Committee on Trauma (COT), overseeing a field force of more than 3,500 Fellows working to develop and implement meaningful programs for trauma care in local, regional, national, and international arenas. The COT strives to improve the care of injured patients before, during, and after hospitalization. Our trauma-related activities—aimed at education, advocacy, professional development, standards of care, and assessment of outcomes—are disseminated through a variety of programs and subcommittees. Examples include ATLS®, TQIP®, trauma systems consultation, and trauma center verification.

American Trauma Society (ATS) - The American Trauma Society is dedicated to the elimination of needless death and disability from injury. For over 45 years, ATS has served as an advocate for the trauma care system, trauma prevention programs, and the victims of trauma and their families throughout the United States. Our goals are to prevent injury whenever possible, and to ensure optimal treatment of trauma when it does occur. Excellent trauma care relies on an optimally functioning trauma system. It requires a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to the care of the victim. The ATS provides critical information on trauma to its members, to policy makers, and to the public, all while supporting the needs of families. It is a strong supporter of injury prevention, creating and producing programs in an effort to reduce the impact of morbidity and mortality on our nation.

Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST) - The Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma provides a forum for the exchange of knowledge to advance the care and rehabilitation of the injured patient. EAST places particular emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration, scholarship, fellowship and developing leadership among young surgeons active in the care of the injured patient. EAST has more than 1800 members who meet yearly at a four-day conference at which scientific papers are presented and advances in the field are discussed. EAST also has established lectureships, scholarships and a foundation to promote, reward, and recognize individuals working in the field of injury and injury control.

Injury Free Coalition for Kids - The Injury Free Coalition for Kids is comprised of hospital-based, community-oriented programs, whose efforts are anchored in research, education, and advocacy. Currently, the coalition includes 42 sites located in 40 cities, each housed in the trauma centers of their participating institutions. All of the sites are independent, physician-led programs driven by the Coalition's mission: preventing injury to children. While research determines where the injuries take place and which ones most prevalent and severe, most of the injuries addressed occur in urban environments, and Coalition members work to empower the diverse populations who live there. They do so by helping people to make their communities safer and they do it in a manner that is respectful of various cultures, beliefs, and lifestyles. Individual programs and interventions are as varied as the communities they serve. Hence, no two sites are the same.



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Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA) - The Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA) is the premier not-for-profit organization for orthopaedic surgeons specializing in trauma. The OTA is dedicated to the discovery and dissemination of knowledge and information regarding the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of musculoskeletal injuries. The OTA promotes excellence in care for the injured patient, through provision of scientific forums and support of musculoskeletal research and education of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the public.

Panamerican Trauma Society (PTS) - The Pan American Trauma Society (SPT) is the lead organization for the advancement of trauma care systems in the Americas. Headquartered at the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Medical Center in Richmond, VA, the society seeks to improve trauma care by enhancing trauma systems, educating health care personnel, and emphasizing injury and violence prevention. Founded in Bogota in 1986, the Panamerican Trauma Society seeks to encourage the exchange of knowledge and information between and among physicians, nurses, pre-hospital providers, and other health care personnel who take care of injured patients in North, Central, and South America.

Pediatric Trauma Society (PTS) - The Pediatric Trauma Society is a professional organization for all health-care providers interested in improving outcomes for injured children through development of optimal care guidelines, education, research and advocacy. PTS is the product of the collaborative vision of many pediatric trauma healthcare providers from around the world. Filling a void, PTS is working toward becoming the resource for both pediatric and adult trauma care providers to improve pediatric trauma care regardless of where injured children are cared for.

Safe States Alliance - The Safe States Alliance is a national non-profit organization and professional association whose mission is to strengthen the practice of injury and violence prevention. Formed in 1993, the Safe States Alliance is a national non-profit organization comprised of public health injury and violence prevention professionals representing all U.S. states and territories. Safe States works to increase awareness of injury and violence throughout the lifespan as a public health problem, enhance the capacity of public health agencies and their partners to ensure effective injury and violence prevention programs by disseminating best practices, setting standards for surveillance, and provide educational opportunities, training, and professional development for those within the injury and violence prevention field.

Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) - The Society of Trauma Nurses is a membership-based, non-profit organization whose members represent trauma nurses from around the world. Members are nurses involved in trauma care in clinical, administrative, research and educational roles. As a professional nonprofit organization our mission is to ensure optimal trauma care to all people locally, regionally, nationally and globally through initiatives focused on trauma nurses related to prevention, education and collaboration with other healthcare disciplines. The Society of Trauma Nurses provides educational programs, mentoring, interest groups, prevention resources, outreach and services to its membership to assist trauma nurses in performance improvement and professional development.

ThinkFirst - The ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation's evidence based programs help people learn to reduce their risk for injury. The ThinkFirst Foundation provides chapter training to injury prevention coordinators and educators at hospitals and other health-related facilities. Chapters provide presentations to schools and community events, teaching students of all ages about the brain and spinal cord and the importance of making safe choices to prevent traumatic injury. Health care presenters and ThinkFirst VIP speakers, who have sustained a brain or spinal cord injury, present general injury prevention programs and topic-specific programs, such as concussion awareness, traffic safety, bicycle helmet use.

Trauma Center Association of America (TCAA) - The Trauma Center Association of America is a non-profit trade association dedicated to securing the economic viability of trauma centers and systems across the country. The Association's mission is to foster the development of a national system of trauma care so that access to excellent care for the seriously injured is assured. We are the voice for trauma centers on Capitol Hill and across the country. TCAA is the premier source for trauma center information. Members receive individualized advice from the nation's most experienced consultants in trauma center operations, finance, and trauma systems. TCAA houses an extensive data warehouse to support the fiscal viability and operational sustainability of America's trauma centers

