

Call for Exemplar Innovations Presentations & Best Practice Posters

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The Trauma Center Association of America invites you to submit an "Exemplar Innovation" or a "Best Practice" for presentation at the 18th Annual Trauma Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Submissions are now being accepted by the Education Committee for review.

Definition: An Exemplar Innovation Presentation or a Best Practice Poster is an ideal model or successful initiative worthy of imitation that is unique to your Trauma Center and highlights your program. It does not have to be a scientific abstract or be evidence-based, but if you have any supporting evidence, we encourage you to include it..

Exemplar Innovation Deadline: April 15, 2015
Best Practice Poster Deadline: July 1, 2015

Exemplar Innovations, if accepted, will present your ideal model as part of our annual meeting. Best Practice Posters, if accepted, will be presented during the Poster Reception and included in the Annual Meeting Syllabus.

Suggested Categories (but not limited to):

- Finance
- Operations
- Injury Prevention
- Performance Improvement
- System Development
- Education
- Disaster Preparedness
- Outreach

Instructions for Exemplar Innovation Submissions: As always, it is important that all instructions be followed in order to qualify for review by the Education Committee. If you have difficulties submitting your information, you may email it to: Ann Bellows (TCAA) at Ann@TraumaCenters.org. For any other questions please call the TCAA office at 575-525-9511.

Submit
yours
today!

- ♦ *Washington wrap-Up*
- ♦ *TCAA Lobby Day*
- ♦ *TCAA Comments on Hospital Payment Improvement Act*
- ♦ *New Chapter for Trauma Center Finance Resource Manual*
- ♦ *New Board Member: Mary Ellen Zimmerman*
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Washington Wrap-Up

TCAA Applauds Subcommittee's Passage of Trauma
Reauthorization Bills

TCAA congratulates the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee on its action to approve "The Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act (HR 648)" and "The Access to Life-Saving Trauma Care for All



Americans Act" (HR 647) for full committee consideration."

"The Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act" would among other provisions, reauthorize the Trauma and Emergency Care Systems Grants through 2020. These programs are essential to ensure the coordination of trauma care delivery among trauma centers, ambulances, helicopters, state and local governments as well as implement and evaluate innovative models of regionalized emergency care systems.

"The Access to Life-Saving Trauma Care for All Americans Act" would among other provisions reauthorize the Trauma Care Center Grants and The Trauma Service Availability Grants through 2020. These programs would provide grants to prevent further trauma center closures and address shortfalls in trauma services and improve access to and the availability of trauma care in underserved areas.

These programs are critical to the efficient delivery of services through trauma centers and the highly specialized trauma teams that staff them, as well as to the development of regionalized systems of trauma and emergency care that ensure timely access for injured patients to appropriate facilities.

Thanks to the leadership of Dr. Burgess and Rep. Green and the tremendous efforts of TCAA and the trauma community this vote is the first step in the 114th Congress toward improving trauma care. TCAA and our advocacy partners submitted support letters to the committee in advance of the mark.



TCAA Testifies Before the Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee (C-SPAN)

The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, held a hearing on January 27th to review six bipartisan bills to secure access to trauma systems, help veterans, address the prescription drug abuse crisis, and improve the Controlled Substances Act.



Dr. Blaine Anderson, TCAA Chairman, testified on behalf of TCAA and our advocacy partners. He began his testimony by reading out loud the names of the entire trauma and emergency care coalition. Dr. Anderson expressed support for "The Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act," which passed the House last year. The bill would reauthorize two important grant mechanisms, the Trauma Care Systems Planning Grants Program and the Regionalization of Emergency Care Pilots Planning Grants. Unfortunately, the Senate was unable to pass the bill before the end of the 113th Congress. Thus, it is up to the 114th Congress to take up these important grant programs.

Dr. Anderson also spoke to the importance of passing "The Access to Life-Saving Trauma Care for All Americans Act" (introduction forthcoming) that would reauthorize the Trauma Care Center Grants, The Trauma Service Availability Grants and the Interagency Program for Trauma Research. Dr. Anderson concluded his testimony by calling upon Congress to reauthorize the vital trauma and emergency grant programs to ensure that they will be able to continue. He also expressed gratitude for the committee's continued commitment to trauma and emergency care.

Dr. Anderson was asked a host of questions by committee members ranging from the lack of federal funding has on centers and systems and the significance of the

the need for regionalized systems, the impact "golden hour."

Trauma Lobby Day

Join us in Washington for the Trauma Advocacy Institute and Lobby Day on May 12-13, 2015

Please Register by April 13, 2015

Please join us as TCAA again expands our traditional member lobby day into a broader based trauma advocacy event. Enhancing federal recognition and support for trauma care depends upon a heightened level of awareness of the threats and challenges you face every day and during mass casualty incidents. We need you to join us in carrying our message for trauma in Washington, D.C.!

On Tuesday, May 12, 2015, the Trauma Advocacy Institute will include an educational session. You will gain insights into the health policy landscape, issues particularly affecting trauma, and how best to successfully advocate and raise our collective voices for trauma care. On Wednesday, May 13, 2015 you will meet with your Member of Congress to ask them to protect and enhance patient access to trauma care. For more information please visit the TCAA website at www.traumacenters.org. Registration is available under the events page.



TCAA comments on Hospital Payment Improvements Act

In response to the House Ways and Means Committee's draft "Hospital Payments Improvement Act of 2014," TCAA conveyed support for the "Establishing Beneficiary Equity in the Hospital Readmission Program Act (H.R. 4188)" provision included in the draft. The provision, in part, would amend the Hospital Readmission Reduction Program to exclude admissions related to trauma, transplants, end-stage renal disease (ESRD), burns, psychosis and substance abuse. TCAA believes this provision is an important step in addressing those hospitals that are being unfairly handled in this program, particularly those treating the most complex and vulnerable patients.



Annual Report: New Chapter for the TCAA Trauma Center Finance Resource Manual!

TCAA is pleased to announce the addition of the Annual Reports Chapter to the TCAA Trauma Center Finance Resource Manual. Joanne Lindberg, Trauma Program Manager for Tacoma General Hospital/Multicare Health System, completed this chapter as part of her Fellowship with TCAA. To quote Joanne "Once a year organizations have the chance to summarize their overall accomplishments and business activities and recap their financial results. The report is a great opportunity to share this information with hospital members and your community." We hope you will take advantage of the excellent work Joanne has provided and use the chapter as a guideline to enhance your Annual Report and promote your trauma program to your facility and your community. You can find the complete document at our website under the Resources tab. Remember you will need to be logged in as a member to access the manual. TCAA extends its appreciation to Joanne for all of her work.



TCAA Announces New Board Member: Mary Ellen Zimmermann

Please join the TCAA staff and board in welcoming Mary Ellen Zimmermann to the TCAA Board of Directors. She represents one of two Trauma Program Manager positions on the board.

Ms. Zimmermann started in health care as an EMT Volunteering at a Community Ambulance Corp and began working at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center Emergency Department in Queens, NY right out of school. During those years she became a TNCC instructor, ENPC Instructor, preceptor to new nurses, met her husband and had 5 wonderful children. She became the Trauma Coordinator at Jamaica Hospital in 1999 and started her journey to become active in the trauma community at both the state and national level. She has been NYC representative of the NY State Trauma Advisory Committee for many years and currently is the past president of the NYS Division of the American Trauma Society.

In January 2009, she was offered the Trauma Program Manager position at New York Hospital Queens (NYHQ). Ms. Zimmermann has been an active TCAA member participating in the Education and Advocacy Committee since 2010. She was awarded the opportunity to be one of the 2012 TCAA Fellowship recipients. With the support of the TCAA membership, she was able to complete the initial Acute Care Study which we hope to expand on in the future. This fellowship helped her learn the organizational and business operations of trauma care. Ms. Zimmermann stated "I have met so many people over

the years that have helped, supported, and guided me to be the nurse I am today. I am proud to call many of them not only colleagues but friends. It is truly an honor to be member of the TCAA Board of Directors."



Trauma System Members

Did You Know: The TCAA Website has a Trauma Systems Library?

Under the guidance of Dr. Chris Kaufmann, the TCAA Systems Committee has developed a Trauma Systems Library. The library includes abstracts of studies related to trauma systems, Apps for Trauma, Disasters, and Prevention, and links to resources from other states along with consultation reports. This is for system members only. Remember you will need to sign in to see the Resource page.

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TCAA 2015 Annual Conference

TCAA Announces 2015 Annual Conference Schedule

TCAA Annual Meeting: September 22-23, 2015

Preconference Courses

Injury Prevention Coordinator Course: In collaboration with the American Trauma Society
September 20-21, 2015

Trauma Registry Course: In collaboration with the American Trauma Society
September 20-21, 2015

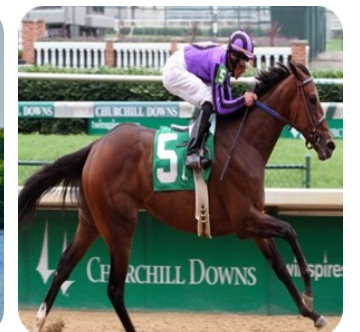
Trauma Finance & Business Course
September 21, 2015

Post Conference Courses

Trauma Center Leadership Course
September 24-25, 2015

Trauma Medical Director Course
September 24-25, 2015

Trauma System Leadership Course
September 26th, 2015



About Louisville

Louisville has been named one of the "Best Places to Travel in 2015" by Travel + Leisure magazine. As the home to three iconic experiences—the Muhammad Ali Center, Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory, and Churchill Downs—Louisville offers an experience that you can't get anywhere else. Named one of the "8 Best Foodie Getaways Around the World" by Zagat, you'll find a large number of farm-to-table restaurants inspired by the area's rich history of bourbon. Savor some of our new southern cuisine with a sip of bourbon along the Urban Bourbon Trail. Louisville also keeps the fun flowing at Fourth Street Live! - downtown entertainment full of restaurants and more!

Trauma Center Members

Did You Know: TCAA is updating the Physician Compensation Study?

TCAA needs your data!

If interested please call the TCAA office at 575-525-9511. Please review the questions prior to completing the study. As always the better the data we receive from you, the more useful the report will be for you. Remember: Your Trauma Center's data is NOT identifiable!

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