

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..

- Requested Categories:
- Team Building:
 - Team Steps in Trauma Resuscitation
 - Safety Time Outs and Debriefings
 - Domestic Violence
 - TBI
 - Management and Guidelines
 - Hypothermia and TBI
 - Injury Prevention
 - Safety Time Outs and Debriefings
 - Innovative Education for Healthcare Providers
 - Mid-level Providers
 - ROI
 - Follow through from ER

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



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.

Call for Exemplars & Best Practice Posters

TCAA Fellowship Awardees

TCAA Annual Conference - Louisville, KY
September 20-26, 2015

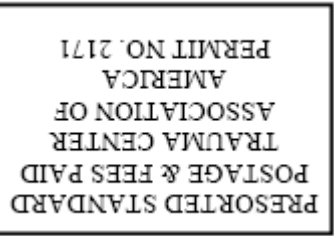
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NEW MEMBERS
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Charlotte, NC
- Mercy Medical Center
Canton, OH
- IU Health Arnett Hospital
Lafayette, IN
- Central Florida Regional Hospital
Sanford, FL
- UHS Wilson Medical Center
Johnson City, NY
- Riverside Community Hospital
Riverside, Ca
- Grandview Medical Center
Dayton, OH
- Blake Medical Center
Bradenton, FL
- Regional Medical Center of San Jose
San Jose, CA
- West Chester Hospital
West Chester, OJ
- St. Joseph Medical Center
Tacoma, WA
- The Regional Medical Center
Orangeburg, SC
- Los Robles Regional Medical Center
Thousand Oaks, CA

Washington Wrap-Up

SGR Cut Goes Into Effect, Uncertainty Remains Until Congress

The House of Representatives passed the bipartisan Medicare Access and CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) Reauthorization Act, or MACRA, by a 392-37 vote. In the very early morning of March 27, after completing votes on the budget resolution, the Senate adjourned for April recess without voting on the SGR repeal legislation. Senate leaders have indicated they plan to vote on permanent repeal when they return from recess on April 13.

The House vote came after years of negotiations to get rid of the much-maligned formula, known as the sustainable growth rate (SGR), in which Medicare physician reimbursements were linked to increases in the gross domestic product; the formula invariably resulted in payment cuts for physicians. The cuts were staved off each time by a series of payment "patches" passed by Congress.

Once they return from recess, the Senate must act quickly to vote on and pass the legislation. If the Senate passes a clean bill, it will be sent directly to the President, who has already expressed his support for the bill and is expected to sign it into law. If the Senate amends the bill in any way, it will need to go back to the House for a final vote before arriving at the President's desk.

A 21% cut in payments under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule went into effect on April 1 due to the inability of Congress to pass legislation before it adjourned for spring recess. But CMS said it will try to ameliorate the impact of the cut on Medicare providers and beneficiaries starting April 1 by holding claims for a short period of time.

This will allow CMS to implement any subsequent Congressional action while minimizing the reprocessing of claims and any associated disruption of cash flow to physicians once pending legislation addressing the 21% cut is passed. Other provisions that expired on April 1 include add-on payments for ambulance services, payments for low-volume hospitals, and payments for Medicare-dependent hospitals. CMS said it will provide information about the next steps it is taking with respect to the SGR on April 11.

Dr. Burgess and Representative Green Spearhead Funding Request Letter

Thanks to the outreach efforts of TCAA members and our advocacy partners we collected 46 congressional signatures (a significant increase from last year) on a Dear Colleague letter spearheaded by Dr. Burgess and Rep. Green requesting funding for all four of the Trauma and Emergency Care Programs. More specifically, the letter calls for Congress to include \$28 million of implementation funding in the FY 2016 Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act. While the total authorized level of funding for all of these programs is \$224 million, given the continuing and very challenging fiscal environment on Capitol Hill, we requested \$28 million level of funding.

The letter signifies to appropriators the importance of these vital programs. As these budgetary process continues, TCAA is focused on solutions to ensure the future reliability and accessibility of trauma care for all Americans. TCAA will be continuing to press both the Congress and the Administration to provide seed funding for its trauma programs.

Trauma Lobby Day: Make a Difference

Trauma Lobby Day: Join us in Washington DC for the Lobby Day on May 13, 2015!

Participate in the Trauma Lobby Day on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 to visit your Members of Congress. It is your opportunity to meet them and ask them to protect and enhance patient access to trauma care.

Be a Part of the Trauma Advocacy Institute in Washington DC on May 12, 2015!

Do you want to be prepared to meet with your legislators at home and in Washington? If so, attend the Trauma Advocacy Institute hosted by TCAA and learn techniques to Advocate for Trauma Centers and Systems. The Trauma Advocacy Institute will include an educational session on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 to gain insights into the health policy landscapes, issues particularly affecting trauma and how to successfully advocate and raise our collective voices for trauma care during Lobby Day.

T.O.P.I.C Course to be held in Conjunction with Lobby Day

The Society of Trauma Nurses will be hosting a "Trauma Outcomes and Performance Improvement Course"(T.O.P.I.C.) on Thursday, May 14, 2015 in Washington, D.C. The focus of the course is the on-going assessment of the continuum of trauma care with a structured review of process and discussions of strategies to monitor trauma patient outcomes. The course is taught in a one day interactive Modular Format.



Knoxville Rotary Trauma Training Team Open New Nursing School with First Ever ATLS and ATCN Training in Central Africa

The Rotary Foundation Vocational Training Team departed Bulawayo, Zimbabwe on Saturday 14th Feb 2015. They successfully completed 3 separate Advanced Trauma Life Support Training Courses for ER nurses and doctors over a two week period. The ATLS and ATCN Courses were chosen to inaugurate the new St Philips Nursing School in Southern Zimbabwe.

Highlights

- ◆ 32 Zimbabwean nurses and 16 doctors underwent intensive Trauma training in the first teaching course to inaugurate the new St Philips Nursing School in Zimbabwe
 - ◆ A Course Director from Zimbabwe and 6 fully accredited Zimbabwean Instructors taught the final ATCN Course
 - ◆ These were the first ATCN Courses ever taught in Africa
 - ◆ This is the first ATLS partnership sponsored by the American College of Surgeons The teaching was funded by a VTT Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation, the World Community Service committee and numerous RCK donors and friends
- The Trauma Teaching team from Knoxville was led by Dr Blaine Enderson of the University of Tennessee Trauma Division, RCK President Dr Roy King and spearheaded by UT Trauma Teaching Specialists Niki Rasnake, RN, Debi Tuggle, RN, and Theresa Day, RN, and partnered by ATLS South Africa Instructors Dr Andrew Baker FCS (Orth) MBChB, FCS (Orth) (ATLS Europe) Dr George Oosthuizen MBChB (Chief of Metropolitan Trauma Services, Pietermaritzburg, Kwa Zulu Natal and President of Trauma Society of South Africa) Dr Liesl Baker MBChB, FCA and Dr Ian Stead. MB ChB, FC(Orth) The team was responsible for teaching the Advanced Trauma Care Nursing (ATCN) course to 32 nurses and the Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS) to 17 doctors from hospitals and clinics from all over Zimbabwe (see page 6)
- From the initial teaching course of 16 nursing trauma students, a total of nine nurses were selected to attend the ATCN Instructor's Course over two days. On completion of the Instructor Course, a Zimbabwean senior Critical Care Nurse, Sr Sue Samboko, was appointed as Trainee Director and she and 6 other new Trainee Instructors taught a monitored final two day ATCN Course training a second class of 15 additional Trauma nurses to achieve full International Accreditation. The Director, Sr Samboko and the five Instructors now are scheduled to teach their first independent ATCN Course to Zimbabweans in June 2015 in the new St Philip's Nursing School.

Trauma Center Members

Did You Know: The TCAA has a Library of Webinars?

The library includes multiple webinars including Coding and Documentation, CMS Payment Policies, and Trauma Center Marketing to name a few. Mark your calendars for our up-coming webinars and if you miss a session, catch it on our website. Remember you will need to sign in to see the Webinar Library page.

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SAVE THE DATE!

TCAA 2015 Annual Meeting

Louisville, KY

September 22-23, 2015

18th Annual Meeting Brochure will be out soon!



Preconference Courses

In collaboration with the American Trauma Society:

Injury Prevention Coordinator Course

September 20-21, 2015

In collaboration with the American Trauma Society:

Trauma Registry Course

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

TCAA Announces Medical Director Course Irving, Texas

Thursday, June 11, 2015 – Friday, June 12, 2015

Course Description:

Medical leadership skills needed in all trauma centers, from Level I - IV, are best gained by sharing the experiences of others. This course is for current and aspiring Trauma Medical Directors who want to learn how to improve operations in their trauma center and exert control over their trauma surgical practices. The Faculty will focus on trauma care and delivering core principles for the leadership and business skills needed to succeed in our turbulent healthcare climate. Participants will act as adjunct faculty and enjoy a collaborative, participative and case-based learning environment. Each participant will leave with readily employable tactics to improve efficiency, fiscal performance and clinical management in their program.

The teaching modality features brief presentations of core principles followed by case discussions. Practical, immediately usable solutions to common problems experienced by all directors of trauma centers will be the outcome of this course. In addition, a compendium of currently used trauma protocols, standardized forms, and institutional policies from participating faculty will be available to participants at the completion of the course.



2015 Fellowship Awardees

The Trauma Finance Fellowship Program is entering its eighth year. The program has successfully completed 14 Fellowships and the publication of our Trauma Center Finance Resource Manual. TCAA is proud to offer members this leadership opportunity to build confidence and knowledge in trauma center finance and operational issues.

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Trauma Operations Manager,
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Trauma Center Members

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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