

TCAA Annual Meeting rescheduled for September 20-26, 2014

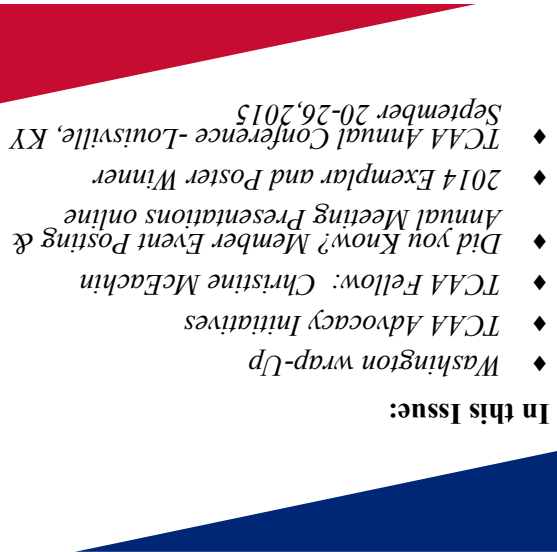
We are pleased to announce the next TCAA Annual Conference will be September 20-26, 2015 in Louisville, Kentucky at the Seelbach Hotel. Stay with us at this premier four-diamond luxury hotel and be close to live entertainment and area attractions.

- ◆ Kentucky’s only Five Diamond Restaurant , The Oakroom
- ◆ The Old Seelbach Bar, voted one of the 50 best bars in the world
- ◆ Inspired F. Scott Fitzgerald to reference the Seelback in The Great Gatsby
- ◆ Located in the heart of downtown, Adjacent to 4<sup>th</sup> Street Live!
- ◆ Walking distance of many attractions such as Museum Row



Did you know TCAA Members can post their Conferences and Events on the TCAA website?

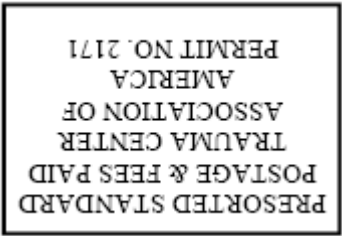
Please visit our Events Calendar by clicking on the TCAA & Member Events plus sign in the bottom right hand corner on the home page. Once on the Events & Community Calendar page, click on the link that says “submit your event here”. Please complete the events form with information pertaining to your event. You may upload the event brochure and a picture of the facility it’s being held at or your organization’s logo. Once it’s submitted we will review, post, and notify all TCAA members.



- ◆ TCAA Annual Conference -Louisville, KY September 20-26,2015
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IN 2014

- Baylor All Saints Medical Center  
Fort Worth, TX
- Marin General Hospital  
Greenbrae, CA
- Kendall Regional Medical Center  
Miami, FL
- Bay Area Medical Center  
Marinette, WI
- Crittendon Hospital  
Rochester, MI
- Jersey City Medical Center  
Jersey City, NJ
- Trinity Hospital  
Minot, ND
- Elkhart General Hospital  
Elkhart, IN
- IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital  
Muncie, IN
- Hartford Hospital  
Hartford, CT
- Natividad Medical Center  
Salinas, CA
- Methodist Hospital  
Gary, IN
- Doctor's Hospital at Renaissance  
Edinburg, TX
- Westchester Medical Center  
Valhalla, NY
- Case Medical Center  
Cleveland, OH
- Sunnyside Community Hospital  
Sunnyside, WA
- Mary Bridge Children's Hospital  
Tacoma, WA
- Swedish-Edmonds Campus  
Edmonds, WA
- MidMichigan Medical Center Midland  
Midland, MI
- St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital  
Newburgh, NY
- Staten Island University Hospital-North  
Staten Island, NY
- Texas Health Harris Methodist-Hurst  
Bedford, TX
- Fairview Park Hospital  
Dublin, GA
- Memorial Hospital, University of Colorado  
Colorado Springs, CO
- Grady Memorial Hospital  
Atlanta, GA
- Sacred Heart Hospital  
Pensacola, FL
- Mount Sinai St. Luke's Hospital  
New York, NY
- North Oaks Medical Center  
Hammond, LA
- Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital  
West Bloomfield, MI
- Lakeview Regional Medical Center  
Covington, LA
- Gwinnett Medical Center  
Lawrenceville, GA
- Carolinas Medical Center—Northeast  
Concord, NC
- Christus St. Vincent Hospital  
Santa Fe, NM
- Brookdale University Hospital Medical Center  
Brooklyn, NY
- Maimonides Medical Center  
Brooklyn, NY
- Cox Health  
Springfield, MO

Washington Wrap-Up

Trauma Program Reauthorization and Funding Efforts in the 114th Congress



TCAA is hard at work on a number of efforts with our Congressional champions and national partner associations to seek reauthorization for the Trauma Care Systems Planning Grants; Regionalization of Emergency Care Pilots; Trauma Care Center and Service Availability Grants.

The Trauma and Emergency Care Systems Grants authorization expires this year and the authorization for the Trauma Care Center and Service Availability Grants expire in 2015. In order

to see any future funding, the programs must be reauthorized so the House and Senate Appropriations Committee can choose to fund the programs during the appropriations process.

Unfortunately, the House approved bill, The Trauma Systems Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act, which would have reauthorized two important grant mechanisms, the Trauma Care Systems Planning Grants and the Regionalization of Emergency Care Systems was blocked by a hold in the Senate. Senator Coburn has made it clear that he will not lift his hold on the bill before the end of the year.

Thus, TCAA is currently working with our congressional champions on how to best proceed in the 114th Congress with all four programs, those that have expired and the programs that expire next year. We will keep TCAA members and our partners abreast of new developments.

We will also be working with our Congressional champions and requesting their support for FY '16 funding. Of course, grassroots lobbying efforts and TCAA's annual legislative fly-in will be important components of our strategy to secure reauthorization and funding in FY '16.




TCAA urges Congress for Trauma Funding as Congress considers \$6.2 billion plan to fight Ebola

U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.), Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee held a Full Committee hearing on the U.S. Government response to the Ebola outbreak on November 12. During the hearing, Senate GOP appropriators were critical of the Obama administration’s response to the Ebola crisis and vowed to closely scrutinize a \$6.2 billion White House request for emergency funding, but lawmakers stopped short of promising to oppose the plan or push for offsets. While the hearing focused on in-person testimony from government witnesses, The Trauma Center Association of America (TCAA) along with our advocacy partners The American Trauma Society (ATS), The America Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) and The Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) submitted testimony for the record.

TCAA, ATS, AAST and STN noted that "without an ongoing commitment to preparing for




these events, and the funding to support training activities, we cannot adequately ensure that our health system is ready for Ebola or any other emergency." Further, TCAA and our advocacy partners requested that Congress and the Administration increase funding for the trauma and emergency programs contained in Sections 1201-4, 1211-32, 1241-46, and 1281-2 of the Public Health Service Act and reauthorization of the Regionalization of Emergency Care Systems Program and the Trauma Systems Grant Program programs by passing S. 2405/H.R. 4080 as part of any appropriations bill considered during the lame duck session.

TCAA will continue its efforts to work strategically with our advocacy partners to ensure adequate funding for our trauma centers and systems. 

# TCAA Advocacy Initiatives

## TCAA signs on to Senate Letter of support for the Critical Care Assessment and Improvement Act of 2014

Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Rob Portman (R-OH) have introduced a Senate companion to the Critical Care Assessment and Improvement Act of 2013, introduced by Congressman Erik Paulsen (R-MN) and Congressman Jim Matheson (D-UT). The introduction of the Critical Care Assessment and Improvement Act of 2014 marks the first time the Senate has taken up consideration of policies to enhance the nation’s critical care systems. The Critical Care Assessment and Improvement Act of 2014 will bolster federal resources and drive improvements for the U.S. critical care delivery system. Among its provisions, the bill calls for an evaluation and assessment of the current critical care medical delivery system, including workforce capacity and resources; the establishment of a Critical Care Working Group at the National Institutes of Health to identify gaps in critical care research and strengthen partnerships to expand cross-cutting collaborative research; and, the authorization of the development of a demonstration program to improve the quality and efficiency of care provided to critically ill patients. 


## IOM Releases Brief Summary on Ebola Workshop

At the request of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Institute of Medicine (IOM), in collaboration with the National Research Council, convened a workshop on November 3, 2014 with key stakeholders and experts to discuss the research priorities that could guide medical and public health practice. Discussions included the degree of transmission and biopersistence of the virus under a range of conditions and on a variety of materials, as well as issues of handling potentially infected materials, decontamination, and the training and personal protective equipment and usage of traditional and nontraditional workers involved in the full spectrum of this response.



The TCAA proudly sits on the IOM Preparedness Forum representing trauma centers and healthcare professionals.

## IOM Releases New Workshop Summary Enabling Rapid and Sustainable Public Health Research During Disasters


The Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Catastrophic Events, in collaboration with the National Institutes of Health, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, hosted a public workshop that examined strategies and diversified partnerships to enable methodologically and ethically sound public health and medical research during future emergencies. Discussions supporting this new infrastructure included considerations of rapid funding mechanisms, data collection methods, rapid institutional review board approval processes, and integration of research into an operational response. 

## Did You Know: the TCAA Annual Meeting Presentations are available online?

The TCAA records their Annual Meeting presentations each year and uploads them to the website as well as the handouts. If you were unable to make it to the 2014 conference, or you would just like to listen to the presentations one more time, then go to the 2014 Annual Conference page on the TCAA Website under Annual Meetings. Don’t forget to sign in as this a member benefit only.

## Dr. Martin Schreiber to represent the TCAA on ACEP “Hospital Acute Care Capabilities Workgroup” funded by ASPR

The TCAA has been invited to participate in an exciting new research project with the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) to form recommendations for increasing the transparency of hospitals’ acute care capabilities. Dr. Martin Schreiber, Professor of Surgery -Oregon Health & Science University, Colonel, United States Army Reserve will serve on the workgroup representing the TCAA. This project is funded through a grant from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)’s Emergency Care Coordination Center (ECCC).

This workgroup will assist in the development of a set of recommendations for hospitals to implement that will convey their acute care capabilities to prehospital workers and to the public. The goal of the project will be to improve transparency of facilities’ capabilities so that the appropriate level of care can be delivered quickly, efficiently, and accurately. This will include development of an acutecare classification system to 1) allow for informed patient decisions, 2) improve prehospital destination protocols, 3) ease referrals to the emergency department by primary care practitioners, and 4) improve responses to disasters and public health emergencies. 

## 2014 Exemplar Presentations


Five Exemplar Innovations were presented at the 2014 TCAA Annual Meeting. An Exemplar Innovation is an ideal model or successful initiative worthy of imitation that is unique to a Trauma Center and highlights their program. We would like to thank our five Exemplar winners for sharing their programs with our members. For more information regarding the Exemplars please go to the TCAA Website to View the Videos of these presentations: Video Link

- Helen Arbogast, Children’s Hospital LA, *Pediatric Injury Prevention Scholars*
- Gina Berg, Wesley Medical Center, *Hospital Finance 101: It’s a Game!*
- Nakia Rapier, Baylor University Medical Center, *Hash Tagging for Patient Health at a Level I Trauma Center*
- Jerre Hinds, Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, *Bedside Trach and Peg on the Patient’s Television*
- Lee Ann Wurster, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, *A Collaborative Initiation Between Nurses in the ED and PICU at a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center*

## 2014 TCAA Fellow: Chris McEachin



My name is Chris McEachin, BSN, MBA, Paramedic/IC and I am the Trauma Program manager at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, a Level II-Adult American College of Surgeons (ACS) verified trauma center. We are located in suburban south-eastern Michigan and are part of the Henry Ford Health System. I was fortunate to be selected as one of the Trauma Center Association of America (TCAA) Finance Fellows for 2014. I had the opportunity to spend 10 days with the welcoming TCAA staff, learning the various facets of the organization. While working with Jennifer and her team I was able to formulate an idea for my self-directed project.

Criterion for impatient admission grows more stringent every year. In our organization I have noted an increase of observational placements for less severely injured patients over the past several years. In particular the trend appears to be in patients with mild traumatic brain injury, rib fractures and isolated extremity fractures. In the not so distant past, these patients qualified for an inpatient admission even if it was only for one to two days. The focus of my project is to better quantify the increased incidence of trauma observation patients in an effort to evaluate the financial impact to trauma centers. In conjunction with the impact evaluation I would like to develop recommendations to assist other trauma centers to combat the loss of revenue associated with observation reimbursement. 

## Congratulations to the 2014 TCAA Poster Winners

### Best Poster and Best Practice Winner

PAL Summer Camp: Trauma Centers and Law Enforcement Collaboration



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