



TO: Trauma Program Managers/Coordinators and Trauma Program Medical Directors at PTSF Accredited Trauma Centers and Hospitals Pursuing Trauma Accreditation

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SUBJECT: 1. PTOS Outcomes Central Site Data distribution through mid-February 2021  
2. Standards Compliance Pandemic Considerations

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## 1. PTOS AND OUTCOMES CENTRAL SITE DATA DISTRIBUTION THROUGH MID-FEBRUARY 2021

Since 1986 PTSF has been a source of valuable high-quality data for the purpose of conducting research and advancing the science of trauma care. As many of you can appreciate, the protection of data continues to be of utmost importance to PTSF. As part of this commitment, PTSF is engaging in a review of its current practices of data dissemination and recommended best practices for the future. The timeline for this analysis is projected to be approximately 8 weeks in duration. During this time, certain PTOS data elements will not be available for distribution

Once this analysis is completed and approved by the PTSF Board of Directors, all trauma centers and hospitals pursuing trauma center accreditation will be notified if any changes would impact data distribution.

Thank you for your attention and patience as we continue our commitment to protecting the privacy and security of data in the PTOS and Outcomes Central Site databases.

## 2. PANDEMIC STANDARDS COMPLIANCE CONSIDERATIONS

As COVID cases continue to escalate, all of Pennsylvania's hospitals are making difficult decisions regarding how to maintain hospital capacity and deliver quality care amid bed and staffing shortages. We remind all our trauma centers and hospitals pursuing accreditation that a document was developed and distributed earlier this year that emphasizes that patient needs are paramount, and allowances will be made during this global pandemic. As stated in the [DOCUMENT](#):

*"PTSF supports hospitals diverting resources and altering operations to provide safe care. The temporary emergency operation situations will be acknowledged and considered when evaluating hospital/trauma center functions during this time."*

Thank you for all you are doing on the frontlines in delivering quality patient care during this challenging time.