

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

March 27, 2018

The following communication highlights recent activity from the PTSF Board of Directors meeting on March 2nd as well as the Trauma Program Leadership Forum on March 13th. PTSF and the Board of Directors wish to thank each trauma center—and trauma care provider—for their ongoing commitment to the care of injured patients. You advance our mission and vision each and every day! If you have questions related to the content of this update, please contact [Juliet Altenburg](#), MSN, RN—Executive Director.

PTSF SEEKS QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN OUR TEAM

[Director of Data Quality & Analytics:](#) key responsibilities will include the management of PTSF data registry and performance improvement staff, support of PTSF Research activities including the PTSF Research Committee and assuring appropriate development and use of technology by trauma centers and PTSF office staff.

[Manager of Accreditation:](#) key responsibilities will include working with the Director of Accreditation on all facets of the site survey and trauma center accreditation process.

Interested? Please submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae/resume to [Kevin Burd](#). For further information go to www.ptsf.org to find complete job descriptions for each position.

If you would like to advertise open positions in trauma for your hospital/health system on the PTSF website, please contact [Linda Stamey](#) for more details.

PTSF BOARD TERM EXPIRATIONS

At the end of 2018, the following board member's terms will expire. According to PTSF policy, the organizations these board members represent will have the opportunity to submit several candidates to the PTSF Nominating Committee for consideration. The Nominating Committee presents the slate to the Board of Directors for final approval. Board terms are for three (3) years; board members can serve up to three consecutive, three-year terms.

Nominating Organization

Board Member

Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP)

James Burke, MBA, FACHE
 Chief Executive Officer, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children
 Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center
 Philadelphia County, Pa.

Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP)

Douglas Trostle, MD, MBA, FACS
 Chairman of Surgery, Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital
 Level 2 Adult Trauma Center
 Bradford County, Pa.

Pennsylvania Medical Society (PaMED)

William Hoff, MD, FACS
 Department of Surgery, St. Luke's University Health Network
 Level 1 Adult Trauma Center
 Northampton County, Pa.

Pennsylvania Trauma Nurse Advisory Council (PATNAC)

Michelle Fontana, MSN, RN
 Trauma Program Manager, UPMC Mercy
 Level 1 Adult Trauma Center
 Allegheny County, Pa.

BOARD ACTIONS & APPROVALS

The following actions were approved during the March board meeting. These items were highlighted during the Trauma Program Leadership Forum, including:

Trauma Center Fees

- For 2018, trauma centers will be required to pay for additional Advantage Server™ and Registry Anywhere™ licenses. Affected trauma centers were individually notified.
- The PAv5 Outcomes Report Cost Sharing Proposal was approved. This proposal will serve to create standardized v5 Outcomes software reports.

Revised—PTOS Data Application

The newly approved PTOS Data Application and Agreement is posted to the PTSF website. A check box was added to indicate a request for services by PTSF's contracted researcher, Tom Wasser, PhD. PTSF will cover the cost of analysis for studies utilizing PTOS data from more than one hospital that will have system-wide implications. Trauma centers can also contract for Dr. Wasser's research services through PTSF though fees are associated with these requests.

Reminder—Research Request For Proposals

Two Research Request for Proposals (RFPs) are posted to the Research Tab on the PTSF website. The RFPs are also featured on the homepage's scrolling billboard. The deadline for submission of each application is **April 2, 2018**. Contact [Juliet Altenburg](#) for more information. This initiative is being coordinated by the PTSF Research Committee based on the PTSF Strategic Plan.

2018-2020 Strategic Plan

The final, board approved [Strategic Plan](#) is posted to the PTSF website under the "Resources" and "Administrative/Board" areas.

Conflicts of Interest

Letters will be sent regarding approved board conflicts for each hospital regardless of whether that hospital is being surveyed. Letters will be sent to Trauma Program Managers no later than **April 30, 2018**. Please notify [Kevin Burd](#) immediately if the status of any conflicts change with board members and/or their hospitals and health systems.

PTSF STAFF & OFFICE UPDATE

As part of an internal, administrative review of job descriptions and job duties in 2017, the following title changes were effective January 1, 2018.

- Dor Adams—Finance Specialist
- Dave Bradley—Manager of Trauma Center Development
- Lyndsey Diehl—Manager of Data Quality
- Terry Snavely—Manager of Performance Improvement

January 17, 2018—a statewide email communication was deployed highlighting these changes.



STATEWIDE PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP

The Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation has partnered with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) to support the work of Pennsylvania trauma centers in providing all PSP members Stop the Bleed training. This training initiative is being provided to over 4200 state troopers across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to save their life and the lives of others in the event of a traumatic injury. The 90-minute training combines a lecture format with hands on training in bleeding control techniques. Upon completion of the training, each Trained PSP member will receive a free Combat Application Tourniquet (CAT) that can be carried on their person. The tourniquets are being provided through a grant funded by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) to the Pennsylvania State Police at no cost to the Commonwealth.

PTSF released a statewide press release announcing this effort among the Commonwealth's trauma centers on March 6, 2018. The release is posted to the news section of the PTSF website. Accredited trauma program staff were notified in a statewide emailed deployed on the same date.

We wish to thank all the trauma centers involved in this effort in addition to members of the PTSF Injury Prevention Committee who have spent countless hours in assuring the process for education is streamlined and standardized.

Additional information is posted to the Injury Prevention Community on the PTSF website.

SITE SURVEY & ACCREDITATION UPDATE

The 2018 Site Survey season is under way! Watch for email communications from PTSF staff related to logistics. Remember to review the Site Survey Guidebook—it's posted to the website. There is both required information, and helpful hints for your site survey. Additionally, screen shots from the surveyor's software are available on the Digital Innovations, Inc. (DI) web portal under the "Support Tab."

Finally, PTSF staff are already looking ahead to schedule site visits in 2019. "Save the Date" notices are complete and will be emailed to Trauma Program Managers in April 2018. If you anticipate a 2019 survey and have not been contacted by PTSF staff, please contact [Amy Krichten](#) at your earliest convenience.

2018 Accreditation Schedule

- July 19-20, 2018—Board Deliberations, Level 1 and 2 Trauma Centers
- September 21, 2018—Board Deliberations, Level 3 and 4 Trauma Centers

2016 PTSF ANNUAL REPORT

The [2016 Annual Report](#) digital edition is posted to the PTSF website. The digital edition provides functionality including allowing you to download individual pages as PDF documents.

TECHNOLOGY & TRAUMA REGISTRY UPDATE

The 2018 Cv4 COLLECTOR™ Updates is available and ready for installation. Many trauma centers have installed the software update; however, if you have not yet done so, contact Digital Innovations, Inc. to schedule your installation.

The 2018 versions of the “PTOS Manual” and “NTDS Data Dictionary” were updated and posted to the PTSF website. Additional resources are also posted for your convenience. If you have trauma registry questions, please use RegistryQuestions@ptsf.org to contact staff. Be aware, the ICD10Questions@ptsf.org email account is closed. Use the new email address for ALL trauma registry questions.

Finally, Trauma Registry staff are looking for PA registrars willing to share best practices at the Fall Conference. Presentations can be 15-minutes or more; if interested, contact [Lyndsey Diehl](#).

PTSF LAUNCHES ELEARNING SITE

PTSF is excited to provide PA trauma centers with the first educational courses on the Learning Management System! Additional courses will be launched this year; a statewide email was sent on March 23, 2018 containing links to register for courses. Course are *free-of-charge* to PA trauma program staff.

If you have questions, or for further information, please contact [Lyndsey Diehl](#). To date, the course library includes:

PI Building Blocks Webinar*—Understanding of basic performance improvement principles and building blocks that can be applied consistently to achieve thorough trauma program review. To register, [CLICK HERE](#).

**This continuing nursing activity was approved by the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. One contact hour is available for this activity.*

TOIP Basics Webinar—Review traditional trauma QA outcomes measures and the connection to the Pennsylvania TOIP Collaborative. To register, [CLICK HERE](#).

Trauma Registry Orientation—Understanding of basic trauma registry principles and practices. Designed for new trauma registrars at both pursuing and accredited institutions. To register, [CLICK HERE](#).

TRAUMA REGISTRY COMMITTEE UPDATE

DR. SIMON LAMPARD, MD, FACS—COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
LYNDEY DIEHL—PTSF STAFF LIAISON

During the March PTSF board meeting, the Trauma Registry Committee made a recommendation for board approval. The following recommendation was approved and will be effective January 1, 2019:

- Date/Time Administratively Discharged from ED
 - Revised to align with the NTDB's "ED Discharge Date/Time" elements.
 - The date/time the order was written for the patient to be discharged from the ED.

STANDARDS OF ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

MICHELLE FONTANA, MSN, RN—COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN; DR. CHARLES BARBERA, MD, MBA FACEP, FAAEM—CO-CHAIRMAN
AMY KRICHTEN—PTSF STAFF LIAISON

During the March PTSF board meeting, the Standards of Accreditation Committee made several recommendations for board approval. The following recommendations were approved:

1. Standard 1—Commitment:

- a. To the highest level of alert criteria—added "Penetrating Injury to the Head."
 - i. This was in previous Standard editions and was deleted in error.
- b. To the criteria for alert that should be considered at some level—added:
 - i. Anticoagulants or Bleeding Disorders.
 - ii. Partial or Full Thickness Burns $\geq 20\%$ TBSA (if not a designated Burn Center).

Reminder: This second category of alert criteria is "to be considered at some level," and not required. Centers are expected to evaluate these recommendations and be able to support their decisions to include or exclude criteria.

2. Standard 3—TPMD:

- a. Update to the TPMD Fellowship requirement for Level 3 trauma centers.
 - i. Level 3: Fellowship is preferred. However, in lieu of the Fellowship, a variance may be submitted. Included in the variance are five additional requirements.

3. Standard 6—PIPS:

- a. A new statement about confidentiality of POPIMS/PAv5 Central Site, PA TQIP Collaborative and PTOS data was added.

4. Standard 10—Physicians (#8 ICU Attending/Critical Care Intensivists):

- a. Edits were made to clarify that a Level 1 must be surgically directed, level 2 and level 3 may be co-directed. For Level 1 and 2, the director (or co-director) must be board certified/board eligible in Surgical Critical Care.
- b. For Level 3 trauma centers, board certification/board eligibility is not required.

Reminder: These expectations are NOT new, just a rewording to clarify.

5. Standard 11—Advanced Practitioners (AP):

- a. In response to the ACS amending the Orange Book and AP ATLS requirements, the PTSF is changing the standard for ATLS for APs functioning as a member of the trauma team caring for trauma activation patients.
 - i. APs that function as a member of the team caring for trauma activation patients via assessment or interventions must:
 1. Maintain ATLS:
 - a. This includes Emergency Medicine and Trauma/Surgery APs responding to activations.
 - b. This excludes: Neurosurgery, Orthopedic Surgery and other AP Consulting Services. This also excludes Emergency Medicine APs solely working in the main Emergency Department and/or FastTrack area who do not respond to trauma activations.
- b. The requirement of ATLS certification for any AP (regardless of specialty) who responds as a First Responder to the ICU remains in place.
 - i. This includes General Surgery/Trauma, Orthopedics, Neurosurgery, etc.

6. Standard 13—Nursing:

- a. PATNAC provided recommendations to the Standards Committee:
 - i. Pa TNCC curriculum evaluation continues.
 - ii. Advanced Certifications and Courses revision recommendations:
 1. As a reminder, these courses must be continually maintained and do not count as a 'once-and-done' opportunity.
 - a. As this Standard elevates expectations, the Board elected to extend the compliance timeline (longer than the minimum 9-months) to January 1, 2020.
 2. Eligible courses include ATCN and TNCC.
 3. Courses that were eliminated include ENPC, PHTLS, AANN and AACN.
 4. PA will host a TCRN Preparatory and Train-The-Trainer course in June 2018; details to follow in the coming weeks.

OUTCOMES COMMITTEE UPDATE

DR. DENISE TORRES, MD, FACS—COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
TERRY SNAVELY—PTSF STAFF LIAISON

The Outcomes Committee is the "oversight committee" and steering committee for current performance improvement and outcome activities. PIPS and Outcomes Committees, along with the Pa-TQIP Collaborative work in collaboration with one another.

PIPS COMMITTEE UPDATE

SANDI GARRETT, MSN, RN—COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN; DR. DENISE TORRES, MD, FACS—VICE CHAIRMAN
TERRY SNAVELY—PTSF STAFF LIAISON

The following information outlines the status of the v5 Outcomes Software initiative whereby PAV5 Outcomes Software will replace POPIMS:

1. PAv5 Installation
 - a. Began November 2017. To date, 30 trauma centers completed software installation.
2. PAv5 Training
 - a. Live webinar training sessions continue (approx. 1.5 hours).
 - b. Monthly webinar sessions are posted to the PTSF website calendar, click on the event to find the registration link; you must register for each event.
 - i. Upcoming sessions scheduled on April 18, May 16, June 13 and July 18
 - c. Recorded Training Session(s)
 - i. Two recorded training sessions on PAV5 Outcomes software were posted to the DI Web Portal, PTSF Support page in December 2017.
 - d. Training Videos
 - i. PAV5 Outcomes Registry & PAV5 Outcomes Template Letters
 - e. Hands-On, DI classroom instruction/demonstration:
 - i. October 15, 2018 PTSF Fall Conference, pre-conference session designed to support all transitioning trauma centers.

PA-TQIP COLLABORATIVE UPDATE

FORREST FERNANDEZ, MD, FACS; DENISE TORRES, MD, FACS; DONNA TITUS, MSN, RN, CEN—COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN
TERRY SNAVELY & LYNDSY DIEHL—PTSF STAFF LIAISONS

1. Future meetings in 2018:
 - a. June 19, 2018—in conjunction with the PTSF “Spring Mini-Conference.” Registration will be posted to the PTSF website.
 - b. October 15, 2018—in conjunction with the PTSF Fall Conference & Meeting. Registration will be posted to the PTSF website.
 - c. November 16-19, 2018—TQIP Annual Scientific Meeting, Anaheim California. PA-TQIP Collaborative meeting details/location (TBD).
2. Documents: Posted to PTSF website (Resources/Performance Improvement); approved by the Standards Committee.
3. PA-TQIP Meeting Confidentiality Policy & Agreement
 - a. Signed and submitted annually from each participant.
4. Publications Policy
 - a. This new policy sets guidelines for how an individual trauma center needs to conduct itself with respect to the use of PI/TQIP data within research studies and publications in order to ensure:
 - i. Proper use of the data,
 - ii. Confidentiality of the data, and
 - iii. Appropriate recognition of intellectual contributions by other trauma centers.

FALL CONFERENCE CALL FOR SPEAKERS & SAVE THE DATE

The deadline to submit [Call for Speakers](#) and [Call for Posters](#) forms is **Tuesday, March 27, 2018**. Please submit forms to kburd@ptsf.org.

SPRING MINI-CONFERENCE

June 19-20, 2018—PTSF will host a day of committee/workgroup meetings as well as STN's TCRN Preparatory and Train-The-Trainer course. There is no charge for the "meetings," though registration is required.

PTSF is offering a significant discount to train Pennsylvania nurses!

The cost for the 12-hour, TCRN Preparatory and Train-The-Trainer course is \$450 for out-of-state attendees and for PA-nurses in an accredited trauma center or hospital pursuing accreditation **\$250**. This is the first time that the "trainer" course will be offered on the east coast, so register early; a hotel room block has been added. A statewide communication will go out once registration is live for this event.

The two-day conference schedule includes:

- Tuesday, June 19th
 - PATNAC Meeting
 - Level 4 Trauma Workgroup
 - PA-TQIP Collaborative
 - Trauma Program Leadership Forum
 - TCRN (part 1, 4-hour evening course)

- Wednesday, June 20, 2018
 - TCRN (part 2, 8-hour course)

TRAUMA PROGRAM LEADERSHIP FORUM

The Trauma Program Leadership Forum (TPLF) is held in conjunction with the Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP). If you have information that you would like added to a meeting agenda, contact kburd@ptsf.org at least two-weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date(s):

- June 19, 2018—in-person, in conjunction with PA-TQIP Collaborative.
- October, 17, 2018—in-person, in conjunction with PTSF Fall Conference.
- December—*tentative webinar based upon PTSF board action item(s)*.

TRAUMA PROGRAM STAFF HONORED AT ATS, PA DIVISION CONFERENCE

March 14, 2018—the Annual ATSPA Awards Recognition dinner was held in conjunction with the Spring Conference.

“Fostering Resiliency in the Trauma Community” was the theme for this 32nd Annual event. Awards were presented by Michael Reihart, DO, FACEP, President, ATSPA Board of Directors. Several staff from the Commonwealth’s trauma centers were honored including:

[Trauma Prevention Recognition Award](#)

Presented to Mindy Stohon, BS
Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center

[Trauma Prevention Recognition Award](#)

Presented to Allegheny Health Network
“Stop the Bleed” Trainers
Allegheny General Hospital & Forbes Hospital

[Barbara Esposito Excellence in Trauma Nursing Award](#)

Presented to Deana Paugh, RN, BSN, CCRN, PHRN, TNCC
Jefferson Torresdale Hospital

[Dr. John M. Templeton, Jr. Physician Award for the Commitment to Excellence in Trauma Care](#)

Presented to Brian L. Frank, MD
Geisinger Community Medical Center

[First Responder Call to Action Award](#)

Presented to Howard R. Schwartz, NRP
Suburban EMS

Drs. John M. Jr., and Josephine J. Templeton Lecture
“Keechi Okwuchi: A Burn Survivor’s Story of Resilience”
Kechi Okwuchi, “America’s Got Talent” finalist



From left, Dr. Micheal Reihart and honoree, Deana Paugh



From left, Dr. Micheal Reihart; honoree, Sarah Zelazny (on behalf of Allegheny Health Network trauma centers) and Michael Taramelli



From left, Dr. Micheal Reihart and honoree Brian L. Frank, MD

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PTSF WEBSITE CALENDAR

The PTSF website calendar is updated on a weekly basis. This includes PTSF-sponsored events, as well as trauma center events, Stakeholder meetings and national conferences. If you have an event to post, contact [Linda Stamey](#).