

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

November 17, 2017

The following communication highlights recent PTSF Board activity that features board approvals from the PTSF Board of Directors meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The PTSF and the Board of Directors wishes to thank each trauma center—and trauma care provider—for their ongoing commitment to the care for injured patients within their trauma centers. 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 at [jaltenburg@ptsf.org](mailto:jaltenburg@ptsf.org).

## PTSF WELCOMES NEW TRAUMA CENTER

November 1, 2017—Wayne Memorial Hospital, Honesdale, Pa. (Wayne County), is the most recent level 4 adult trauma center to be accredited in the Commonwealth.

The PTSF Board of Directors approved this accreditation during September deliberations. There are now six accredited level 4 trauma centers; in total, there are 40 accredited trauma centers within the Commonwealth. A comprehensive list of these trauma centers is located at [www.ptsf.org](http://www.ptsf.org).



Wayne Memorial Hospital, Honesdale, Pennsylvania

## 2018 FEE SCHEDULE APPROVED

The 2018 Trauma Center Fee Schedule was approved at the September board meeting. At that time, the board voted unanimously to adopt the fee schedule for accredited and pursuing trauma centers with **no increase** from the previous year. The 2018 fee schedules are posted to the Resources section (Fee Schedules) of the website. Invoices for trauma center fees will be emailed to Trauma Program Managers beginning November 14, 2017 through the end of the month. Please make note—not all fees have the same “due date.” Contact [dadams@ptsf.org](mailto:dadams@ptsf.org) with any questions related to invoices.

## 2018 PTSF COMMITTEE INTEREST

Trauma Program Managers/Coordinators at accredited trauma centers will receive the annual “Committee Interest Survey” on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. If you do not receive the survey, contact [kburd@ptsf.org](mailto:kburd@ptsf.org).

The TQIP Collaborative and Trauma Systems Development Committee is not part of this survey/query. Considerations for membership include prior, active committee participation, hospital representation across all committees, as well as “diversity” related to trauma level, credentials, skills and statewide geography. Membership can include any trauma center staff members; membership is not limited to the trauma program leadership.



## 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE & MEETING WRAP-UP

The 21st Annual Fall Conference & Meeting took place on October 29, 2017 through November 1, 2017. Numerous topics related to “Best Practices” and the value of accredited trauma programs were featured. Additionally, a separate day focused on Trauma Registry and Level 4 Trauma Development.



### PRE-CONFERENCE COURSE

The STN Trauma Outcomes & Performance Improvement Course (TOPIC) was presented by trauma program leadership from Lankenau Medical Center—Main Line Health. Special thanks to the Lankenau team for their expertise:

- Kathleen D. Martin, MSN, RN—Trauma Program Manager
- Ehyal Shweiki, MD, FACS—Trauma Program Medical Director

STN-TOPIC is a PTSF Standards requirement for Trauma Program Medical Directors, Trauma Program Managers and Trauma Performance Improvement Coordinators.

### JOHN PRYOR MEMORIAL LECTURE

The 9th Annual Major John P. Pryor, MD, FACS Memorial Lecture was presented on Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

John Chovanes, DO—Trauma Surgeon, Cooper University Hospital/Cooper University Healthcare was the featured presenter. The title of his presentation was “Some of What JP Taught Me: SOCM, Roles & Training for Meaningful Impact.”

This annual breakfast lecture series is sponsored by The Pennsylvania Trauma Nurse Advisory Council. (PATNAC)



From left, Dr. John Chovanes,  
Donna Titus, MSN, RN, PATNAC President



### STOP THE BLEED

Launched in October of 2015 by the White House, Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and a call to action. Stop the Bleed is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

Pennsylvania is leading the effort and ranks among the top five states in the country for the number of Stop the Bleed trainers. Stop the Bleed took center stage this year at the PTSF Conference—through the efforts of the Trauma Injury Prevention Committee, the Copeland Regional Trauma Council and numerous trauma program staff—59 people were trained as trainers. The audience included trauma program staff as well as first responders. A panel discussion also presented best practices from centers who have championed this effort.

## STOP THE BLEED—TRAIN THE TRAINER SESSION



From left—training kits & “Train the Trainer” audience



## RESIDENT TRAUMA PAPER COMPETITION

The Pennsylvania Committee of Trauma featured their annual resident trauma paper completion and meeting on October 30, 2017. PaCOT Chair, Dr. Simon Lampard moderated the competition.



From left, Syed Mohammed MD, Simon Lampard MD, PaCOT Chairman, Benjamin Cragun MD

## *Congratulations to the Winners!*

- Benjamin Cragun, MD  
Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
“Isolated Parafalcine Subdural Hematoma: A Clinically Insignificant Finding”
- Syed Moiz Mohammed, MD  
Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, Philadelphia, Pa.  
“DOACs and ASA Reduce Brain Leukocyte Recruitment and Edema after TBI and May Improve Recovery”

## 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PTOS TRAUMA RESEARCH SESSION

The PTSF Trauma Research Committee under the leadership of chairperson, Niels Martin, MD presented yet another outstanding session focusing on research utilizing PTOS Data. The Committee presented a grant of \$1000 to Adrian Ong, MD from Reading Hospital for Best PTOS Data Request that will be used to study "Outcomes for Hypotensive Trauma Patients by Admission Time and Day." Awards were also given to researchers who used PTOS data to complete a research study:

- First place (\$500): Joshua Brown, MD, UPMC - "Speed isn't everything: Identifying Patients Who May Benefit from Helicopter Transport Despite Faster Ground Transport."
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (\$300): Fred Rogers, MD, Lancaster General Health, "Under-triage in Trauma: Does an Organized Trauma Network Capture the Major Trauma Victim? A Statewide Analysis."
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (\$200): Shreya Jammula, MD, Lancaster General Health, "Development of a Trauma System and Optimal Placement of Trauma Centers Using Geospatial Mapping."



From left, Niels Martin, MD, Adrian Ong, MD



From left, Fred Rogers MD, Josh Brown MD, Shreya Jammula MD, Dan Holena MD, Adrian Ong MD, Niels Martin MD

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

Countless hours are spent by trauma program staff, board members and Foundation staff furthering the mission and vision of PTSF. A few committee updates are listed below as a result of board action/approval from the September 2017 meetings:

- **Policy & Procedure Committee**

Several policies were approved during the recent board meeting. All policies are posted to the Resources (Policies & Procedures) section of the website including:

BD-114 Board Recognition of Committees—the new policy outlines the process for committees/work groups to follow that are considering formal PTSF board recognition.

AC-119 Surveyor Selection Criteria—this policy was revised for pursuing level 1 and level 2 trauma centers. During the first site survey, there will be a team of three members (TSL/RN/EM) rather than a four-person team. This decision was based upon the overall patient PTOS volume (records-pull) at centers that are not yet accredited. During the provisional site visit, the team will ramp back up to two.

AC-130 Process for Becoming an Accredited Trauma Center—the content of the policy did not change; however, the overall language and flow of the policy was revised. This policy continues to develop as the accreditation process is refined for new, pursuing hospitals.

AC-132 Media Notification Regarding Trauma Center Status—this policy revision is based upon current practice including the Foundation’s ability to disseminate press releases in real-time, as well as adding language to include “internal hospital communication” and “social media” as examples of hospital communication.

AC-136 Requests for Reconsideration of Accreditation Decisions—this policy was revised to include all trauma centers; accredited and pursuing. The revision further defined the process to provide additional transparency for what is expected from trauma program staff and how the board panel works to make a determination.

AC-138 Process for Elevating Trauma Center Accreditation Level—within this policy language was revised to mirror policy AC-137 (Accreditation Guidelines & Continuum for Board Members) related to the maximum number of years a trauma center can be accredited when elevating trauma level status.

- **Trauma Registry Committee**

The Board approved several trauma registry changes at the most recent board meeting. Those changes/revisions to current practice were included in fall conference trauma registry sessions, will be posted to the website and featured in the coming edition of the Registry Roundup.

- **Standards Committee**

Potential Standards revision is pending PTSF Board of Directors approval at the December 1, 2017 board meeting—stay tuned for further communication related to this committee.



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## EMPLOYMENT UPDATE—DIRECTOR OF DATA QUALITY & ANALYTICS

PTSF seeks a passionate, skilled individual to serve as Director of Data Quality & Analytics to join our growing team as it further strives to assure that the abstraction, collection and use of PTOS data is optimized to the fullest extent possible in support of Pennsylvania's trauma system.

The Director of Data Quality & Analytics key responsibilities will include the management of PTSF data registry and performance improvement staff, support of the PTSF Research Committee and researchers and assuring appropriate development and use of technology by trauma centers and PTSF office staff.

PTSF offers excellent benefits, flexible scheduling and the opportunity to work remotely. Interested? Please submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae/resume to Kevin Burd, Director of Operations at [kburd@ptsf.org](mailto:kburd@ptsf.org). For further information go to [www.ptsf.org](http://www.ptsf.org).