

PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

PIPS, Outcomes and the PA-TQIP Collaborative—working together

The following communication highlights what's happening with Performance Improvement and the PA TQIP Collaborative. If you have questions, please contact Theresa "Terry" Snavelly, RN, MSN, Performance Improvement Specialist at tsnavely@ptsf.org

PA OUTCOMES™ CENTRAL SITE SUBMISSION

Moving forward in 2019 documentation requirements within the V5 Software will remain unchanged.

The PTSF Outcomes™ Central Site will include taxonomy data. Taxonomy classification is utilized for all issues/events associated with death case submissions. Only list "9" if an issue/event occurred that directly impacted death. (*#9. On balance of probabilities, death was caused or brought forward in the short term by the incident.*)

Effective January 1, 2019—Trauma Outcomes policy [TO-100](#), "Timeliness of Submission to the Outcomes Central Site" will be in effect for all applicable levels of trauma centers. This policy was drafted by the Outcomes Committee, submitted to the PTSF Policy & Procedure Committee for review/recommendation, and approved by the PTSF Board of Directors in July 2018. The new policy was detailed in the August 15th edition of the [Board of Directors Update](#) (see page 5 of the update). The policy defines timeliness of submission to the Outcomes™ Central Site.

PA-TQIP COLLABORATIVE UPDATE

Trauma Program Medical Directors, Trauma Program Managers/Coordinators and Performance Improvement Coordinators . . . for trauma centers participating in the PA-TQIP Collaborative, the next scheduled TQIP Collaborative meeting is on [February 6, 2019](#) at Reading Hospital from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided; details to follow in the coming weeks.

On behalf of the Pennsylvania TQIP Collaborative . . . have a safe and Happy New Year!