Trauma Registrar Day

May 15, 2015 was the first annual Trauma Registrar Day in Pennsylvania! In order to honor the vital and integral role a trauma registrar has as part of a trauma team, Majority Whip, Bryan Cutler (100th Legislative District, PA House of Representatives) drafted House Resolution 270 to recognize May 15, 2015 as Trauma Registrar Day in Pennsylvania. It passed in the House unanimously. Thank you to all PA trauma registrars for all of your hard work and dedication!

From left: Nathan McWilliams, MPA, RHIA (PTSF), Rep. Bryan Cutler, Roxanne Chandler, BS, RHIA (Lancaster General Hospital), Lyndsey Smith, RHIA, CTR (PTSF) and Stephanie Radzevick, CPC (PTSF)
Welcome, Terry!

Theresa (Terry) Snavely has joined the PTSF staff as a PI Specialist. Terry has years of experience working with POPIMS and is here to educate and assist your facility! You now have the option to request PI education during your trauma registry educational visit. Terry will provide POPIMS education or assist you with any POPIMS concerns while your interrater reliability audit is being performed. Terry can also provide education separate from your trauma registry visit if requested. If you are interested in PI education or have any questions, please contact Terry at tsnavely@ptsf.org.

Orange Book

The Orange Book changes will be publically available in early August 2015. At that time you may e-mail any questions or comments. The public hearing is October 22nd at the 2015 PaCOT – PTSF Fall Conference.

Remote Educational Visits!

The PTSF still has a desire to remotely access trauma centers’ electronic medical records in order to conduct inter-rater reliability reviews remotely! A remote educational visit was tested in 2014 and it was successful! The remote educational visit also takes the place of your in-person registry visit! The PTSF is in the process of developing a letter you can provide your IT department and/or administration. This letter should support your efforts and help persuade any doubters that this process is both safe and effective. Please contact Nathan at nathan@ptsf.org or Lyndsey at lsmith@ptsf.org if your center would be interested in a remote educational visit.

PTSF Registry Anywhere ICD-10 Test Database

At this point in time, the ICD-10 implementation date for PTOS is still January 1, 2016! As noted at the PTSF fall conference, a TEST registry has been created via Registry Anywhere for trauma centers to test the new ICD-10 fields in the forthcoming COLLECTOR software as well as the ICD-10 TRICODE functionality. This is a test registry that all of the accredited and pursuing trauma centers will have access to. The sole purpose is for the registrars to view and/or enter data into the ICD-10 fields in order to get accustomed to the new ICD-10 fields and ICD-10 TRICODE. There is no need to enter any patient identifying information and none should be entered.
Each trauma center has a unique Registry Anywhere login and COLLECTOR login. Instructions, log-in information, and the URL for Registry Anywhere ICD-10 Test Database were sent to each center in early December 2014. Please contact PTSF staff if you would like this information sent to you again.

Here are a few things to remember about this TEST:

1. This test Registry is configured to be able to start ICD10 data entry on records with a ‘Entered ED’ date equal to 10/1/2014 or later. In records added with an ‘Entered ED’ date of 10/1/2014 or later users will have access to both the ICD9 and ICD10 data entry fields. If the ‘Entered ED’ date is prior to 10/1/2014 only the ICD9 fields will be open for entry.

2. All Pennsylvania users are sharing the same test PTOS Collector Registry. So this means that they will be able to see all records that are entered for all facilities.

3. If a user attempts to edit a record that another user has open/ is actively editing, they will see the following message, “Another user is currently modifying this record.”

4. If users want to be able to locate the records that they enter, we recommend that they enter some identifying text in the patient last name field so they can easily identify their own records from the record manager.

5. Access to the test registry will remain available throughout 2015 and the test registry will be updated as coding module changes become available throughout 2015.

Trauma Registrar’s Community

Take advantage of the Trauma Registrar’s Community on the PTSF website! The Trauma Registrar’s Community is a great place for registrars to interact with one another. The community allows registrars to initiate and participate in discussions. The PTSF staff also posts valuable information to this community. To get started, sign-in or create an account on the PTSF website. This can be done by going to www.ptsf.org and clicking the sign-in or sign up today icons. Once you are signed in, click on the Community tab at the top of the PTSF homepage. Here you will see a list of many different communities. Scroll down to the Trauma Registrar’s Community and click ‘join.’

Don’t Wait!

Do you have a question for PTSF staff? Do you have recommendations for changes? Don’t wait! Contact PTSF staff! There is no need to hold any questions or changes until the end of the year. The sooner you bring an issue to our attention, the sooner we can address it.
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DATA ABSTRACTION

Facility # Updates

2015 Facility Lists can be found under the Resources tab of the PTSF website. Go to www.ptsf.org. Click “Resources” at the top of the page. Click “Trauma Registry (Show).”

Please go to the Trauma Registrar’s Community on the PTSF website for a list of facilities that have been added/changed on the facility lists since the last Registry Roundup in April 2015. These facilities and their corresponding numbers will not be updated in Collector until the next update is available. Please make a note of these additions/changes on your personal facility lists if needed.

2016 NTDS Data Dictionary

The 2016 NTDS Data Dictionary has been released. Go to http://www.ntdsdictionary.org/. On the right hand side of the screen you will see a link for the NTDS 2016 Admissions Data Dictionary. You may access and/or download the 2016 manual by clicking on this link.

NTDB User Group

The NTDB provides an opportunity for communicating with the trauma registry community via a discussion group courtesy of Google Groups. Join the NTDB Discussion Group to stay up to date on the NTDB and the NTDS. This allows individuals and organizations to collaborate and interact with each other. To join the NTDB Google Group go to http://www.ntdsdictionary.org/ntdbparticipants/ntdbUserGroups.html. Enter your e-mail address and click “subscribe.” Once the NTDB approves your e-mail address you will begin to receive discussions.
AAO x 3
The NTDB now allows documentation of “AAO x 3” to be documented as a GCS of 15. PTOS will continue to NOT allow “AAO x 3” to be documented as a GCS of 15. Alert and oriented refers to person, place, and time. It is possible that a person that is alert and oriented does not have a GCS of 15.

TRICODE Tips

Clinical Rib Fractures
In 2013 and prior, TRICODE accepted a diagnosis of clinical rib fractures. Per AIS coding guidelines, clinical rib fractures are no longer coded. In order to code rib fractures, they must now be confirmed by radiography, operative notes, autopsy reports, etc.

Unique Cases
Have you received any unusual cases? Need help? Please contact the PTSF if you feel you need any guidance. We will try to provide you with the best answer as quickly as possible.

DATA REPORTING

Web Portal
In June 2015 the PTSF transitioned the Web Portal to a new server. The new web portal for EAFS access and data submissions is now available at https://ptsf.centalsiteportal.com. All of your login information remains the same. Please contact Nathan at nathan@ptsf.org with any questions.
PTSF Dashboard
Dashboard data is now current and will be updated on a quarterly basis! The Dashboard functionality allows you to compare your data to the rest of the state. Take advantage of this wonderful tool!

PTOS Quarterly Reports
2015 Second Quarter reports will be released soon!

Deadlines for Data Submission
Mark your calendars! Here are the deadlines for data submissions for 2015:
- Third Quarter 2015 – September 30, 2015
- Fourth Quarter 2015 – December 31, 2015

REGISTRY-RELATED COMMITTEE UPDATES

Trauma Registry Committee Update
Next Meeting:
August, 27 2015
2:00pm – 3:00pm (conference call)

Please be sure to e-mail PTSF staff with any issues or concerns regarding Collector™ or the PTOS manual for discussion at the above registry committee meeting!

Board-approved PTOS Changes for 2016 Implementation (Approved 7-30-15)
1. Addition of MTP Elements

The trauma registry must assist in capturing Orange Book PIPS Indicators, which are effective October 2016. These PIPS Indicators are within Standard 6: Performance Improvement and Patient Safety (PIPS) Program.
Ancillary Services is one of the PIPS Indicators. This indicator requires the timeliness of laboratory testing/blood availability to be monitored. This includes Turnaround time for MTP and turnaround time for goal-directed component therapy.

The element ‘Was Mass Transfusion Protocol Initiated’ will be added to COLLECTOR under the Outcomes tab. Additional elements will be added within POPIMS.

2. **Addition of Geriatric Abuse Elements**

   The trauma registry must assist in capturing Orange Book PIPS Indicators, which are effective October 2016. These PIPS Indicators are within Standard 6: Performance Improvement and Patient Safety (PIPS) Program.

   General PI is one of the PIPS Indicators. This indicator requires geriatric specific indicators to be monitored. This includes abuse of patient greater than age 64.

   The word “child” will be removed from the current abuse elements on the Abuse tab so these elements will be applicable for all ages. The burn abuse element ‘suspected abuse or neglect?’ will be removed from the injury section. The two additional physical abuse elements under the additional NTDB screen area will also be removed.

3. **Removal of Occurrence 77-Septicemia**

   Occurrence 77-Septicemia will be removed from PTOS in 2016. There has been much confusion for registrars when coding sepsis vs. septicemia in the past. ICD-10 also replaced the term septicemia with sepsis.

4. **Addition of ‘Pediatric Unit (In-House) to the Post ED Destination Menu**

   An option for a med/surg ‘Pediatric Unit (In-House) will be added as option 12 to the Post ED Destination Menu in 2016.

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**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

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**AIS Injury Scaling: Uses & Techniques**

AAAM is providing an on-site two day AIS Injury Scaling course in Philadelphia on September 30, 2015 – October 1, 2015. This course will be held at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia in Conference Room B, 16th Floor. To register go to [http://www.aaam.org/ais-coder.html](http://www.aaam.org/ais-coder.html) and click “Click Here to learn more or register.” The registration deadline for this course is September 1, 2015.
2015 Lunch & Learn Webinar Series
The Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF) has launched a webinar series designed to provide PA trauma registry staff with free education! This webinar series is designed specifically for trauma program staff. Although the first webinar took place on February 26, 2015, it’s not too late! Each monthly webinar is recorded and made available for registrants to watch at any time. Visit the ICD-10 page of the PTSF website for more information and to register for any upcoming webinars.

Intermediate Registrars Course
This course is designed for individuals with two (2) to four (4) years of trauma program experience, and particularly the trauma registry including: coordinators, registrars, and trauma prevention personnel. This Intermediate Registrar Course will provide the student with knowledge of the trauma system beyond data abstraction and data entry. Topics include data accuracy and completeness, audit filters, quarterly reports, software interfaces and more. The PTSF does not have any in-person Intermediate Registrar Courses scheduled at this time; however, The Intermediate Registrars Course can be taken online! To take the Intermediate Registrars Course online, sign-up or sign-in on the PTSF website. After signing in, click on the education tab at the top of the PTSF homepage. In order to take this course online, you will need to enter an access code. The access code is FREEINTERMEDIATE.

Basic Registrars Course
This course is designed for individuals new and/or inexperienced to the trauma program and particularly to the trauma registry including: coordinators, registrars, and trauma prevention personnel. This course is intended for those individuals with two (2) years or less experience in the trauma registry. This Basic Registrar Course will provide a basic knowledge of the trauma system in Pennsylvania, the Collector trauma registry software, Pennsylvania data definitions, scoring mechanisms, registry best practices, classification systems and more! The PTSF does not have any in-person Basic Registrar Courses scheduled at this time; however, The Basic Registrar Course can be taken online! To take the Basic Registrars Course online, sign-up or sign-in on the PTSF website. After signing in, click on the education tab at the top of the PTSF homepage.
Free Anatomy Courses
With the increase in the coding specificity of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS, one’s knowledge of anatomy and physiology is vitally important. To help better prepare you for the change to ICD-10, the Foundation has purchased, for PA trauma centers, a series of 12 audio conferences with handouts on anatomy and physiology. These seminars were developed by the Pennsylvania Health Information Management Foundation (PHIMA, www.phima.org). It is up to you how many of the 12 conferences you watch. Watch them all or just a few!

On March 4th an e-mail was sent by Nathan McWilliams to all registrars. This e-mail contained links to each of the 12 conferences. Please contact the PTSF if you would like these links sent to you again.

PTSF/Pa-COT 19th Annual Conference and Meeting
Mark your Calendars now! The PTSF/Pa-COT 19th Annual Conference and Meeting will be held October 21, 2015 - October 23, 2015 at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel. Additional information will be provided in the next few months.

The Registry Roundup is published approximately 4 times a year by the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation, a private, non-profit organization recognized by law to accredit trauma centers in Pennsylvania.

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