

In Loving Memory...



Ramiro Gomez Perez was called by our Heavenly Father to enter His eternal gates of Heaven on Monday, May 5, 2014. He was born on May 20, 1953, to Ricardo and Eva Perez in Sonora, Texas. He attended Sonora's L.W. Elliot Elementary and graduated from Sonora High School in 1972. He attended Angelo State University and received his nursing degree in 1975. While at Angelo State University, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He married Rosemary Perez on Aug. 5, 1979. In 1980, they welcomed Quirina Antonia and in 1985, Leandra Rose was born. He was a dedicated son, husband and father until his last day.

Ramiro was a dedicated registered nurse for over 30 years. His work was diligent, tedious and knowledgeable; but most importantly Ramiro took care of his patients with heart and passion. Many, many people live through his healing care. Ramiro worked at Hudspeth Hospital in Sonora, Crockett County Care Center in Ozona, Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, Schleicher County Medical Center in Eldorado, Kimble County Hospital in Junction and most recently, Concho County Medical Center in

Eden. He served on many committees and boards and was very passionate about his advocacy for the Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum where he severed in leadership positions on numerous committees including; Finance Committee, Education Committee, Trauma Registry Committee, and the Level IV Committee.

His entire life has been devoted to his family and helping others in any way he could. He was a devout Catholic and member of St. Ann's Catholic Church where he enjoyed singing with his friends in the choir and being a lector. Ramiro's pride and joy was being "Papa" to Jacob Tomas Perez and Leila Rose Morales. In July, he would have been ecstatic to meet his granddaughter, Lily Evangelina Morales. He could always be counted on to cheer on the Sonora Broncos and Lady Broncos and he loved to sing and dance.

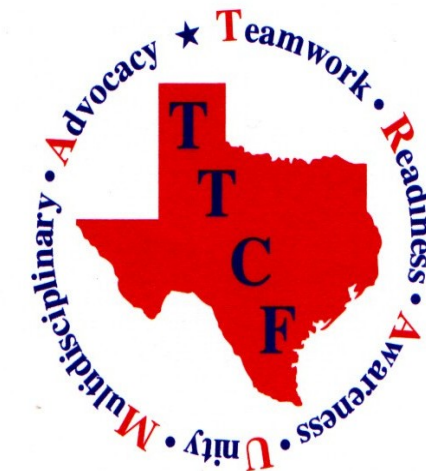
Ramiro has been welcomed into heaven with open arms by his sister, Irene Perez Duran; his nephews, Noah Jose Rodriguez and Melvin Carmichael; and dear friends Edward Gonzales and Pete Samaniego. Service was held Thursday, May 8, 2014. He is survived by his parents, Ricardo and Eva Perez; wife of 35 years Rosemary Perez; father and mother-in-law Mario and Maria Tomasa Hernandez; daughter Quirina and husband Lelo Morales; daughter Leandra and fiance Ryan Adame; grandchildren Jacob Tomas Perez and Leila Rose Morales; sister Lilia Gonzales; brother Richard Perez Jr.; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that he loved dearly.

TRAUMA MATTERS

The Official Newsletter of the Texas Trauma Coordinator's Forum

Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote and address educational needs of the various facilities and institutions that provide trauma care in our State. Membership is open to anyone interested in improving care for trauma patients. Meetings of the TTCF are held quarterly and provide an outstanding opportunity to network with Trauma Coordinators and Trauma Program Managers throughout Texas. The Forum shares information re- development, hospital desig- formation regarding Medical issues as well as nformation regarding sues, injury prevention pro- quirements, and rule include: Level III, Level IV, Populations, Public Rela- ing, Education, Trauma Become a member at Texas Trauma Forum is sons. Voting privileges are members. Membership dues in the amount of \$25.00 (U.S.) will be paid annually. Membership is current from the receipt of dues through February of the next calendar year. Dues are not pro-rated or transferable. Make checks payable to "Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum". Please return application and check to: Texas Trauma Forum PO Box 177, Wichita Falls, TX 76307



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Upcoming Events (2014)

- Aug 18.....TTCF Board Meeting
- Aug 19 TTCF General Meeting
- Aug 20 TOPIC
- Sep 19 ICD-10 Overview, Are You Ready? (Lunch N' Learn)
- Nov 21.... TTCF General Meeting
- Nov 22....TOPIC
- Dec 5 NTDB 2015 Updates (Lunch N' Learn)

More information at <http://www.ttcf.org>



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President's Corner

What is Motivation? Motivation is a force that acts on or within an individual to initiate and direct behavior. It is an inner desire to satisfy an unsatisfied need. In the workplace, motivation leads to a level of willingness to achieve organizational objectives. Have you ever wondered why people do the things they do? People primarily do what they do to meet their needs or wants.

Motivation is one of the primary problems facing businesses today. Employees have less interest in extra hours, job dedication, attendance, & punctuality. Businesses lose \$160 billion/yr thru wasted time on the job. Knowing how to motivate can help reduce or eliminate these performance problems.

Motivation has a feedback loop. Motives are complex; we don't always know what our needs are or why we do the things we do. We cannot observe motives; but, we can observe behavior and infer motives. Several factors influence motivation including ability, competency, opportunity, self actualize/need/satisfaction, organization/work environment, manager support for growth & productivity, equity, diversity with individually focused goals, and rewards.

We can influence others' motivation. We must remember that ability, competence, & opportunity all play a role in motivation and be sensitive to variations in others' needs, abilities, and goals. We must also consider differences in preferences for rewards. Continual monitoring of others' needs, abilities, goals, and preferences is each of our individual responsibility. You serve as a role model to be influential in motivating others around you and have the ability to channel self-motivated behavior into productive results. We have to understand needs, intentions, preferences, goals, reinforcement, and comparison if motivation is to be energized, sustained, and directed.

Right now, each individual member who supports the Trauma System in the state of Texas needs motivation to move the system forward, to strengthen patient care, and to support one another as we address future regulatory and funding changes. The year 2015 is half-way upon us and we need to motivate for our future successes.

Courtney Edwards, (Parkland Health & Hospital System—Dallas, TX)

Secretary's Corner



It's summer and the heat is on. The coals of trauma finance have been stirred, stoked, and fanned. On the summer sunshine side, Federal HB 4080 was passed on June 24, 2014 and has headed for senate approval. The bill is sponsored by Texas's own Representative Michael Burgess and is described as Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act –and amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize appropriations for trauma care programs through FY2019. It requires that not more than 50% of amounts remaining for a fiscal year after FY2014 (after allocation for administrative purposes or for improvement of emergency medical services in rural areas) be allocated for competitive grants to support pilot projects for emergency care and trauma systems.

On the summer thunderstorm side, although the State Sunset Commission's report doesn't present a gully washer for trauma, there are some EMS and RAC showers. However, lightning has stuck in the trauma funding world with the discovery that The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas was appropriated \$13.1 million for 2014 and \$18.95 million for 2015 from the Permanent Fund for EMS & Trauma Care Account #5046. This will potentially result in a funding decrease of \$2.4 million for EMS and trauma services in 2014, compared to \$4.7 million last year.

It's time to break out the umbrellas and raincoats, support TTCF's Legislative Committee, Executive Board, and TETAF. The Texas 84th Legislature Session begins in January 2015 and TTCF's Capitol Day is only 4 months away.

Brett Dodwell (Memorial Hermann—The Woodlands, TX)

Committees/Groups

Level I/II

Chair: Terry Valentino (*Baylor Scott & White Health—Central Texas*)
Co-Chair: Jo-ell Lohrman (*The Medical Center of Plano*)

The Level 1 & 2 Committee discussed changes to the upcoming “orange book” -Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient 2014. This will continue to be a topic of conversation as the Level 1 and Level 2 facilities work through all of the changes. We also have two new co-chairs for this committee.



ADDENDUM PER TTCF President Courtney Edwards: The Orange Book is a good resource for Level IV– Level I Trauma centers. Levels III and IV should be aware that implications from the national experts and could change Texas rule...more specifics to follow.

Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient, (The Orange Book), by the American College of Surgeons, has finally arrived and is available for your download. For more information, visit the American College of Surgeons website, where you may also glimpse a preview. Please direct any questions you may have to Molly Lozada at MLozada@facs.org.

Level III

Chair: Andrea Holmes (*Memorial Herman Southeast Hospital—Houston, TX*)
Co-Chair: Heidi Lavka (*AHSS*)



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The Special Populations Committee has been working on education materials for the bariatric trauma patient. We plan to finalize the education piece for our August meeting. Our goal is to have material ready for distribution at our November meeting in Fort Worth.

Come join our committee as we decide on our next topic regarding our “special populations”. We look forward to hearing everyone’s ideas and suggestions!!

Level III/IV

Chair: Janice Markwardt (*Hill Regional—Hillsboro, TX*)
Co-Chair: DeeDee Abbott (*Baylor Scott & White Health—Taylor, TX*)

As a Level IV Trauma Program Manager/Trauma Coordinator– this is your committee– we provide:

- Excellent time for interaction with other TPM/TC
- Open Forum– all questions and suggestions are welcome
- Direct interaction with Trauma Surveyors
- Education for Trauma P/I “Loop Closure”
- Education on “Trauma Facility Checklist Criteria”, etc.
- Experienced/”seasoned” and “new” TPM/TC share
- Speakers: “What is working for me/what is not working
- Other trauma topics are addressed which may include– trauma activation charges, trauma flow sheets: electronic VS. paper, etc.



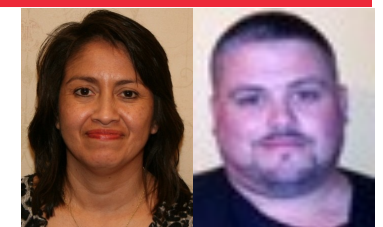
Representation from TETAF is consistent at all of the Level IV Committee meetings along with numerous Trauma Designation Surveyors. They welcome your questions/concerns. If your question is not answered during this committee time– an answer will be provided before the end of the day.

Committees/Groups

Registry

Chair: Irene Lopez (*University Medical Center Brackenridge—Austin, TX*)
Co-Chair: Garrett Hall (*Parkland Health & Hospital System—Dallas, TX*)

May 2014 Registry Committee



1) June 13th Webinar for Data and Reporting. The scheduled August 11th, 12-4pm time slot that was to occur will also be changed to more Data and Reporting Education. This was changed from the ICD10 Education now that this national coding change has now been delayed again until 2015.

2) The final Quarterly webinar for 2014 that we also have scheduled for the ICD10 education will also be changed. The topic is pending and we will announce that onto our website as soon as that Topic has been decided on.

3) I will continue to work with DSHS on the Data Dictionary so that we can obtain more information for the Elements that will be new and pending for the new data dictionary. The discussion has occurred with Maven to have all options for all elements be found within their website, to also include all definitions for the menu fields. This information will be added to the user manual for the Maven system.

4) Further issues that we have asked the DSHS Staff to review with vendor and return feedback to the users and to an FAQ on the State Registry website as well.

* Software Freezes up with Data entry frequently

* Issues during data entry with transitioning between the tab key, and the use of the mouse. More specific examples given during the meeting.

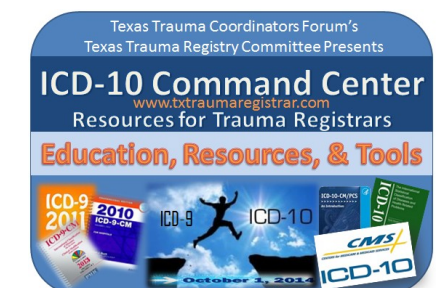
* Pre-Hospital Field- End Users would still like to have all fields to be Auto hidden with n/a is used. DSHS will again discuss this issue with the Vendors to attempt to find a resolution for this issue during data entry. DSHS will notify us of a resolution.

* The mandated Social Security number Error within the system has been turned off, so if there are any users that are still have an issue with this field, notify Texas Registry Staff. This will be an issue that will have to be addressed on a facility by facility basis.

* Profiles set by Facility specific needs - User’s that do data entry for only one site or facility , have a default set so that you only enter the facility # once during the abstraction process. The default presently is that all sites, single facility as well as multi- facility Users have to enter the facility with every single record that is entered.

* Re-instate the FAQ page to the Texas Registry Website. Have it updated with all frequent issues of Users and the resolution to the issues as they are being addressed. Have an automated email sent out to all users of the system when there is an update to the issues/ resolutions posted to this page.

5) Maven will have a Webinar with the Vendors on 5/22/2014 at 10:30-11:30. Anyone is able to attend the webinar.



Committees/Groups

Mentorship/Membership

Chair: Tracy Cotner-Pouncy (University Health System—San Antonio)
Co-Chair: Scott Christopher (Nacodoches Memorial)



WANTED: TTCF'ers!

The Texas Trauma Coordinators' Forum (TTCF) Membership and Mentorship committee is encouraging all those involved in Trauma care to obtain or maintain membership in the TTCF organization. Yep ... that includes you that are new to the trauma world, those of you that are 'long-in-the-tooth' to the trauma world and all of you somewhere in between. The TTCF is a group of healthcare professionals, primarily composed of Trauma Program Managers and Trauma Registrars, who meet quarterly in conjunction with other

Texas Trauma and Acute Healthcare (TETAF, GETAC, RAC Chairs) organizational meetings. There are many rewards for regularly attending the TTCF meetings. The 1-day-long meeting is a tremendous opportunity to network with your peers who are new as Trauma program leaders and to obtain extremely valuable 'how-to' information from experienced trauma program leaders. The meetings also offer trauma-related administrative and clinical educational presentations with nursing CEUs at the February, May and August meetings. And finally, your attendance at the quarterly meetings exposes you to formal organizational current-event updates from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Trauma & EMS division, the DSHS Trauma & EMS Registry division, and the Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation. The organization has several working committees with special interests in the Trauma System continuum. During your attendance at your initial TTCF meeting, you will be requested to attend the Membership & Mentorship committee meeting to receive an orientation to the organization. Please spread the word about the TTCF organization among your contacts in your trauma region, so that all who may be interested in the TTCF organization are aware of the opportunities available.

Legislative/Public Relations

Chair: Susan Hyles (Falls Community Hospital—Marlin Texas)
Co-Chair: -VACANT-

NOTICE: The Trauma Care Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Act (H.R. 4080) was passed by the US House of Representatives on July 24, 2014 and referred to the Senate. This Act would provide grants for state development of trauma systems and to support pilot projects to design and implement regionalized emergency care systems. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$24 million a year for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019.

Have suggestions for our newsletter, *Trauma Matters*? Here's your opportunity to be pro-active in the trauma world. We have a vacant Co-Chair position waiting for the right person who appreciates the opportunities associated with media and takes a hands-on approach with healthcare legislation!



Special Populations

Chair: Jenny Oliver (University Health System—San Antonio, Texas)
Co-Chair: Sandie Williams



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Education

Chair: Christi Reeves (Clear Lake Regional Medical Center-Webster, TX)
Co-Chair: Gina Pickard

The Education Committee will be providing education on the TNCC 7th edition update and Abusive Head Trauma in Children in the August meeting. The speaker for these topics will be Cindy Jenkins. This education was provided based on feedback from the TTCF members. The Education Committee request input from all TTCF members on proposed topics or speakers for the next meeting in November. Future proposed education topics include: spinal immobilization, anticoagulation reversal, ICD-10, and disaster preparedness education. Providing education to the Trauma Coordinators around the state is a top priority of TTCF.



Injury Prevention

Chair: Marcy McFarland (Parkview Regional Hospital—Mexia, TX)
Co-Chair: Jessica LaPlant (Christus Health)



Fund Raising

Chair: Robin Gage (Titus Regional—Mt. Pleasant, TX)
Co-Chair: Delores Londerholm

The Fund Raising Committee has been working hard to bring new items to sell at TTCF meetings.



TRAUMA- *a: an injury (as a wound) to living tissue caused by an extrinsic agent; b: a disordered psychic or behavioral state resulting from severe mental or emotional stress or physical injury; c: an emotional upset (Retrieved July 28, 2014 from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/trauma>)*