

**Mentorship/Membership** Chair: Tracy Cotner-Pouncy (University Health System—San Antonio) Co-Chair: -VACANT-

Welcome to TTCF! All new members and visitors to TTCF will spend their first meeting in the Membership/Mentorship committee. Important organizational information is provided and there is opportunity for networking and Q&A with experienced trauma coordinators. The State designation coordinators and a representative from TETAF are also present to answer questions. The Membership/Mentorship committee is a great place to start your TTCF journey!

**Public Relations** Chair: Jeff Mills (Bayshore Medical Center) Co-Chair: Susan Hyles (Falls Community Hospital & Clinic)

Focus for 2014: We are diligently pursuing new and revised pertinent information and legislation to the trauma world. We will post this data in the quarterly TTCF newsletter from highly qualified representatives such as our new TTCF President Courtney Edwards, Janie Guerrero for DSHS, and Brenda Putz on behalf of TETAF. In addition, we are going to track educational classes and the number of participants to provide evidence of the unique and specific opportunities TTCF offers. The newsletter may then be presented to each of our facilities as viable substantiation of TTCF participation and membership.

Google Groups Migration: For multiple reasons we will be moving the TTCF listserv group to Google beginning after the May meeting. This will allow us to clean up the users that no longer have valid e-mail addresses, eliminate the problem with users not being able to retrieve attachments from Yahoo!, as well as give us the ability for multiple users to assist in the management of the group.

**Registry** Chair: Irene Lopez (University Medical Center Brackenridge) Co-Chair: Garrett Hall (Parkland Health & Hospital System)

The Texas Trauma system is continuing to evolve and has begun to recognize the significance and importance that trauma data has been and always will be. Without the use of your Trauma Registry you cannot get a count of events, what type of event, what improvements are being made, how significant the issue or event might be for the cause of injury. We must all remember that the quality of the data that we see in our system is dependent on our work and what we do as Trauma Registrars. Therefore we must strive to be excellent and continue to improve in what we do, for it has a large impact on the Trauma System.

In order to achieve this goal, we must educate ourselves with what it is that we are responsible for in our job roles. That would be where this committee will be here to assist you with. We are listening to feedback that we are receiving from you as far as skills you might be lacking in and would like to improve on. We are finding ways to give you this information and expand your knowledge and your skill set. Together, we will get better together. Texas has a very strong Trauma system process and foundation. We must strengthen our data to truly show everyone the work that we really do as Texas Trauma Registrars, which is pretty great.

Through our quarterly Trauma Registry Lunch N' Learn webinars we will continue to give you information with ISS scoring, show you how to present your data, abstract and validate your data. We have created the Texas Trauma Registrar website at [www.txtraumaregistrar.com](http://www.txtraumaregistrar.com) as a place on the web with trauma registry specific documents, tools, links, and contact information. We are here for you and your trauma registry needs.

**Special Populations** Chair: Jenny Oliver (University Health System—San Antonio) Co-Chair: Sandy Williams

Come join our Special Populations committee, our focus is to improve coordination of care from Pediatrics to Geriatrics to Bariatric, to Obstetrics to Burn patients. We want to make sure that within trauma all special populations are being considered. We have recently discussed Trauma Team activation criteria for special populations. We are currently working on putting together a list of trauma facilities and capabilities related to our special populations. Together we can accomplish more, so join us and see where the journey continues to....

**Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council Meeting Schedule**

Crowne Plaza Hotel 6121 North IH 35 Austin, Texas

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

- 9:00a – 10:30a ..... Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Committee
- 10:30a – 12:00p ..... EMS Committee
- 1:00p – 2:30p ..... Stroke Committee
- 2:30p – 4:00p ..... Injury Prevention
- 4:00p – 5:30p ..... Air Medical Committee

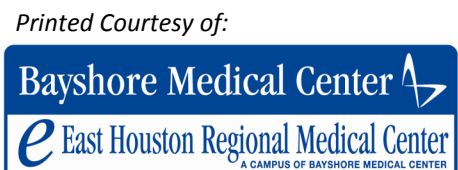
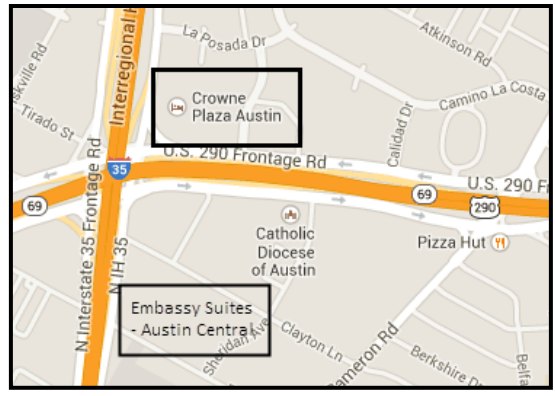
Thursday, February 13, 2014

- 9:00a – 10:30a ..... Education Committee
- 10:30a – 12:00p ..... Medical Directors Committee
- 1:00p – 2:30p ..... Trauma Systems Committee
- 1:00p – 5:00p ..... Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council Strategic Planning, Agenda Item #3
- 2:30p – 4:00p ..... Pediatric Committee
- 4:00p – 5:30p ..... Cardiac Care Committee

Friday, February 14, 2014

- 9:00am – END ..... Continuation of Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council

Additional information is available at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/governor.shtm#committees>  
 GETAC meetings are archived at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/getac>



**President's Corner**

Welcome to 2014! At the beginning of each new year, tradition holds that we place new resolutions on ourselves – exercise more, eat healthier foods, further our education, get this or that project done. Our professional lives are no different. Healthcare organizations demands of its leaders and employees to do more and more each year. This drive to do more heightens our risk of error, poor decision making, and deteriorating health. Kevin Cashman, a thought leader in executive leadership development, challenges this manner of leadership with the "Pause Principle." Instead of just doing more as leaders, Cashman challenges that we need to learn how to stop, reflect, and move forward in a deliberately different manner in order to get more done. Leaders need to "pause to discover new ways of being and achieving" by "heightening awareness, catalyzing cognition, and aligning what is important." The purpose of the pause, then, is to "reflect and hopefully see more clearly and understand more fully whatever is of greatest importance."

The leadership of Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum met during an annual strategic planning meeting on January 10, 2014. Together, we reflected on our past successes and struggles, and created new goals and priorities to move us forward. We ask for your participation and support this year as we work together to strengthen the Texas trauma system and improve patient care. Personally, I challenge each of you to pause at your home organizations, use this moment for valuable contemplation, innovation, and planning so we can truly achieve more with less.

Courtney Edwards (Parkland Health & Hospital System)

**Upcoming Events (2014)**

- Feb 10.....Advanced Burn Life Support
- Feb 11.....TTCF General Meeting  
Education: Burns & Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF)
- Feb 12.....Trauma Outcomes & Performance Improvement Course (TOPIC)
- Mar 7.....ISS Calculation (Lunch N' Learn)
- May 12 ... Texas Trauma Designation Education Course (TTDEC)
- May 13 ... TTCF General Meeting  
Education: TCAA—Synopsis of Finance Management
- May 14 ... Trauma Outcomes & Performance Improvement Course (TOPIC)
- Jun 13 .....Building Your Reports in Excel (Lunch N' Learn)
- Aug 18 .... TTCF General Meeting
- Aug 19 .... Trauma Outcomes & Performance Improvement Course (TOPIC)
- Sep 19.....ICD-10 Overview, Are You Ready? (Lunch N' Learn)
- Nov 21 .... TTCF General Meeting
- Nov TBD.. Trauma Outcomes & Performance Improvement Course (TOPIC)
- Dec 5 .....NTDB 2015 Updates (Lunch N' Learn)

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



**Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum**

**TETAF**

You are invited to share your research posters and ongoing activities in EMS, trauma and acute care during **Texas EMS and Trauma System Development Day**. The TETAF/Parkland Health & Hospital System event will be from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 15** at the **Crowne Plaza Austin** hotel in conjunction with the May GETAC meetings. Registration information will be available soon; check TETAF's [website](http://www.tetaf.org) later this month.

TETAF's Acute Care Division is planning a **major conference to highlight innovations in both cardiac and stroke care**. The event will be **Sept. 26** at the **Hyatt Lost Pines resort near Bastrop**. Some of the prominent, cutting-edge speakers confirmed include Dr. James C. Grotta, chief of neurosurgery and stroke medical director at Memorial Hermann – Texas Medical Center; Dr. Chris Fanale, a neurologist and stroke medical director of the Swedish and Colorado Neurological Institute Stroke Programs; Dr. Vallabh Janardhan, director of the Comprehensive Stroke Program and Neuro-interventional Services for HCA North Texas Division; and Dr. Ed Racht, chief medical officer for American Medical Response, Inc., already have been confirmed. CME and CNE will be provided. Mark your calendar and plan to attend; registration materials will be available soon on TETAF's [website](http://www.tetaf.org).



TETAF's Injury Prevention Division's **Just Drive!** initiative is rolling out statewide this month. Focused on distracted driving, the campaign will raise local awareness about unsafe driving behaviors and their often life-changing or life-ending consequences. TETAF is working with the RACs to coordinate activities among trauma and EMS providers. Activities – such as high school assemblies, presentations to civic clubs and submission of news articles – focus on texting or talking while driving, drowsy driving and distractions – such as eating, adjusting the radio/CD, talking with passengers, etc. Resource materials and more information are available [online](http://www.tetaf.org).

Brenda Putz

Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum's  
Texas Trauma Registry Committee Presents

**ICD-10 Command Center**  
[www.txtraumaregistrar.com](http://www.txtraumaregistrar.com)  
Resources for Trauma Registrars

**Education, Resources, & Tools**

October 1, 2014

# Ya' Don't Know What Ya' Don't Know

Until you've attended the Texas Trauma Designation Education Course (TTDEC)

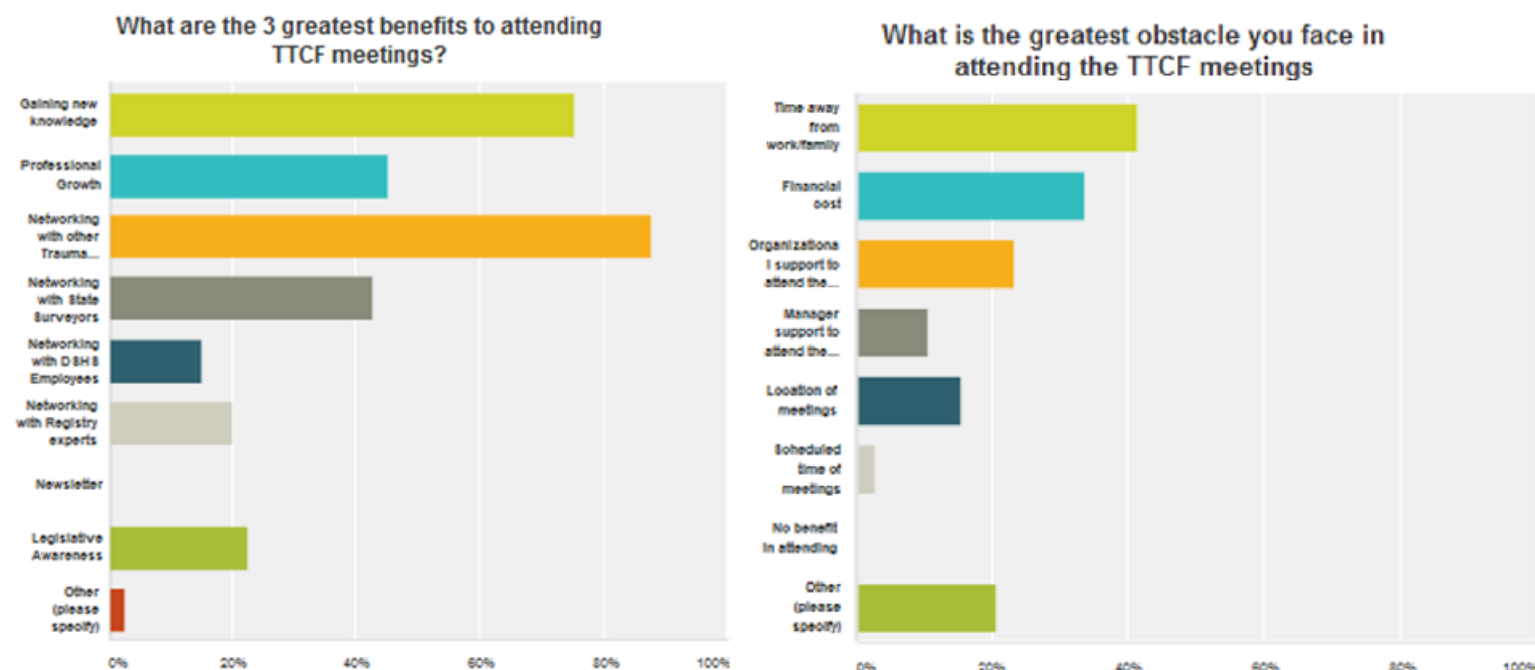
If you have found yourself serving as the 'new Trauma Coordinator' at your hospital, you are probably experiencing from "Ya' don't know what Ya' don't know". Fortunately, there is a low-cost and timely solution for your dilemma. Plan to attend the 1-day / all-day Texas Trauma Designation Course hosted by TTCF on May 12, 2014 to teach you the things you need to know in your new Trauma Coordinator role. The cost for the course is \$100 for TTCF members.

The TTDEC course is a course taught by experienced Trauma Coordinators who have direct experience in the challenges of Level III and Level IV trauma facilities. This course teaches the 'basics' of the major components of any trauma program.

- Topics include:
- Trauma System Overview – Historical Perspective
  - Development of a Trauma Service in a Level III/IV Facility
  - Development of Trauma Team Activation Fees
  - Role of the Trauma Coordinator
  - Physician Requirements in a Level III/ IV Facility
  - Equipment Requirements
  - Transfer Requirements
  - Educational Requirements
  - RAC Involvement
  - Trauma Registry
  - Performance Improvement in a Level IV Facility
  - Survey Process – Dept. of State Health Services Perspective
  - Survey Process – Facility Perspective
  - Managing The Role of Trauma Coordinator
  - TTCF & TETAF – Membership, Web Site, List Server

Attending this course satisfies the DSHS trauma center designation criterion for formal training in the role of Trauma Coordinator.

Thank you for your opinions ... You are not alone... 40 of YOU responded and made your voices heard...



Extremely useful	Very useful	Moderately useful	Slightly useful	Not at all useful	Total	Average Rating
40%	42.50%	17.50%	0%	0%	40	1.78
16	17	7	0	0		

Extremely likely	Very likely	Moderately likely	Slightly likely	Not at all likely	Total	Average Rating
52.50%	42.50%	2.50%	2.50%	0%	40	1.55
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## Secretary's Corner

2014 scripts the 21<sup>st</sup> year of the Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum. We enter a fresh year with a new president, innovative committee leadership, and novel challenges. The Board of Directors continues to seek innovative solutions to current and future challenges, relying solidly on general membership input. The honor to serve my second term as Secretary affords me the opportunity to view the Board's persistent commitment to the TTCF Mission Statement, and its genuine desire to serve the general membership. Members have a standing invitation to attend all Board meetings and I challenge each of you to witness your Board's devotion, planning, and labor in person. Please join my enthusiasm as your Board of Directors embraces this year's opportunities and strives to bring you the most significant trauma organization on the planet.

**Brett Dodwell** (Tomball Regional Medical Center)

## Committees / Groups

**Education** Chair: Christi Reeves (Clear Lake Regional Medical Center) Co-Chair: Gina Pickard

Why should you join the TTCF Education Committee? The Education Committee is responsible to assist in arranging for speakers who present at the TTCF meetings, as well as, arranging for requested courses before or after the meetings. The Education Committee request input from all TTCF members. In order to meet the needs of the requests your assistance is needed in finding those topic experts who can present this education. 'Potential' duties of an Educational Committee member:

- Finding subject matter experts
- Assisting with CE (as indicated)
- Assisting with the production of the educational offering (registration, logistics, monitoring, etc.)
- Prioritizing educational recommendations / offerings
- Assisting with securing educational location

**Fund Raising** Chair: Ram Perez Co-Chair: Robin Gage

No report at this time. Expect more in the future...

**Injury Prevention** Chair: Marcy McFarland Co-Chair: Jessica LaPlant (Christus Spohn Health System)

The TTCF Injury Prevention Committee wants to help reduce injuries in Texas. Members of this committee will use their experience, knowledge and creativity to work on IP projects that all TTCF members can take back to their communities and put into action. We know that the majority of TX trauma programs are managed by one person. It takes quite a bit of time to research, plan, develop and execute an injury prevention program. So help us help you!

**Level I / II** Chair: Pending Elections Co-Chair: Pending Elections

The board recommended that we bring to the general membership a request to add a Level I/II committee to allow discussions of issues specific to these programs.

**Level III** Chair: Andrea Holmes (Memorial Herman Southeast Hospital) Co-Chair: Heidi Lavka

The level III committee is open to all trauma managers. The focus of the committee is to discuss the trial and tribulations of the maintaining a Level III trauma program. It is a very good place to network with other Level III managers in a relaxed educational setting. Each meeting will focus on a topic chosen by the committee chair and co chair relevant to the practice of a Level III trauma manager. Each meeting allows for dialogue, followed by a question and answer session. This committee will assist new Level III trauma managers, or Level IV trauma managers who are transitioning to a level III by sharing information regarding the specific needs of the Level III trauma manager. Throughout the year, the committee will also have special guests from our Level II and Level I facilities to discuss issues with transfers and follow-up. This helps put a face to a name as many of us utilize some of the same Level I and II facilities in our respective regions. The meeting is hosted at 8 am before the general meeting begins and does not interfere with the other committees who meet during the meeting. It is important that the Level III trauma centers have a voice in TTCF and this committee provides a venue to voice and promote our vision.

**Level IV** Chair: Janice Markwardt Co-Chair: Deedee Abbott

Why should I attend the Level IV Committee meeting? Many of you may ask yourself this question. I could have an extra hour of sleep. 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 PI/"Loop Closure"
- Other trauma topics are addressed which may include – trauma activation charges, trauma flow sheets: electronic-vs-paper, etc.
- Education on "Trauma Facility Checklist Criteria", etc.
- Experienced "seasoned" and "new" TPM/TC share
- Speakers : "What is working for me/what is not working"

This is a time for you to connect with other Level IV trauma managers – we all wear many hats, not just trauma, many of us are Cardiac/Stroke Coordinators – many other positions.

You are not alone, we are your "trauma" family.

Come to the Level IV Committee meeting ----- we welcome you.