



# MINNESOTA STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM



## e-Trauma Update

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### STAC Welcomes New Member

Dr. Farah Ikramuddin has been appointed to the State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) as the Rehabilitation Specialist. She practices physiatry at the University of Minnesota. Welcome, Dr. Ikramuddin!

Dr. Ikramuddin replaces Dr. Steven Lockman who served on the STAC for eight years. Thank you for your service, Dr. Lockman!

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### Share Your Comments About Proposed Level 4 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria Changes

At their meeting on March 7, the State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) considered [changes to Level 4 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria proposed by the Level 4 Admissions Work Group \(PDF\)](#). The work group was charged to consider whether modifications are needed to accommodate the demands placed on the trauma system due to the difficulty in transferring trauma patients.

All are invited to review and [comment on the proposal](#) ahead of the June 6, 2023, STAC meeting. Submit your comments by **May 14**.

## Join us at Jackpot Junction for Trauma Program 101: Basic Training

Trauma program medical directors, managers, coordinators, and administrators, this is the class you've been waiting for! Scheduled for April 19, this seminar is tailored to Minnesota's Level 4 trauma hospitals where you will learn about the duties and responsibilities of the trauma program leaders and the processes and techniques used to accomplish trauma performance improvement.

*Trauma Program 101: Basic Training* has traditionally been popular with both new and seasoned trauma program leaders. Participants find the class to be very useful in furthering their understanding of program requirements and trauma performance improvement.

Since this offering is specifically tailored for Level 4 Trauma Hospital leaders, a bridge seminar for Level 3 Trauma Hospital leaders is planned for April 26. The seminar will build upon the principles covered in the April 19 class, so attendance at *Trauma Program 101: Basic Training* on April 19 is strongly encouraged.

[Visit the trauma system website](#) to register for either or both classes.

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## Joint Policy Committee Considers New EMS Field Triage Recommendations

In 2021 a national panel of experts updated [recommendations for the field triage of injured patients](#). Previous recommendations were published by the Centers for Disease Control in 2011.

A field triage guideline is used to identify seriously injured patients who are likely to require the specialized care of a trauma center, and then prescribe their destination. The current Minnesota guideline is an adaptation from an earlier CDC version and is due to be reviewed.

The [Joint Policy Committee](#) (JPC) is made up of three members from each the STAC and the EMS Regulatory Board (EMSRB) plus one alternate from each body. The committee's role is to facilitate the integration and coordination of EMS within the statewide trauma system. The committee is in the process of reviewing the new national recommendations for EMS trauma field triage and will consider if changes are needed to the Minnesota field triage guideline.

A recommendation is expected to be presented to both the EMSRB and STAC in the coming months. Information will be widely shared if changes are proposed.

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## Free Point-of-Care Ultrasound Training is Here!

Through a grant from the Helmsley Charitable Trust, High Quality Medical Education (HQMEDED) in cooperation with Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians Foundation is offering free point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) training for physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners in Minnesota's Critical Access Hospitals and their affiliated Rural Health Clinics through the *Minnesota Point-of-Care Ultrasound Project*.



Free online learning modules provide a foundation of POCUS knowledge and prepare clinicians to develop their ultrasound skills for the emergency setting. The course targets emergency department, ambulatory, and in-patient providers to improve hospitals' ultrasound program, expand the types of studies that can be performed, and help clinicians to refine skills and incorporate them into their practice. In addition to the online modules, four in-person POCUS courses featuring both lecture and practical instruction will be offered in regional locations in each year of the three-year grant.

Each eligible participant will receive a free copy of *Ma and Mateer's Emergency Ultrasound*. Each eligible site will also receive two Butterfly iQ+ ultrasound probes, which interface with a mobile app to make bedside ultrasound easily accessible to patients.

Learn more by registering with the Rural Minnesota Point-of-Care Ultrasound Project.