

e-Trauma Update

April 2024

State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) updates



Work group to assess Level 3 and 4 criteria

The STAC has charged a new work group of trauma experts to review the Level 3 and Level 4 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria and consider whether modifications are needed to address the workforce demands placed on the trauma system. The group will begin meeting soon. Suggestions for changes to the criteria can be submitted through the [link](#) on the

Trauma System website.

Trauma Hospitals Re-designated

Congratulations to the recently re-designated hospitals.

Thank you to all for your commitment to providing excellent trauma care.

Level 3:

Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park

United Hospital, St. Paul

Level 4:

Astera Health, Wadena

Mayo Clinic Health System- Fairmont

Olivia Hospital & Clinic

Perham Health

Ridgeview LeSueur Medical Center

Welia Health, Mora

Minnesota Point-of-Care Ultrasound (MN POCUS) Project continues

The Minnesota Point-of-Care Ultrasound Project offers free ultrasound training to eligible providers through a grant by The Helmsley Charitable Trust.



This unique learning initiative has been very well received. Participants learn bedside ultrasound from a variety of modalities. Education is spearheaded by High Quality Medical Education (HQMedEd) and is delivered through online educational videos, an annual onsite day of training, regional conferences, and on-demand with the use of Butterfly TeleGuidance assistance.

Ultrasound skills such as EFAST, basic cardiac, DVT, and vascular access are taught. These skills will be reinforced and expanded by introducing clinical scenarios such as undifferentiated shock and chest pain, acute dyspnea, non-traumatic abdominal pain, and critical procedures.

It's not too late to join! Learn more by registering with the MN POCUS Project at [HQMedEd](#).

Coffee with the Coordinators



The next quarterly session of Coffee with the Coordinators will be held on April 24th beginning at 9:30 am. These are engaging, interactive, and resource sharing conversations among colleagues. All trauma program staff are welcome to join. The link to join the virtual meeting is on the [Trauma System website](#) along with a [link](#) to submit your questions.

Tertiary Review Meeting Tip

Tertiary review meetings prompt good clinical care discussion that identify opportunities for improvement. Tertiary case reviews include provider discussion related to trauma clinical care. Documentation of these meetings must reflect the discussion, opportunities for improvement, and action plans with person responsible. [Sample Document](#)

Tertiary review meetings can be known by a number of different titles (e.g. Provider meeting, Trauma Committee, M & M) and often vary by hospital. To lessen confusion during the re-designation process, please use a consistent naming convention for your tertiary review meetings throughout your policy, flowcharts, and related documents.

Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) Corner

A highlight of the Western Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (WESTAC) meetings includes discussion of trauma cases for shared learning and how optimal care can be provided regardless of resources/trauma designation level. At the March WESTAC meeting, a case summary with key learning points was led by Dr. Meg Bowen with engagement from multiple agencies and trauma hospitals. Best practices regarding penetrating trauma with internal bleeding were shared.



Trauma Portal- keeping trauma leadership contacts updated

The [Trauma Hospital Portal](#) is the repository for trauma leadership contacts. Please ensure the contacts are updated for timely and accurate communications. For simple instructions, please see the [Portal User Manual](#).

Reminder: Sign in to the Trauma Hospital Portal every 60 days to prevent account suspension. Please reach out to health.trauma@state.mn.us for assistance if needed.



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