



Georgia Trauma Commission

GEORGIA TRAUMA CARE NETWORK COMMISSION

Trauma Medical Directors Conference Call: 9 May 2011

Attending:

Dr. Dennis Ashley, Trauma Commission and MCCG
Dr. Chris Dente, GA COT Chair, Grady
Dr. Grace Rozycki, Grady
Dr. Vernon Henderson, AMC
Dr. Mark Gravlee, North Fulton
Dr. Sergio Majais, Morgan
Dr. Mike Hawkins, MCG
Ms. Kathy Segó RN (Trauma coordinator representing Athens)
Dr. Romeo Massoud and Ms. Gina Soloman, Gwinnett
Dr. John Bleacher, Scottish Rite/ Egleston
Dr. John Cascone, Archibold
Dr. Barry Renz, Gwinnett
Dr. Priscilla Strom, Gainesville
Dr. Gage Ochsner, Memorial
Dr. Scott Hannay, Columbus
Dr. Paul Parker, Egleston
Dr. Steve Paynter, Dalton
Dr. Mark Benak and Ms. Bambi Bruce, Walton
Ms. Shawn Hackney, Trauma Commission staff
Mr. Jim Pettyjohn, Trauma Commission executive director

Meeting Notes:

Dr. Dennis Ashley thanked everyone for participating in this Trauma Medical Director's conference call. He noted this is the second call and participation had increased.

Discussion of ACS Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP): Dr. Ashley stated the budget for the Commission will be reviewed in the next month or two and he would like input from the medical directors as to which way they wanted to go on participating in TQIP. There are approximately 140 centers that are now participating nationwide. Agreement was reached that the commission would be asked to make this a line item in the budget to bring the entire state on at one time with an approximate annual cost of \$9,000.00 per center. There were concerns noted regarding the open records act and being that the Commission would be funding this, would it fall within the act. It was agreed that the College be contacted regarding the medical/legal aspect of data that would be shared.

Dr. Chris Dente gave a brief report on the Georgia COT. The membership of the Georgia COT is approximately 20 academic surgeons with the primary role of coordinating the Resident Paper Competition. Dr. Dente would like to see the membership expanded and then possibly have an annual meeting with the trauma directors. It was agreed to request that the Commission make a requirement that as a medical director you attend the COT annual meeting of the state and this would justify the cost of membership. Dr. Dente will send out an email to all medical directors regarding this.

Dr. Dennis Ashley gave a brief update on the Trauma Communications Center and the Region 5 and 6 pilot projects. The TCC will be located in Forsyth, Georgia, at GSTP, with the software bid being awarded to SAAB, a Swedish company. The Commission is presently working with them in the design and

implentation of this. We are in the process of meeting with the hospitals, EMS, etc. in these two regions to bring them onboard and get their input.

Discussion of the Governor's new appointees to the Trauma Commission: The two members being replaced are Rich Bias and Kelly Vaughn with their terms expiring in September, 2011. The new appointees are Dr. Fred Mullins, Augusta Burn Center, and Dr. Cowles, who will be starting October 1, 2011. There was discussion as to why an urologist is being appointed to the Trauma Commission. It was agreed that a letter requesting the admendment of the appointments would be crafted by Dr. Dente and a draft copy would be emailed to everyone for review and input before a final letter is crafted.

Agreement was reached to hold the future conference calls bi-monthly on the third Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. beginning July.

There was a brief discussion of the Governor's cut of the funding of the registars with an agreement being made that an additional letter be crafted protesting this cut. Dr. Oschner volunteered to take on this task and will email a draft copy to everyone.