



Georgia Trauma Commission

Right Patient, Right Hospital, Right Time, Right Means

Trauma Medical Directors Conference Call:

15 September 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Attending:

Level 1 Trauma Centers	Representing Physicians
CHOA: Egleston Georgia Regents Grady Memorial MCCG Memorial Health Atlanta Medical Center	Dr. Paul Parker Dr. Colville Ferdinand Dr. Jeffrey Nicholas (GTC Member)/Dr. Chris Dente Dr. Dennis Ashley/Chair Dr. James Dunne
Level 2 Trauma Centers	
Archbold Memorial Athens Regional Columbus Regional Floyd Medical Gwinnett Medical Hamilton Medical North Fulton CHOA: Scottish Rite Wellstar Kennestone Northeast GA Med Ctr	Dr. John Cascone Dr. Thomas Hawke Dr. Scott Hannay Dr. Clarence McKemie Dr. Romeo Massoud Dr. Steve Paynter Dr. Mark Gravlee Dr. John Bleacher Dr. Barry Renz Dr. John Adamski
Level 3 Trauma Centers	
Clearview Regional Redmond Regional Trinity Hospital Taylor Regional	Dr. Angelina Postoev Dr. Jimmy Peebles
Level 4 Trauma Centers	
Crisp Regional Effingham Emanuel Medical Meadows Regional Morgan Memorial	
Burn Centers	
JMS Burn Center Grady Burn Center	Dr. Fred Mullins Dr. Walter Ingram

OTHERS SIGNING IN	REPRESENTING
Mr. John Cannady Ms. Dena Abston	Georgia Trauma Commission/Staff Georgia Trauma Commission/Staff

Mr. Jim Pettyjohn Ms. Sharon Queen Ms. Kim Brown Ms. Gina Solomon Ms. Deb Battle Mr. Heyward Wells Dr. John Polhill Ms. Trisha Newsome Ms. Tracy Johns Mr. Jim Sargent Ms. Joni Napier Ms. Laura Garlow Ms. Liz Atkins	Georgia Trauma Commission/Staff Clearview Regional Hospital Hamilton Medical Center Gwinnett Medical Center, GCTE President Northeast Georgia Medical Center JMS Burn Center Fairview Park Trinity MCCG North Fulton Crisp Regional Wellstar Kennestone Grady Memorial
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Meeting Began: 4:03 PM

Meeting Notes:

Dr. Dennis Ashley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Trauma Commission Update

Dr. Ashley provided the Trauma Commission Update:

- Super Speeder revenues report are on the GTC website. For 2013, \$18.5 million was collected in fees, with 2014 expected to reach about \$19.1 million, with an estimate of about \$20 million for both 2015 and 2016.
- Last year at the capital, GTC asked for all the revenues collected by the Super Speeder bill and will continue this year with the enhancement report.
- He wants to encourage all physicians to speak with their local legislators to put the word out there for GTC.
- The latest legislative report showed we are putting data and science behind what we are doing and generating data to show improved outcomes.
- Dr. Ashley and other trauma leaders in the state have been working, in a small workgroup, on an AAST (American Association for the Surgery of Trauma) paper to come out of Georgia using Dr. Pracht's data report to show that trauma patients survivability increased by 10% when taken to a designated trauma center versus a non-designated trauma center. He is hoping to have the paper published after the first of the year.
- The small workgroup is also working to put together a paper on the increase of access to care for trauma patients to a designated trauma center. Dr. Pracht's data showed an increase from about 61% during 2003 to 87% during 2012 of trauma patients being sent to a designated trauma center instead of a non-designated center.

Georgia COT Update

Dr. Dente provided a Georgia COT Update:

- The annual Day of Trauma (DOT) in August was overall a great meeting and the attendance was very well represented across the state.
- He was excited to announce Grady Memorial in Atlanta will host the 2015 DOT.
- There is a statewide TQIP conference call tomorrow.
 - They will discuss session terms for education for registrars on navigating through the system for State reports to make better sense and provide some consistency.
 - The Nation is looking at Georgia to lead the way.

- American College of Surgeons is looking to come to Georgia during March or April of 2015.

New Business

Dr. Colville Ferdinand wanted to discuss establishing small study-work groups by email to all members for projects to be worked on statewide data to lobby to politicians. He suggested that between now and next meeting, the groups need to collect ideas and decide on what projects to pursue. Dr. Ashley added that prospective and retrospective projects may last around two years of working together to complete a project or paper. He reiterated Dr. Ferdinand's suggestion to compile a list of ideas and or potential studies and come up with a topic by next meeting or call. The following email was sent at 4:30 pm following this conference call:

“Subject: Research for Georgia

Sent on behalf of Dr. Colville Ferdinand

Good afternoon,

It was my pleasure to host this year's Day of Trauma and hope you gained as much from the day's events as I did. In follow up to our COT meeting I wanted to reach out to each of you to begin discussing ideas for a state-wide research project through GRITS (the Georgia Research Institute for Trauma Studies).

I would like for each of you to send me two ideas for a multi-site research project. One example would be the open vs closed percutaneous tracheostomy paper that was presented by the AMC resident during the paper competition. This may be something we want to look at on a state-wide level.

Please send me your ideas no later than September 29th. You can send them directly to my email:

Cferdinand@gru.edu

I look forward to hearing from you.

Dennis W. Ashley, MD, FACS, FCCM
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Mercer University School of Medicine
Director of Trauma and Critical Care
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Closing Remarks

Dr. Ashley reminded everyone that TQIP conference call will be tomorrow, and everyone needs to be on this.

Adjourned: 4:27 PM

Crafted By Dena Abston