
e-Trauma Update

July 2024

State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) Updates



STAC welcomes new member

Jordan Haltaufderheid has been appointed to the State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) as the Commissioner of Public Safety Designee. He succeeds Col. Matt Langer, who served in that role since 2000.

Mr. Haltaufderheid is the Chief of Staff for the Commissioner of Public Safety. Welcome Jordan!

STAC selects its officers

Commissioner Brooke Cunningham has appointed **Tom Pahl, PA-C** as chair of the STAC after he was recommended by the Council members. Mr. Pahl succeeds Dr. McGonigal who served in the position for the last four years.

The STAC also elected **Dr. Julie Gutzmer** as vice-chair of the STAC. Dr. Gutzmer succeeds Tami Bong, RN, who served in the position for the last two years.

Thank you Dr. McGonigal and Tami Bong for your leadership and commitment to quality trauma care throughout the state.

Trauma Designations

Congratulations to the recently re-designated hospitals.

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

Level 1:

Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota- Minneapolis

North Memorial Health Hospital, Robbinsdale

Level 3:

Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit Lakes

Level 4:

Essentia Health Sandstone

Gunderson St. Elizabeth's Hospital & Clinic, Wabasha

Northfield Hospital

Madison Hospital

Mayo Clinic Health System Albert Lea and Austin; Albert Lea

Murray County Medical Center

Ridgeview Two Twelve Medical Center, Chaska

Sanford Wheaton Medical Center

Windom Area Hospital

Buffalo Hospital

CCM Health, Montevideo

Cook Hospital

LifeCare Medical Center, Roseau

Regional Trauma Advisory Committee Highlights

The Northeastern Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (NERTAC) rolled out a new protocol for all patient hand offs. The new "DMIST protocol" reflects current best practices between pre-hospital and hospital providers. More information along with training materials are available on the [NERTAC website](#).

Demographics- Name, date of birth, age, sex

Mechanism/Medical Complaint- Time, mechanism of injury or medical complaint/history

Injury/Illness- list of injuries head to toe, assessment findings, STEMI/Stroke/Sepsis/Trauma criteria, Pain

Symptoms & vital signs- vital signs, first set and significant changes, GCS

Treatments- treatments/interventions given, patient response



Coffee with the Coordinators

The next quarterly session of Coffee with the Coordinators will be held on **July 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.

Trauma Education Opportunities

Trauma Program 101 Course

The Minnesota Statewide Trauma System will be offering a newly revised and highly anticipated Trauma Program 101 Course in St. Cloud on Friday, **October 11th** from 9:00- 4:00. The [Trauma Program 101 registration link](#) is now open. All trauma program leaders (trauma program managers/coordinators, medical directors/medical advisors, CEO/administrators) of Level 3 and Level 4 Trauma Hospitals are encouraged to attend. Nursing CEUs will be offered.

Highlights of the course will include:

- Overview of the state trauma system
- Understand the trauma system designation criteria as an overview of the trauma program

- Learn basic trauma performance improvement (PI) concepts
- Access educational and networking opportunities for continuous growth of your trauma program

The next Trauma Program 101 Course will be on Thursday, **April 3, 2025** in St. Cloud. Registration is not yet open for this offering.

Performance Improvement Series

A Performance Improvement (PI) series will follow the Trauma Program 101 Course. This PI series is intended to be an interactive and in-depth learning of the topics introduced at the 101 course.



The PI series will be offered virtually from 9:30-11:30 am on the following dates.

PI 1: Case finding and Primary Review	November 12, 2024
PI 2: Investigative follow up and Secondary Review	December 18, 2024
PI 3: Tertiary Review and PI projects	January 14, 2025

While the Trauma Program 101 Course and the PI series can be taken in sequential order, it's not necessary. Take these courses as you can. All of these offerings will be repeated on an ongoing basis.



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