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**Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence (GCTE)**

*March 1, 2023*

*2:00 PM-4:00 PM*

[Trauma.ga.gov meeting link](https://trauma.ga.gov/meeting-link)

*Tracy Johns, Atrium Health Navicent*

*GCTE Chair*

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Jesse Gibson <i>Chair, former</i>	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Tracy Johns, <i>Chair</i>	Atrium Health Navicent
Lynn Grant, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Fairview Park Hospital
Kellie Rowker, <i>Pediatrics</i>	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Kristal Smith, <i>Injury Prevention and Outreach</i>	Atrium Health Navicent
Kelli Vaughn, <i>Registry</i>	John D Archbold Memorial Hospital
Kyndra Holm, <i>Education</i>	Augusta University
John Pope, <i>Performance Improvement</i>	Piedmont Cartersville

ATTENDEES		
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COMPANY
Cindy	Hoggard	AdventHealth Redmond
Nicole	Sundholm	AdventHealth Redmond

Monica	Trotter	AdventHealth Redmond
Rachel	Graham	Atrium Health Floyd
Katie	Hasty	Atrium Health Floyd
Crystal	Wynn	Atrium Health Floyd
Melissa	Parris	Atrium Health Floyd
Tifani	Kinard	Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center
Dawn	Truett	Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center
Robyn	Axlund	Atrium Health Navicent
Tracy	Johns	Atrium Health Navicent
Patricia	Judd	Atrium Health Navicent
Brenna	McClure	Atrium Health Navicent
Susan	Murphy	Atrium Health Navicent
Jennifer	Peace	Atrium Health Navicent
Faith	Rand	Atrium Health Navicent
Kristal	Smith	Atrium Health Navicent
Brian	Bays	Augusta University
Ashley	Faircloth	Augusta University
Dawn	Faircloth	Augusta University
MaryAnne	Nolan	Augusta University
Patricia	Smith	Augusta University
Alicia	Cochran	CHOA
Susanne	Edwards	CHOA
Moe	Schmid	CHOA
Janann	Dunnavant	Crisp Regional
Courtney	Pettiford	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Christopher	Ruiz	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Lindsey	Lewis	Effingham Health System
Amy	Watson	Effingham Health System
Brooke	Marsh	Emanuel Medical Center
Gail	Thornton	Emanuel Medical Center
Lynn	Grant	Fairview Park Hospital

Cheryle	Ward	Georgia Trauma Foundation
Allison	Colvard	Grady
Teri	Craig	Grady
Steve	Elmgren	Grady
Jenna	Freeman	Grady
Robin	Garza	Grady
Carey	Lamphier	Grady
Erin	Moorcones	Grady
Sarah	Parker	Grady
Roxanne	Rothenberg	Grady
Stacey	Shipley	Grady
Barbara	Thomas	Grady
Greg	Nickel	GTC, Stop the Bleed Georgia
Kim	Brown	Hamilton Medical Center
Lauren	Zavala	Hamilton Medical Center
Mary Beth	Goodwin	John D. Archbold
Kelli	Vaughn	John D. Archbold
Kim	Kottemann	LifeLink of Georgia
Karrie	Page	Memorial Health Meadows Hospital
Christie	Mathis	Morgan Medical Center
Linda	Greene	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Blanca	Hinojosa	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Jessica	Mantooth	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Maria	Silva	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Morgan	Krause	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Jackie	Payne	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Naila	Avery	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Barlynda	Bryant	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Nadirah	Burgess	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Dana	Davis	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Sharon	Grason	Northside Hospital Gwinnett

Tracy	Harris	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Sarah	Holcombe	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Colleen	Horne	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Rayma	Stephens	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Rebecca	Weilder	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Danlin	Luo	OEMST
Marie	Probst	OEMST
Kristin	Brooks	Piedmont Athens Regional
Ana	Delgado	Piedmont Athens Regional
Heather	Morgan	Piedmont Athens Regional
Kristi	Perkins	Piedmont Athens Regional
Shannon	Thomas	Piedmont Athens Regional
Justin	Keeton	Piedmont Henry Hospital
Karen	Hust	Piedmont Walton
Richard	Jacob	Piedmont Walton
Tina	Miller	South Georgia Medical Center
Rebecca	Harkness	Stephens County Hospital
Bill	Briggs	Wellstar Cobb Hospital
Alyssa	Monda	Wellstar Cobb Hospital
Roger	Smith	Wellstar Cobb Hospital
Dana	Bouse	Wellstar Kennestone Hospital
Megan	Dawson	Wellstar Kennestone Hospital
Julie	Freeman	Wellstar Kennestone Hospital
Danielle	Johnson	Wellstar Kennestone Hospital
Christina	Ucci	Wellstar Kennestone Hospital
Jamie	Van Ness	Wellstar Kennestone Hospital
Anthony	Vizzinia	Wellstar Kennestone Hospital
Elizabeth	Folse	Wellstar North Fulton Hospital
Rhonda	Jones	Wellstar North Fulton Hospital
Taitiana	Woods	Wellstar North Fulton Hospital
Jason	Lanyon	Wellstar North Fulton Hospital

Kerry	Carter	Wellstar Paulding Medical Center
Grace	Mills	Wellstar Paulding Medical Center
Susan	Baldrige	Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital
Vaughn	Tejedor	Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital
Rachel	Hand	Wellstar West Ga Medical Center
Michele	Evans	Winn Army Community Hospital

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
<p>Call to Order/Approval Mins Intro of New Members</p>	<p>Tracy Johns, Committee Chair, called the meeting of the Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence (GCTE), a committee of the Georgia Trauma Commission (GTC), to order at 2:00 pm. A quorum was established, with eight executive members present. Lynn Grant welcomed everyone and asked new committee attendees to introduce themselves. After introductions, Lynn Grant requested a motion to approve the November meeting minutes.</p> <p><b><u>MOTION GCTE 2023-03-01:</u></b>  <b>Motion to approve November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as submitted.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Kyndra Holm  <b>SECOND:</b> Kellie Rowker  <b>DISCUSSION:</b> None  <b>ACTION:</b> The motion <b><i>PASSED</i></b> with no objections nor abstentions</p>
<p>Georgia Trauma Commission (GTC) Update</p>	<p>Liz Atkins provided an update on behalf of the Georgia Trauma Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission approved the FY 2023 Reallocation Plan yesterday. A portion of the funds will be distributed to the trauma centers and EMS. Within the reallocation plan, level III centers will receive an additional \$75,000 to their base, and level IV centers will receive an additional \$25,000.</li> <li>• The Budget Committee is working on some financial models for FY 2024 funding distribution and what it will look like to contract with all designated trauma centers.</li> <li>• More to come on action planning from the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF) and American College of Surgeons (ACS) reports.</li> <li>• This morning Dr. Etienne Pracht presented the Trauma System Analysis, which looks at Georgia's 2013-2022 discharge data set. The presentation is posted on the trauma.ga.gov website for review.</li> </ul>

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Office of EMS & Trauma Update	<p>Marie Probst provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With Renee Morgan’s departure, we will have April Moss do the Trauma Program Manager Review section of the OTCPE online. The next OTCPE form will open on March 15<sup>th</sup> and is due April 15<sup>th</sup>. You have a 10-day grace period to complete the forms after the due date. If you have any suggestions for next year, please let me know. We will work on revisions during the summer.</li> <li>• April Moss is our new Deputy Director for Systems of Care, which oversees trauma, stroke, cardiac, and EMS-C.</li> </ul>
Georgia Trauma Foundation Update	No updates for the Georgia Trauma Foundation.
Georgia Quality Improvement Update	<p>Gina Solomon provided a brief review of GQIP’s latest activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some centers have not sent the contacts for the Arbormetrix platform login. I will be following up with those facilities.</li> <li>• You all have gotten the update to your center’s V5. We will be working on some definitions that will be helpful moving forward with our data.</li> <li>• We will send the data completeness scorecard to Trauma Program Managers to share with their staff. If you have any feedback, please let me know.</li> <li>• Arbormetrix platform kickoff has moved to September 2023. Time definitive care and hip fracture within 48 hours will be our first two metrics going live.</li> </ul>
Subcommittee Reports	<p><b>Education:</b> Kyndra Holm provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to Jessica Mantoath for all her great work over the last two years as the education subcommittee chair.</li> <li>• Transfer to Definitive Care PowerPoint to educate centers on the importance of minimizing the delay in transfer is complete. We reformatted the PowerPoint and will send it to subcommittee leaders for review and feedback. The intent of the PP is for level I and II centers to utilize as outreach to level III, IV, non-trauma centers, and EMS partners. There was a recommendation to add a voiceover to the PowerPoint.</li> <li>• AKI PowerPoint is complete, and we will also send it to the subcommittee leaders for review and feedback. Both PowerPoints will be shared once complete and are meant to be a resource and tool that can be edited to be more relevant to your particular center.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have purchased and distributed TCRN study flipbooks for the state trauma centers. If your center did not receive its flipbook, please contact me. Our goal is to increase the rate of TCRN-certified nurses across the state.</li> <li>• We have someone who has expressed interest in the Vice-chair role, and we will discuss the position at our next subcommittee meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Pediatric:</b> Kelli Rowker updated the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still working on the SIPA (Shock Index Pediatric Adjusted) score project. Dr. Seidel’s Pediatric Shock Index may be a better tool. Instead of being based on age ranges, it’s based on a single age with specific physiologic signs that a child at that age would have. We are studying both indexes on our highest activations at CHOA.</li> <li>• In coordination with the education subcommittee, we are looking at pediatric transportation. In 2022, CHOA had 1680 trauma patient transfers, and 570 (34%) of those patients were discharged from the ED. We are drilling down on the data to look at specific injuries. With the transfer numbers, we are looking into the Georgia Pediatric Virtual Program.</li> <li>• We continue to work closely with the Pediatric Readiness Committee to assist centers with pediatric readiness.</li> </ul> <p><b>Performance Improvement:</b> John Pope provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are restarting our initiatives to focus on time to definitive care data.</li> <li>• Karen Hust will be taking John Pope’s place as co-chair of the PI Committee.</li> </ul> <p>Tracy Johns mentioned there is a level III/IV workgroup mentorship, whose purpose is primarily mentorship. They are also working on two initiatives: working on PI plans and start using the PI module in the registry.</p> <p><b>Registry:</b> Kelli Vaughn updated the Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESO files for 2023 went out last week. There are new data fields, one notated as an NTDB data field (blue), where you must indicate whether a pediatric or adult service. If it is white, it is not an NTDB field. ESO is aware of the problem and will distribute a patch for it. Kelli will send Moe Schmid’s screenshots of the new fields with the GCTE group.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are working on time to definitive care by looking at the feedback report to ensure centers have the information they need to complete the registry data fields and who the contact persons are.</li> <li>• ACS Standards and Data Management Plan draft has been sent to the GCTE leadership and registry groups. Once we get some feedback, we can send it as a template.</li> <li>• ACS standards require registrar education courses. Tracy asked the Commission for funding support for registrar education. Priority will be given to level III and IV staff.</li> <li>• AIS 2015 conversion is up for discussion. It is a multi-year process, and we are trying to determine the number of years for the goal.</li> <li>• Georgia Data Dictionary Workgroup is being created to keep GA Data Dictionary current.</li> <li>• We are working on facilitating an in-person registry meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Injury Prevention and Outreach:</b> Kristal Smith provided an update on activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulations to our burn centers partners on a great symposium.</li> <li>• We continue to work and do some of our trauma awareness webinars and appreciate your work pushing those forward.</li> <li>• If anyone is interested in joining or learning about Bingocize, please contact Sharon Grason for more information.</li> <li>• Child Abuse Prevention month is in April-webinar announcements coming soon.</li> <li>• We are preparing resources for Trauma Awareness Month in May and Georgia Stay Safe Week during the first week of summer.</li> <li>• We are working with the Georgia Trauma Commission on developing the framework for injury prevention funding ideas.</li> <li>• Our Pediatric Symposium is coming up next month. The EMS for Children in region six will also host a Pediatric Symposium in May.</li> <li>• If you are interested in a trauma llama t-shirt, please contact me.</li> <li>• Please let me know if you are interested in the Injury Prevention and Outreach chair position. I will be working on transitioning out of the position this year.</li> <li>• Welcome, Greg Nickel, who will be working as the Stop the Bleed Coordinator for the state.</li> </ul>

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2022 Standard Review: 2.13	<p>Kim Kottemann presented <b>ATTACHMENT A</b>, LifeLink of Georgia Updates, to the committee. The presentation included: updated clinical triggers, new ACS Gray Book Organ Procurement Standards, DoNation Campaign Overview, and important dates. The meeting presentation is available for review within the meeting recording. If you have any additional questions, please contact <a href="mailto:kim.kottemann@lifelinkfound.org">kim.kottemann@lifelinkfound.org</a>. <b>ATTACHMENT B</b> is attached as a reference to the ACS 2.13 Standard.</p>
2022 Standard Review: 2.1	<p>Tracy Johns and Lynn Grant reviewed <b>ATTACHMENT C</b>, the 2.1 state and regional involvement standards. You are going to have to prove you are involved in these things. We went through the standard and listed examples of involvement.</p>
Adjourn	<p>Before adjourning, Tracy Johns asked the committee to share any experiences or celebrations. Kristal Smith shared that Lynn Grant will co-present at EMAG starting April 12<sup>th</sup>. Jesse Gibson shared that Northeast Georgia Medical Center successfully obtained level I verification.</p> <p>Tracy advised moving the winter GCTE meeting to the day before the GQIP Winter Meeting rather than the end. Liz Atkins advised she could move the meeting back to Monday.</p> <p><i><b>Vice-chair Lynn Grant adjourned the meeting at 3:50 pm.</b></i></p>

*Minutes Crafted by Gabriela Saye*