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Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence (GCTE)

November 15, 2023

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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Tracy Johns, Atrium Health Navicent

GCTE Chair

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Tracy Johns, <i>Chair</i>	Atrium Health Navicent
Lynn Grant, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Fairview Park Hospital
Kristal Smith, <i>Injury Prevention and Outreach</i>	Atrium Health Navicent
Kyndra Holm, <i>Education</i>	Augusta University
Kelli Vaughn, <i>Registry</i>	J.D. Archbold Memorial Center
Karen Hust, <i>Performance Improvement</i>	Piedmont Walton
Jesse Gibson <i>Chair, former</i>	Northeast Georgia Medical Center

ATTENDEES		
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COMPANY
Cindy	Hoggard	AdventHealth Redmond
Nicole	Sundholm	AdventHealth Redmond
Katie	Hasty	Atrium Health Floyd
Crystal	Wynn	Atrium Health Floyd

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Melissa	Parris	Atrium Health Floyd
Dawn	Truett	Atrium Health Floyd Polk
Josephine	Fabico-Dulin	Atrium Health Navicent
Tracy	Johns	Atrium Health Navicent
Joanna	Goss	Atrium Health Navicent
Susan	Murphy	Atrium Health Navicent
Jennifer	Peace	Atrium Health Navicent
Faith	Rand	Atrium Health Navicent
Kristal	Smith	Atrium Health Navicent
Alicia	Cochran	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Susanne	Edwards	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Rebecca	Gaskins	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Hunter	Kurek	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Kendra	Mosley	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Michael	Patterson	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Dianne	Potter	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Rana	Roberts	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Kellie	Rowker	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Briona	Whitehead	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Ashley	Bullington	Crisp Regional
Janann	Dunnavant	Crisp Regional
Shelby	Adams	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Tinyhra	Harris	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Christopher	Ruiz	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Danlin	Luo	DPH OEMST
Marie	Probst	DPH OEMST
Stacee	Smith	DPH OEMST
Charley	Kendziorski	Effingham Health System
Will	Soto	Effingham Health System
Brooke	Marsh	Emanuel Medical Center

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Gail	Thornton	Emanuel Medical Center
Lynn	Grant	Fairview Park Hospital
Cheryle	Ward	Georgia Trauma Foundation
Michael	Bentley	Grady
Rebecca	Chatman	Grady
Andrea	Costanzo	Grady
Joy	Eleby	Grady
Jennifer	Freeman	Grady
Paige	Hernandez	Grady
Carey	Lamphier	Grady
Leigh	Pack	Grady
Rocky	Rothenberg	Grady
Angela	Sanabria	Grady
Kelli	Scott	Grady
Stacey	Shipley	Grady
Barbara	Thomas	Grady
Alana	Valadez	Grady
Pamela	Van Ness	Grady
Pamela	Vanderberg	Grady
Elizabeth	Williams-Woods	Grady
Kim	Brown	Hamilton Medical Center
Lauren	Zavala	Hamilton Medical Center
Joyell	Chestnut	HCA/Parallon
Farrah	Parker	JMS at Doctors Hospital
Jessica	Davis	John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital
Mary Beth	Goodwin	John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital
Kelli	Vaughn	John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital
Tammie	Russell	Liberty Regional Medical Center
Chuck	Massey	LifeLink of GA
Karrie	Page	Memorial Health Meadows Hospital

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Whitney	Williamson	Memorial Health University Medical Center
Christie	Mathis	Morgan Medical Center
Patience	Gaucin	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Jesse	Gibson	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Linda	Greene	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Morgan	Krause	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Jessica	Mantooth	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Jackie	Payne	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Maria	Silva	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Nadirah	Burgess	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Tracy	Harris	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Colleen	Horne	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Dana	Davis	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Rayma	Stephens	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Tyrah	Brown	Piedmont Athens Regional
Heather	Morgan	Piedmont Athens Regional
Kristi	Perkins	Piedmont Athens Regional
Stephanie	Stribling	Piedmont Athens Regional
Shannon	Thomas	Piedmont Athens Regional
Heather	Clement	Piedmont Cartersville Medical Center
Jerry	McMillan	Piedmont Cartersville Medical Center
Kelly	Gasser	Piedmont Columbus Regional
Shalonda	Wright	Piedmont Columbus Regional
Mary	Bizilia	Piedmont Columbus Regional
Marilyn	Dunlap	Piedmont Columbus Regional
Jay	Connelly	Piedmont Henry Hospital
Justin	Keeton	Piedmont Henry Hospital
Karen	Hust	Piedmont Walton
Brian	Dorriety	Region 7 RTAC
Emily	Brown	South Georgia Medical Center

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Courtney	Canino	South Georgia Medical Center
Jolleen	Thies	South Georgia Medical Center
Tetra	Jenkins	Washington County Regional Medical Center
Roger	Smith	Wellstar Cobb
Nadine	Lynch	Wellstar Cobb Medical Center Burn Center
Mary Alice	Aubrey	Wellstar Kennestone
Dana	Bouse	Wellstar Kennestone
Megan	Dawson	Wellstar Kennestone
Danielle	Johnson	Wellstar Kennestone
Karen	Johnson	Wellstar Kennestone
Grace	Mills	Wellstar Kennestone
Jamie	Van Ness	Wellstar Kennestone
Brian	Bays	Wellstar MCG
Ashley	Faircloth	Wellstar MCG
Kyndra	Holm	Wellstar MCG
Sandra	Lowe	Wellstar MCG
Adrian	Ruiz	Wellstar MCG
Patricia	Smith	Wellstar MCG
Elizabeth	Folse	Wellstar North Fulton
Rebecca	Innes	Wellstar North Fulton
Rhonda	Jones	Wellstar North Fulton
Taitiana	Woods	Wellstar North Fulton
Vaughn	Tejedor	Wellstar Spalding Medical Center

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<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 six executive members present.</p> <p>After the roll call, Lynn Grant requested a motion to approve the August 10th meeting minutes.</p> <p><u>MOTION GCTE 2023-11-01:</u> <u>Motion to approve August 10, 2023, meeting minutes.</u> MOTION: Kyndra Holm SECOND: Kellie Rowker DISCUSSION: None ACTION: The motion <u>PASSED</u> with no objections nor abstentions</p> <p>After minutes approval, Lynn Grant asked new committee members to introduce themselves.</p>
<p>Georgia Trauma Commission (GTC) Update</p>	<p>Liz Atkins provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Performance-Based Pay (PBP) criteria for the upcoming FY 2025 contracts have been drafted (ATTACHMENT A). The following changes were noted: <u>All Centers</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Added back maintenance of registry record closure rate of 80% within 60 days. GQIP data submission requirement timeframe <u>Level III Trauma Centers</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ACS Verification requirement extended to FY 2026 <u>Level IV Trauma Centers</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> NTDB data submissions changed to annual Submission of PI Plan The upcoming Georgia Trauma Commission meeting will take place in Cordele, Georgia. It will include a Rural Action Planning meeting to discuss findings and recommendations from the ACS rural-focused report. The Georgia Trauma Commission meeting also coincides with National Rural Health Day. The meeting will occur on November 16, 2023, starting at 9:00 AM.

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Office of EMS & Trauma Update	<p>Marie Probst provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Stacey Smith, the new Office of EMS and Trauma State Trauma Coordinator. • April Moss and Stacey are reviewing the OTCPEs for first quarter fiscal year 2024. Several forms are pending TMD signature, please ensure you are prompt with your TMD attestation forms. • The upcoming release of the V5 SDL file for data downland is expected in the next few weeks. Please have your IT department install the fill as soon as possible. The PowerPoint instructions will be distributed for review. • The 2024 SDL file will be distributed to V5 users after the first of the year, it is expected sometime in February to ensure you can complete your March 1st download. • We started the GQIP OEMST QA data process with Gina Solomon and visited our first facility. • OEMST has a new Medical Director, Dr. Muhammed. • The armband project pilot is still ongoing in Region 2. Once we receive the data, we will be able to test record linkage. Once the data is reviewed, the project will move into different regions.
Georgia Trauma Foundation Update	<p>Karen Hust, the Education Coordinator for the Rural Continuing Education Program provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several TNCC, ENPC, AND RTTDC courses have been executed and we are receiving positive feedback from over 20 counties and various hospital systems. • There is a challenge of an instructor shortage with the growing number of learners, especially for the upcoming TNCC in Dublin. <p>Tracy Johns added the courses are funded through the State Office of Rural Health (SORH) grant. Cheryle Ward emphasized that the costs associated with attending the course are covered for staff at rural or critical access hospitals in Georgia.</p> <p>Cheryle Ward provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving Tuesday is on November 28th, 2023 (ATTACHMENT B). We encourage donations of any amount to support trauma projects statewide. You can donate by visiting our website: georgiatraumafoundation.org or scan the QR code on the flyer. You can make donations in honor of someone; individuals can add a dedication and choose options like “in honor of” or “in memory of”. There are various payment methods available: debit/credit, PayPal, Venmo, Google Pay, Apple Pay, ACH, and check payments (minimum of \$50).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please follow the Georgia Trauma Foundation on social media for more updates: Instagram, Facebook, X, and LinkedIn. • We are still accepting trauma survivor information. Please submit the contact information to cheryle@georgiatraumafoundation.org <p>Tracy Johns encouraged attendees to share the Giving Tuesday campaigns at their hospitals and with friends and family.</p>
Georgia Quality Improvement Program Update	<p>Gina Solomon provided a brief review of GQIP's latest activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GQIP download is scheduled for December 1st. It's important to submit your data timely on a quarterly basis to ensure you can see the impact of your data. The timely submission of data is an FY2025 PBP requirement for all centers. If your data is not received within the two-week grace period, it will be excluded from that quarterly benchmark. • We conducted a data quality visit at a level four center; there are plans to extend similar visits to other centers. • The ArborMetrix platform is a work in progress and user feedback is needed for improvements. The user interface platform will go live by the end of the year. There will be a phased approach for onboarding with completion expected in early February. • I am working on updating the data dictionary and will distribute in the next couple of weeks. • The TQIP conference is coming up the first weekend in December. We will have a collaborative breakfast on Saturday morning.
Subcommittee Reports	<p>Education: Kyndra Holm provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PowerPoints for Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) and Transfer to Definitive Care have been completed and are pending approval from the GCTE leadership before public distribution. The Subcommittee is exploring the option of posting the information on an online platform or central site to share materials efficiently. • We are developing a toolkit for new Trauma Program Managers at all levels. • The subcommittee is also working on essential skills information for bedside nurses in rural or community hospitals, providing knowledge to safely care for trauma patients until transfer. • If you are interested in joining the Education Subcommittee, please reach out to kholm@augusta.edu. <p>Pediatric: Kellie Rowker provided the following updates:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We continue to work on the Shock Index Pediatric Adjusted (SIPA) Project. A tip sheet was created to aid nurses and providers, which illustrates the correlation between SIPA score and respiratory rate, heart rate, and blood pressure (ATTACHMENT C). Please let us know if you have any feedback- kellie.rowker@choa.org.• In coordination with the Education Subcommittee, we are looking to develop an Interfacility Transfer Toolkit for pediatrics.• Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Egleston is participating in the Whole Blood Transfusion Study. It’s a national study to examine dosing, safety, and availability of whole blood transfusions in pediatric patients.• We continue to work closely with the Peds Ready Committee. <p>Performance Improvement: Karen Hust provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuing to work on decreasing time to definitive care. We are looking at standard language scripting and reviewing literature to implement a Red Box Criteria in Georgia to help cut transfer acceptance times. We are pairing up TPMs from transferring and receiving facilities.• The MARCH PAWS initiative is ongoing with emphasis on expediting patients and we’re looking at how this can be utilized to help improve transfer times.• We are developing a Transfer Feedback Template to formalize the transfer process and improve communication between facilities.• The Level IV Audit Tool was completed and presented. Feedback indicates its effectiveness in bringing clarity to Trauma Program Managers and Performance Improvement Nurses. The tool will be further assessed through a survey at the end of the year to gauge adoption and identify areas for improvement. <p>Registry: Kelli Vaughn provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are working on two different data dictionaries for our registry vendors: ESO and ImageTrend. The effort aims to enhance clarity and understanding of data definitions for trauma centers using different software platforms.• We met with AAAM and discovered the CAISS test will not be updated to the 2015 material until March 2026. If your center is undergoing an ACS consultation or verification visit between now

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	<p>and March 2026, your data abstraction personnel will need to take the test off the 2008 AIS Course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A survey has been distributed to trauma centers to gather feedback on the need for registrar education, specifically the AIS course. The registrar who is inputting most of your center's data will need to complete the survey. The results of the survey will guide decisions to proceed with an in-person AIS course, potentially scheduled in February 2023. • Kelli mentioned her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) project revolves around interfacility transfer processes. She is open to collaboration and information regarding this topic. • Please contact kvaughn@archbold.org with any questions. <p>Injury Prevention and Outreach: Kristal Smith provided an update on activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Subcommittee successfully conducted Stop the Bleed webinars with over 900 participants. These webinars were well-received. • Several of our IP and Outreach Committee and RTAC members converged in Atlanta for the National African American Gun Owners Association National Conference. We provided four Stop the Bleed provider sessions, in addition to several instructor sessions. Attendees from other states expressed interest in implementing similar programs. • The Wellstar Kennestone team has been coordinating the Lutzie Team Driving Summits across the state in collaboration with trauma centers. • September was a big month for outreach with Child Passenger Safety Week, Suicide Prevention Month, and Fall Prevention Month. • We will be engaged in the National Injury Prevention Day events this week and weekend. The toolkit is online at injuryfree.org with graphics you can use for social media posts. • There will be a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Multiverse this coming Friday in collaboration with the Georgia Department of Education and CTAE programs. Several high schools have student groups interested in partnering with trauma centers for your MCI preparedness. • If you are interested in any of our initiatives; please contact region5rtac@gmail.com.
2022 Standard Review: 4.31-4.35	During the meeting, Tracy Johns discussed trauma registry standards (ATTACHMENT D), emphasizing the importance of using the correct version of the standards manual (December 2022). Standard 4.31 on trauma registry staffing was highlighted, emphasizing the need for a minimum of half an FTE registrar for

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	<p>every 2 to 300 patient entries. Additional tasks beyond data entry were stressed, such as reports, data analysis, research, and meetings.</p> <p>The discussion moved to AIS (Abbreviated Injury Scale) certification (Standard 4.32), which applies to all trauma centers (levels 1 through 3). At least one registrar must be a certified AIS specialist in each trauma center. Standard 4.33 focuses on trauma registry courses, requiring personnel involved in data abstraction, entry, coding, ISS calculation, reporting, and validation to participate in relevant courses.</p> <p>Tracy also covered continuing education requirements (Standard 4.34), emphasizing the need for 24 hours of trauma-related continuing education during the verification cycle. For initial verification or consultative visits, eight hours must be obtained within the reporting year. Finally, Standard 4.35 outlines PI staffing requirements, stating that for patient volumes over 1000, at least one FTE is necessary.</p> <p>Kelli Vaughn shared her experience with the ACS survey under the Gray Book, highlighting the importance of knowing charts thoroughly. Ashley Bullington and Mary Beth Goodwin also shared their experiences, noting the challenges but emphasizing the benefits of ACS consultations and learning opportunities.</p>
2024 Meeting Dates	<p>The meeting concluded with the announcement of the proposed 2024 meeting dates (ATTACHMENT E). These dates were presented and approved by the attendees.</p> <p><u>MOTION GCTE 2023-11-02:</u> Motion to approve the 2024 proposed meeting dates. MOTION: Karen Hust SECOND: Kelli Vaughn DISCUSSION: None ACTION: The motion <u>PASSED</u> with no objections nor abstentions</p>
Adjourn	<p>Tracy Johns thanked everyone for attending and asked for a motion to adjourn.</p> <p><i>Vice-chair Lynn Grant adjourned the meeting at 3:59 pm.</i></p>