

Georgia Trauma System Consultation

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Brian J. Eastridge, MD FACS

Role: Trauma Surgeon
(Team Lead)

Dr. Brian Eastridge received his BS in biochemistry from Virginia Tech in 1985 and his MD from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1989. He entered the US Army Reserve as a second lieutenant Medical Service Corps officer in 1988. Dr. Eastridge did his residency in general surgery at the University of Maryland Medical System and then pursued fellowship training in surgical critical care at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, TX. During his tenure on the academic faculty at UTSW, Dr. Eastridge was deployed three times in support of combat operations Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom as a U.S Army Reserve surgeon in 2002, 2003, and 2004. During his deployment in 2004, he was appointed as the first Joint Theater Trauma System Director.

Dr. Eastridge matriculated to active duty U.S Army in 2005 and served as Trauma Medical Director for the Brooke Army Medical Center, Surgical Critical Care Program Director for SAUSHEC, Director of the Joint Trauma System (U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research of the U.S. Army's Medical Research and Materiel Command (MRMC), and Trauma Consultant to the US Army Surgeon General. During his active duty service, he was deployed two more times to combat in Southwest Asia during which time he lead the development and implementation of the military trauma system.

During his career, Dr. Eastridge has published extensively in the peer reviewed literature and edited three books focused upon improving the military trauma system and improving combat casualty care outcomes for our Wounded Warriors. Dr. Eastridge left active service and returned to the active US Army Reserves in late 2012 and is currently the DCCS of the 228th Combat Support Hospital. His military awards and decorations include the Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action Badge, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He is a member of Order of Military Medical Merit. For his military service, he has been awarded the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma Honorary Medal for Combat Surgical Care in 2004 and the US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command Combat Casualty Care Program Award for Excellence in 2011.

Currently, he is Professor of Surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center and was appointed as the Trauma Medical Director of the University Health System in San Antonio, TX. He holds the Jocelyn and Joe Straus Endowed Chair in Trauma Research. His current research interests are focused on trauma system development, including development of the regional trauma system performance improvement initiatives, predictive modeling of injury outcomes, and improved pre-hospital resuscitation strategies for casualties. Dr. Eastridge also serves as an active member on the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, and is the current Chair of the Trauma Systems Evaluation and Planning Committee, and the Trauma Systems Pillar.

Kristan Staudenmayer, MD, MS, FACS

Role: Trauma Surgeon

Dr. Kristan Staudenmayer received her medical degree at the University of Texas at Southwestern Medical School in 1999 and completed her residency in General Surgery at Parkland Hospital in 2006. During her post-graduate training, she conducted NIH T32-funded research at Harborview Hospital evaluating the effects of innate immunity on trauma. She obtained further training in Trauma and Surgical Critical at San Francisco General Hospital, completing her training in 2008. She was subsequently double boarded in General Surgery and Surgical Critical Care. Dr. Staudenmayer joined Stanford in 2008. She has developed a robust research program and active clinical practice. Her clinical and research interests have contributed to Stanford's multi-disciplinary approach to the management of surgical trauma. Dr. Staudenmayer's clinical focus is on trauma, emergency general surgery, and surgical critical care, and her research interests encompass trauma systems of care and vulnerable patient populations such as the elderly. Her efforts have been noteworthy and recognized in her 2013 K08 grant from the National Institute on Aging to study trauma in the elderly population. In 2016, Dr. Staudenmayer was honored by becoming the inaugural Gordon and Betty Moore Endowed Faculty Scholar, which helps to support her ongoing research efforts. Additional research accomplishments include being a co-principal investigator on an NIH CTSA award evaluating trauma systems. Dr. Staudenmayer has published over 50 articles and book chapters and has served on the editorial review board of several academic journals. She contributes nationally towards the academic mission by serving on committees for both the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma. Dr. Staudenmayer was promoted to Associate Professor of Surgery in 2016, and continues her research, policy and advocacy work to improve the care and outcomes for patients with traumatic injuries and critical surgical illnesses.

William Oley, MD

Role: Emergency Physician

Billy Oley practices rural emergency medicine in Red Lodge, MT. His areas of interest include wilderness medicine and rural trauma systems. In addition to his practice he remains active in education and teaching including AWLS, CALS, and ATLS. Working in rural Montana allows him to be active with medical direction and education of EMS, SAR, Ski Patrol and other backcountry professionals. His outdoor interests include hunting, horse packing, climbing, and other pursuits in the backcountry of Montana and coastal Alaska.

Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN

Role: Trauma Program Manager

Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, is the Director of the Texas Department of State Health Services EMS / Trauma Systems Section. In this capacity she is responsible for the oversight of 1,365 EMS agencies which include approximately 600 first responder organizations. In addition, she is responsible for the facility designation process which currently includes 303 trauma centers, 130 stroke facilities, as well as approximately 227 neonatal and 222 maternal centers. She has oversight of the contracts and funding distribution specific to her section. Prior to this role, Ms. Klein was the senior director of nursing for the Parkland trauma program, emergency department, and UCEC. She is a past member of the Governor's EMS, Trauma Advisory Council's Trauma System Committee. In addition, Ms. Klein was on the Board of the North Central Texas Trauma Advisory Council. Ms. Klein is a past chair of the Board of the Texas EMS, Trauma and Acute Care Foundation, and a past president of the Society of Trauma Nurses (STN). She is a current member of the STN Trauma Outcomes Performance Improvement Committee. She is a past Board member for the Trauma Center Association of American. She serves as a past, appointed trauma program liaison member to the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma's Performance Improvement and Patient Safety Committee. In addition, she is an instructor for the Disaster Management Emergency Preparedness Course sponsored by the American College of Surgeons, and the TOPIC Course and the Rural TOPIC Course sponsored by the Society of Trauma Nurses. She is the course director for the Advancing Leadership in Trauma Centers Course sponsored by the American College of Surgeons.

Mike Person, MD, FACS

Role: Trauma Surgeon- Rural Specialty Reviewer

Dr. Michael Person received his medical degree at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine in 2004 and completed residency in general surgery at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in 2009. Dr. Person joined the Surgical Institute of South Dakota in 2009.

He is an Associate Professor of Surgery, along with Surgery Clerkship Director at the University of South Dakota, Sanford School of Medicine. Dr. Person has been a part of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS COT) since 2013, currently is the State COT chair of South Dakota and the chair of the Rural Committee. While part of the ACS COT, he has been involved the Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC) including the course planning committee, part of the authoring team for the current edition and directing over 60 courses. He is also a member of the ACS Advisory Council for Rural Surgery. Dr. Person is the Chair of the Trauma and Acute Care Surgery at Avera McKennan Hospital and University Health Center. He has also worked alongside the South Dakota Department of Health on multiple projects, mostly focusing on rural trauma including South Dakota State Trauma Treatment Manual for rural facilities and the utilization of telehealth in the rural setting.

Curtis Sandy, MD, FACEP, FAEMS

Role: State EMS Medical Director

Curtis Sandy, MD FACEP FAEMS is an emergency medicine and EMS physician at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello. He has a degree in EMS Management from The George Washington University and is board-certified in Emergency Medicine and EMS. He has over 37 years of EMS experience as an EMT, paramedic, flight physician, tactical physician and EMS medical director. He is the medical director for several EMS agencies throughout Idaho including EMT and paramedic education programs, wildland fire, tactical medicine and air medical agencies. He is a founding member and current chair of the Idaho EMS Physician Commission, member of the Idaho Time Sensitive Emergencies Council and state EMS Advisory Council. He has special interest and expertise in operational EMS including tactical medicine and wildland fire medical operations. In his free time, he loves to travel with his wife.

Jeffrey Kerby, MD, PhD, FACS

Role: Observer- Trauma Surgeon

Jeffrey D. Kerby, MD, PhD, FACS is the Brigham Family Endowed Professor and Director of the Division of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). Dr. Kerby received his medical degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City in 1989. He completed his surgical residency at UAB in 1999, along with a postdoctoral research fellowship in 1996. Following residency, Dr. Kerby served in the United States Air Force as an active duty surgeon until 2003, deploying as a combat trauma surgeon in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2002. Dr. Kerby returned to UAB in 2003. An active researcher, Dr. Kerby served as the principal investigator for the Alabama Resuscitation Center of the Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium, an NIH funded multicenter research network focused on prehospital clinical trials in trauma and cardiac arrest, from 2005 through 2015. In addition, his division has a robust clinical trials and trauma outcomes effort established through the UAB Center for Injury Sciences and participates as an active investigative site for the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN). Dr. Kerby also current serves as the Trauma Consultant for the Office of Emergency Medical Services in the Alabama Department of Public Health. He has served on the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (COT) since 2016 and was appointed Chair of the COT in 2022.

Melanie Neal, MS

Role: ACS Staff Team/ Specialty Reviewer

Ms. Melanie Neal has been with the American College of Surgeons for over 19 years, and is Assistant Director, Trauma Quality Programs. In this position, she provides strategic direction and high-level management for Verification, TQIP, Trauma Systems, Injury Prevention, and PIPS. Ms. Neal has a Master's degree in Social Science Research Methods.

Holly Michaels, MPH

Role: ACS Staff Team

Ms. Holly Michaels joined the American College of Surgeons (ACS) in January 2007 and has served in several key areas of the Trauma Quality Programs during her tenure at the ACS. As the Program Administrator for the Trauma Systems Consultation Program, Ms. Michaels managed over 30 state and regional system reviews, bringing together multidisciplinary teams of industry experts to assess, evaluate, and recommend strategic improvements for state and regional trauma systems. Following several years facilitating the growth and development of this program, she transitioned into a Program Manager role, leading the development of new programs including piloting the Level III Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) and expanding the TQIP Collaborative Program. In her role as Program Manager, her responsibilities continue to evolve to match the growth of programs and needs of stakeholders.

Having received her Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of South Florida in 2001, Ms. Michaels began her career in public health at the non-profit organization, 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, providing the Clearwater, FL community with access to critical resources, such as health and social services. In August 2014, Ms. Michaels earned a Master of Public Health from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Mackenzie Dafferner, MPH

Role: ACS Staff Team

Ms. Dafferner joined the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as the Program Manager of Trauma Systems Programs in September 2022. In this role, Ms. Dafferner provides administrative support to the COT subcommittees within the Trauma Systems Pillar and is the point of contact for the Trauma Systems Evaluation and Planning Committee. She also serves as the program manager for the Trauma Systems Consultation Program and other Trauma Systems and Quality initiatives.

Having received her Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences from Northeastern University, Ms. Dafferner began her career in healthcare as an EMT-B in Boston, MA. Prior to joining the ACS, Ms. Dafferner worked as a clinical research specialist at Regenstrief Institute in Indianapolis, supporting clinical research interventions focused on longevity and Alzheimer's disease. In August 2022, Ms. Dafferner earned a Master of Public Health from Loyola University Chicago.