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Name of the Facility Name of the individual fill out the survey Date

1. What type of medical facility do you work at?

o Level 1 trauma center

o Level 2 trauma center

o Level 3 trauma center

o Level 4 trauma center

o Non‐designated hospital/critical access hospital

2. Describe your facility size:

o Less than 25 beds

o 26‐50 beds

o 51‐100 beds

o More than 100 beds

3. Does your facility have routine general surgical capability to immediately respond to care for an injured patient?

o Yes, 24/7/365

o Yes, 50% or more of the time

o Yes, less than 50% of the time

o No

4. Does your facility have routine orthopedic surgical capability that will respond to care for trauma patients?

o Yes, 24/7/365

o Yes, 50% or more of the time

o Yes, less than 50% of the time

* During business hours only (M-F 8A-5P)

o No

5. Is your emergency department prepared to care for severely injured children (initial evaluation and resuscitation prior to transfer), as, for example, outlined in the National Pediatric Readiness Project by the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program?

o Yes

o No

o Don’t know

6. Do you have IN‐HOUSE provider (physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner) coverage of the emergency department at all times?

o Yes

o No

7. What is the primary type of provider coverage in your emergency department for trauma patients?

o Physician coverage

o Physician assistant (PA) and/or nurse practitioner (NP) coverage

o Combination of either physician and PA/NP coverage

8. Does your institution have/use trauma activation criteria?

o Yes – we have them and we consistently use them

o Yes – we have them but we don’t consistently use them

o No

o Don’t know

9. Does your facility have practice management guidelines for

* Use of antibiotics for open fractures and penetrating trauma?

[ ] yes

[ ] no

* Use of non-crossed type-specific blood for immediate treatment of shock secondary to blood loss?

[ ] yes

[ ] no

* Use of Pelvic Binders for the treatment of pelvic fracture?

[ ] yes

[ ] no

10. Does your facility have:

* a blood warmer immediately available in the Emergency Department

[ ] yes

[ ] no

* commercially produced tourniquets immediately available in the Emergency Department?

[ ] yes

[ ] no

* A complete chest tube tray/kit immediately available in the Emergency Department?

[ ] yes

[ ] no

* warming blankets immediately available in the Emergency Department?

[ ] yes

[ ] no

11. Are injured patients admitted (beyond the emergency department) to your facility?

o Yes, most/all injured patients are admitted to our facility

o Yes, some injured patients are admitted to our facility

o No, virtually all injured patients requiring admission are transferred to a higher level of care

12. How far away is the trauma center that you most frequently use when patients require transfer?

o < 30 miles

o 31‐75 miles

o 76‐150 miles

o > 150 miles

13. How do you transfer most of your severely injured patients to the trauma center?

o Ground ambulance – BLS (basic) crew

o Ground ambulance – ALS (paramedic) crew

o Air – helicopter

o Air – fixed wing

14. The process of getting your critical Trauma Patients accepted by level 1 or 2 centers is:

Always a problem

Occasionally a problem

Seldom a problem

Never a problem

15. The process of getting an appropriate EMS crew to transport your critical trauma patients is:

Always a problem

Occasionally a problem

Seldom a problem

Never a problem

16. From the time the patient leaves your facility, on average, how long does it take to get to the trauma center (when using your most common mode of transport)?

o < 30 minutes

o 31‐60 minutes

o > 60 minutes

17 .Once the decision to transfer is made, on average, how long is it before the severely injured patient leaves your facility (when using your most common mode of transport)?

o < 30 minutes

o 31‐60 minutes

o > 60 minutes

* 61 – 120 minutes
* > 120 minutes

Who is the transporting agency that provides interfacility transport out of your facility to trauma tertiary care?

* The local 911 response agency
* Our own hospital-based transport agency
* Non-contracted agency
* Other contracted transporting agency

18. Do you have blood products available for emergency use?

o Yes

o No

18a. If YES, what blood products do you have available (check all that apply)?

o PRBC

o Plasma

o Platelets

\*\*\* Insert – if “YES”, how many units are immediately available

19. What, if any, are common barriers to getting severely injured patients transferred to the trauma center

(check all that apply)?

o Trauma center is full (bed availability)

o Reluctance from trauma center to accept the patient

o Cumbersome process to get patient accepted at trauma center

o Lack of ground (EMS) transportation

o Lack of air transportation

o Capability of transporting service (BLS vs ALS)

o Weather

o Patient preference

o Other:

20. Are you involved with some type of regional and/or state‐wide trauma Performance Improvement (PI) committees or groups?

o Yes

o No

o Don’t know

21. Is trauma education required for providers in your emergency department? \*Check multiple options\*

o Yes ‐ Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)

o Yes ‐ Other:

o No

o Don’t know

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o Yes ‐ Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)

o Yes ‐ Other:

o No

o Don’t know

23. Has someone at your facility participated in a Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC)?

o Yes

o No

o Don’t know

24. The Georgia Trauma Commission and the State Office or Rural Health are developing materials to help providers at rural centers. Addressing which of the following topics would be helpful for you and/or your facility (check all that apply)?

o Prehospital care of the severely injured patient

o Initial management/care of severely the severely injured patient

o Procedures/skills for the trauma patient (airway skills, chest tube)

o Education for care of the hospitalized trauma patient (hospital management of specific injuries)

o Performance improvement, patient safety

o Injury prevention

o Trauma system development

* Other:

25. In your experience, what is the most important issue that needs to be addressed for the rural trauma patient and the rural facility?

26.. Please comment on how the Georgia Trauma Commission could be helpful for you.

27. Do you believe that your hospital could meet criteria for a higher level of trauma verification/designation?

* o Yes
* o No

28. If YES, what has prevented your hospital from pursuing a higher level of trauma verification/designation (check all that apply):

* o Financial obligation
* o Administrative support
* o General surgery involvement
* o Other physician support
* o Other

Do you verify the credentials and scope of practice of the agency providing interfacility transport for critically injured patients? (e.g., ventilator management, blood product administration)

* Yes, we have a process to validate credentials and scope of practice.
* No, we do not.

**Equipment:**

**Training:**

Do you need training in:

Application of a commercially produced tourniquet?

Airway management?

Principles of trauma resuscitation?

Insertion and maintenance of a chest tube?

Use of a commercial pelvic binder?

C-spine immobilization and clearance?

Current standards for the care of the critically injured trauma patient?

Management of the complex poly trauma patient?