

Trauma Commission Report for Office of EMS and Trauma – August 2021

An invitation to collaborate:

The Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma (OEMST) is aware that the Trauma Commission's EMS Subcommittee is seeking to establish access to a Learning Management System (LMS). As an alternative to expending resources on what would be a duplication of effort, the OEMST is extending a formal invitation to the Trauma Commission, and specifically the EMS Subcommittee, to collaborate in offering trauma education to Georgia's EMS and Trauma System.

As you will recall, in 2018-2019, the OEMST approached the Trauma Commission seeking funding for a Learning Management System (LMS). While the Trauma Commission chose not to fund that request at the time, the OEMST continued to pursue other avenues to fund the system, to include re-approaching the Trauma Commission through the EMS Subcommittee. The Subcommittee believed the idea had merit yet chose not to fund the project. Given that the EMS Strategic Plan for Georgia called for the OEMST to provide EMS education through an LMS, the OEMST pursued other avenues and was able to secure funding for a permanent LMS, called TRAIN Georgia.

The TRAIN platform is highly robust and is used by the Centers for Disease Control, as well as many other states. TRAIN is a national learning network that provides thousands of quality training opportunities to more than 2 million professionals who protect and improve the public's health. Powered by the Public Health Foundation (PHF), the TRAIN Learning Network brings together agencies and organizations in the public health, healthcare, and preparedness sectors to disseminate, track, and share trainings for the health workforce on a centralized training platform.

We believe this collaboration offers several benefits. Access to TRAIN allows the OEMST to meet our statutory mandates for the provision of required education to EMS licensees, as well as synchronizing the licensee's completed educational hours with the OEMST licensing system. In addition, the OEMST can provide access to this platform on a state-wide basis for use by the EMS and trauma community at no additional cost. Finally, the costs which would be incurred by the Subcommittee for access to a separate platform could instead be used to create high-quality trauma related educational content (owned by the Trauma Commission) to be placed on the TRAIN Georgia system for free.

Benefits of TRAIN Georgia:

- Every EMS Agency, Cardiac Center, Stroke Center, Trauma Center, etc., is able to create courses for placement on TRAIN Georgia. TRAIN Georgia is **free** for use by entities wishing to provide content.
- Every medic, instructor, nurse, physician, and trauma program staff member, etc., is able to have an account and take courses on TRAIN Georgia.
- TRAIN Georgia is the ONLY system that OEMST will use to directly download course completions to the OEMST License Management System for placement on the training transcripts for medics, instructors, and any other user in the License Management System.
- TRAIN Georgia is managed by OEMST, therefore no contract with an entity to manage the content is required.
- User support is provided by OEMST and the Public Health Foundation.
- OEMST will assist content creators with getting their content on the TRAIN Georgia platform.
- Content providers are able to maintain control over their content.

We understand some concerns were raised regarding the use of the TRAIN Georgia system. To be clear, while the OEMST must approve content on TRAIN Georgia, the content would be owned and controlled by the Trauma Commission, not the OEMST. Regarding the RFI for an LMS, sent out by the Trauma Commission, the OEMST did not respond because we are not vendor of LMS systems. We have purchased access to TRAIN through our own processes and are again extending the invitation to the Trauma Commission to utilize our platform.

In summary, OEMST is offering the Trauma Commission the opportunity to focus its efforts on content creation rather than platform development. The use of TRAIN Georgia will be of no cost to the Trauma Commission and allow course completions to link directly to the user's profile in the OEMST License Management System.