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Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence (GCTE)

February 8, 2024

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
Tracy Johns, <i>Chair</i>	Atrium Health Navicent
Lynn Grant, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Fairview Park Hospital
Kellie Rowker, <i>Pediatric</i>	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Kristal Smith, <i>Injury Prevention and Outreach</i>	Atrium Health Navicent

ATTENDEES		
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	ORGANIZATION
Cindy	Hoggard	Advent Health Redmond
Nicole	Sundholm	Advent Health Redmond
Monica	Trotter	Advent Health Redmond
Katie	Hasty	Atrium Health Floyd
Melissa	Parris	Atrium Health Floyd
Crystal	Wynn	Atrium Health Floyd
Dawn	Truett	Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center
Josephine	Fabico-Dulin	Atrium Health Navicent
Joanna	Goss	Atrium Health Navicent
Tracy	Johns	Atrium Health Navicent
Judith	Lyttle	Atrium Health Navicent
Susan	Murphy	Atrium Health Navicent
Jennifer	Peace	Atrium Health Navicent
Kristal	Smith	Atrium Health Navicent
Alicia	Cochran	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Susanne	Edwards	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

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Rebecca	Gaskins	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Bianca	Macklin	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Dianne	Potter	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Kellie	Rowker	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Genita	Walker	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Briona	Whitehead	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Ashley	Bullington	Crisp Regional Hospital
Janann	Dunnavant	Crisp Regional Hospital
Laura	Lunsford	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Christopher	Ruiz	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Danlin	Luo	DPH OEMST
Marie	Probst	DPH OEMST
Stacee	Smith	DPH OEMST
Lindsey	Lewis	Effingham Health System
Guillermo (Will)	Soto	Effingham Health System
Brooke	Marsh	Emanuel Medical Center
Brooke J.	Marsh	Emanuel Medical Center
Gail	Thornton	Emanuel Medical Center
Lynn	Grant	Fairview Park Hospital
Cheryle	Ward	Georgia Trauma Foundation
Jessica	Astrella	Grady
Lawrence	Blair	Grady
Samantha	Buchanan	Grady
Regina	Cannon	Grady
Andrea	Costanzo	Grady
Joy	Eleby	Grady
Stephen	Elmgren	Grady
Jennifer	Freeman	Grady
Sharona	Griffin	Grady
Paige	Hernandez	Grady
Amy Annia	Jeune	Grady
Courtney	Lowry	Grady

ATTENDEES		
Jasmin	Mercedes	Grady
Leigh	Pack	Grady
Emily	Page	Grady
Angela	Sanabria	Grady
Kelli	Scott	Grady
Stacey	Shipley	Grady
Alan	So	Grady
Ashley	Steele	Grady
Ashley	Steele	Grady
Barbara	Thomas	Grady
Pamela	Van Ness	Grady
Pamela	Van Ness	Grady
Pamela	Vanderberg	Grady
Kim	Brown	Hamilton Medical Center
Lauren	Zavala	Hamilton Medical Center
Ashley	Woodard	HCA/Parallon
Farrah	Parker	JMS Burn Center at Doctors Hospital
Mary Beth	Goodwin	John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital
Tammie	Russell	Liberty Regional Medical Center
Chuck	Massey	LifeLink of GA
Karrie	Page	Memorial Health Meadows Hospital
Whitney	Williamson	Memorial Health University Medical Center
Christie	Mathis	Morgan Medical Center
Linda	Greene	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Blanca	Hinojosa	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Janice	Labbe	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Maria	Silva	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Laura	Wolf	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Morgan	Krause	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Jessica	Mantooth	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Dana	Davis	Northside Gwinnett Hospital
Tracy	Harris	Northside Gwinnett Hospital

ATTENDEES		
Colleen	Horne	Northside Gwinnett Hospital
Nadirah	MSN, RN, ONC	Northside Gwinnett Hospital
Tamara	Patterson	Piedmont
Kristin	Brooks	Piedmont Athens Regional
Heather	Morgan	Piedmont Athens Regional
Kristi	Perkins	Piedmont Athens Regional
Stephanie	Stribling	Piedmont Athens Regional
Shannon	Thomas	Piedmont Athens Regional
Kristen	Gentry	Piedmont Cartersville
Mary	Bizilia	Piedmont Columbus Regional
Marilyn	Dunlap	Piedmont Columbus Regional
Kelly	Gasser	Piedmont Columbus Regional
Shalonda	Wright	Piedmont Columbus Regional
Jay	Connelly	Piedmont Henry
Justin	Keeton	Piedmont Henry
Marylynn	Sullivan	Piedmont Henry
James	Polston	Piedmont Walton
Kimberly	Reusmann	Piedmont Walton
Emily	Brown	SGMC Health
Chelsea	Carter	SGMC Health
Heather	Jones	SGMC Health
Rebecca	Harkness	Stephens County Hospital
Tetra	Jenkins	Washington County Regional Medical Center
Winston	Charles	Wellstar Cobb
Alyssa	Monda	Wellstar Cobb
Cristina	Soto-Olvera	Wellstar Cobb
Mary Alice	Aubrey	Wellstar Kennestone
Megan	Dawson	Wellstar Kennestone
Julie	Freeman	Wellstar Kennestone
Grace	Mills	Wellstar Kennestone
Christina	Ucci	Wellstar Kennestone
Jamie	Van Ness	Wellstar Kennestone

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Taitiana	Woods	Wellstar Kennestone
Danielle	Johnson	Wellstar Kennestone / RTAC 3
Brian	Bays	Wellstar MCG
Raqeal	Beard	Wellstar MCG
Michelle	Castel	Wellstar MCG
Ashley	Faircloth	Wellstar MCG
Sandra	Lowe	Wellstar MCG
Regina	Medeiros	Wellstar MCG
Adrian	Ruiz	Wellstar MCG
Patricia	Smith	Wellstar MCG
Parricia	Smith	Wellstar MCG
Jaina	Carnes	Wellstar North Fulton
Rhonda	Jones	Wellstar North Fulton
Victoria	Carter	Wellstar Paulding Hospital
Vaughn	Tejedor	Wellstar Spalding Medical Center
Emily	Baldrige	Wellstar Spalding Regional Hospital

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Call to Order/Approval Mins Intro of New Members	<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.</p> <p>After the roll call, Lynn Grant requested a motion to approve the November 15th meeting minutes.</p> <p><u>MOTION GCTE 2024-01-01:</u> Motion to approve November 15, 2023, meeting minutes. MOTION: Julie Freeman SECOND: Kristal Smith DISCUSSION: None ACTION: The motion <i>PASSED</i> with no objections nor abstentions</p> <p>After minutes approval, Lynn Grant asked new committee members to introduce themselves.</p>

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American College of Surgeons (ACS) Standards Review	<p>Tracy Johns and Lynn Grant reviewed the following ACS Standards (ATTACHMENT A):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.5 Medical Imaging • 3.6 Remote Access to Radiographic Imaging/PowerShare • 4.14 Radiologist Access • 5.25 Communication of Critical Imaging Results • 5.26 Timely CT Scan Reporting <p>Tracy Johns and Lynn Grant emphasized trauma center requirements and the importance of timely access for patient care. Tracy stressed the need for trauma programs to continuously monitor their readiness rather than waiting until the last moment before an ACS survey. Tracy will provide the 2022 Pre-Review Questionnaire (PRQ) for further reference (ATTACHMENT B).</p> <p>Liz Atkins reviewed a chart outlining the timeline of ACS site visit preparation and action plan (ATTACHMENT C). She emphasized the importance of continuous improvement beyond correcting deficiencies.</p>
Georgia Trauma Commission (GTC) Update	<p>Liz Atkins provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Georgia Trauma Commission is Thursday, February 15th at the James Madison Inn in Madison, Georgia. All meeting information is posted on our website for review. • Welcome Crystal Shelnutt, the new Georgia Trauma Commission Regional Trauma System Development Manager. • The legislative session has started, and the first appropriations hearing is February 8th, where we will present the Trauma System Stabilization Plan. The additional funding plan has already been presented to several legislative representatives and has received positive feedback. • The ACS has an open comment period regarding the qualifications for trauma program managers. The Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) has provided a position statement that the trauma program manager should be a nurse. Please engage in the discussions and provide your feedback to the ACS: ACS VRC Open Comment Link <p>Tracy Johns thanked Liz for the updates and encouraged continued engagement from all committee members. She underscored the importance of diverse opinions in shaping future initiatives.</p>

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<p>Office of EMS & Trauma (OEMST) Update</p>	<p>Marie Probst provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All center downloads have been received except for two centers. • We are waiting on two OTCPE trauma center forms and one from a burn center. • Aggregated burn data is being prepared into a PowerPoint presentation similar to what was done in 2018-2019. • A friendly reminder, when you are doing your imports into the ImageTrend Patient Registry, the annual link must correlate with the set of records you are importing. For example, you will use the 2023 import link for your 2023 records. • The 2024 download link will be opened around June, once we receive all the 2023 data. <p>April Moss mentioned Stacey Smith, the new OEMST Trauma Coordinator will be providing the updates moving forward. Prior to handing it over to Stacey, April mentioned the Armband Project data is being reviewed and we will determine the next steps once analyzation is complete.</p> <p>Stacey Smith provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marie and Gina are scheduling some data validation visits with facilities. • Our trauma team is working on Level IV's this year and doing consult and site designation visits. • The 2022 Georgia Trauma Data Annual Report is available electronically via the web link https://dph.georgia.gov/trauma. The document was distributed by email on 2/2/2024 to GCTE members
<p>Georgia Trauma Foundation Update</p>	<p>Cheryle Ward provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rural Continuing Education Program Initiative is in its inaugural year and exceeding expectations by coordinating 17 courses, surpassing the initial goal of 12 due to high demand. As the second-year approaches, rural communities are encouraged to provide input regarding course preferences such as: ATCN, ATLS, ENTC, RTTDC, or TNCC. There will be options for instructor courses as well. • Acknowledging the need for enhanced coordination, the Foundation will be hiring a dedicated manager for the Rural Continuing Education Program Initiative, with the position expected to commence late spring or early summer. Initially, the position will be grant-funded, but plans are in place to sustain the initiative beyond the grant period, which ends in 2026.

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	<p>Cheryle provided a brief overview of the initiative and the grant source. The four-year State Office of Rural Health grant amounts to just under \$1.2 million to expand access to education courses for rural communities by alleviating financial barriers associated with course expenses. Collaboration with the Georgia Trauma Foundation and partners such as GCTE ensures the delivery of instructional work and administrative support. Tracy Johns commended Cheryle’s work in securing and overseeing the grant.</p>
<p>Georgia Quality Improvement Program Update</p>	<p>Gina Solomon provided a brief review of GQIP’s latest activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ArborMetrix successfully launched and access to the platform is now available statewide. With access granted, efforts are underway to analyze data and address any discrepancies. We are conducting data completeness reports to assess the integrity of the January through September 2023 data. Feedback is encouraged from users to ensure data accuracy. • An email was sent out today to all trauma program managers advising that ESO will be sending out a national trauma registry update that will allow downloads to TQIP and NTDB. • The Georgia updated for the GQIP Central Site, the OEMST ImageTrend Patient Registry, and updated fields will probably be released mid-March. <p>Tracy Johns emphasized the importance of maintaining accurate data for quality improvement initiatives. She encourages members to view the dashboard analyses as opportunities for improvement rather than punitive measures.</p>
<p>Subcommittee Reports</p>	<p>Education: Julie Freeman provided the following updates on behalf of Kyndra Holm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subcommittee is focused on developing the trauma program manager toolkit and essential trauma nursing skills. We are actively engaged in drafting outlines and identifying resources. • We have identified a need for a centralized repository for statewide trauma information and class offerings, with consideration looking into the Georgia Trauma Foundation website as a possible option. • The next meeting is scheduled for March 5th. <p>Pediatric: Kellie Rowker provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Shock Index Pediatric Adjusted (SIPA) tip sheet has been completed. • There are ongoing efforts to develop a pediatric transfer toolkit. • Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Egleston and Scottish Rite are set to participate in a large Whole Blood Transfusion Study. The MATIC-2 study will be a significant milestone in Georgia pediatric trauma care.

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	<p>Performance Improvement: Ashley Bullington provided updates on behalf of Rayma Stephens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are working on establishing meeting dates and defining topics for discussion. We plan to continue to work on time to definitive care and solicit input from participants to guide future initiatives. <p>Tracy Johns mentioned Karen Hust, the previous PI co-chair has retired and now Rayma Stephens and Ashley Bullington will co-chair the subcommittee. Last year the subcommittee worked on time to definitive care and conducted some literature review.</p> <p>Registry: Colleen Horne provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration for the AIS 08 course has been completed and will be held February 29th- March 1st in Forsyth, Georgia.• The subcommittee PowerPoints will be posted on Basecamp. Trauma program managers will be provided access on Basecamp for each trauma center. <p>Tracy Johns reminded members the Registry Subcommittee meetings have continuing education and members can use the PowerPoints as a reference for center readiness and commitment to quality improvement.</p> <p>Injury Prevention and Outreach: Kristal Smith provided an update on activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Stop the Bleed webinar blitz attracted over 500 participants over three days. These webinars continue to be popular and serve as an effective means of educating the public on bleeding control techniques. If you have a need for a skills check, please let me know. Thank you to everyone on the instructor list available for volunteer referrals. Congratulations to Emily Brown for winning the Stop the Bleed instructor recruitment drawing.• We learned when our Bingocize licensure renewed, we must renew our training. If you trained before 2023, our renewal is due. I will be reaching out to determine renewal needs.• If you have any need of resources for Bingocize of Georgia Stay Safe resources, please let me know.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you, Emily Burnside with Memorial Health Savannah, for organizing our ATV safety webinar that we did for National Injury Prevention Day. • Please continue to use #preventtrauma and #stopthebleedgeorgia on social media to share injury prevention and outreach activities. • We have spring webinars planned in April and we'll do one or two days of Stop the Bleed webinars in May.
Adjourn	<p>Prior to adjournment, Tracy Johns shared a webinar link that provides a deeper dive into the new ACS standards by Trauma System News: https://trauma-news.com/2024/02/trauma-standards-deep-dive-workshop-a-closer-look-at-new-acs-requirements-for-documentation-specialty-coverage-peds-level-iiis-and-more/</p> <p>The webinar discussed requirements for documentation, specialty coverage, pediatric care, and standards for different trauma center levels. Committee members agreed that they found the webinar beneficial and recommended it for those preparing for upcoming surveys.</p> <p>Tracy Johns emphasized the importance of proactively collecting evidence and documentation required by the new standards, such as call schedules for different surgical subspecialties. Pam Vanderberg shared her recent experience of the heavy workload required for the new PRQ, stressing the need to start early. Pam offered her help to other centers after the conclusion of their survey on March 27th.</p> <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 3:30pm</i></p>