**TO BE APPROVED**

**Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence (GCTE)**

**February 8, 2024**

**2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

[**Trauma.ga.gov meeting link**](https://trauma.georgia.gov/events/2024-02-08/gtc-georgia-committee-trauma-excellence-gcte-meeting)

**Tracy Johns, Atrium Health Navicent**

**GCTE Chair**

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| **EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT** | **REPRESENTING** |
| Tracy Johns*, Chair*Lynn Grant*, Vice-Chair*Kellie Rowker, *Pediatric*Kristal Smith*, Injury Prevention and Outreach* | Atrium Health NavicentFairview Park HospitalChildren’s Healthcare of AtlantaAtrium Health Navicent |

| **ATTENDEES** |
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| **FIRST NAME** | **LAST NAME** | **ORGANIZATION** |
| CindyNicoleMonicaKatieMelissaCrystalDawnJosephineJoannaTracyJudithSusanJenniferKristalAliciaSusanneRebeccaBiancaDianneKellieGenitaBrionaAshleyJanannLauraChristopherDanlinMarieStaceeLindseyGuillermo (Will)BrookeBrooke J.GailLynnCheryleJessicaLawrenceSamanthaReginaAndreaJoyStephenJenniferSharonaPaigeAmy AnniaCourtneyJasminLeighEmilyAngelaKelliStaceyAlanAshleyAshleyBarbaraPamelaPamelaPamelaKimLaurenAshleyFarrahMary BethTammieChuckKarrieWhitneyChristieLindaBlancaJaniceMariaLauraMorganJessicaDanaTracyColleenNadirahTamaraKristinHeatherKristiStephanieShannonKristenMaryMarilynKellyShalondaJayJustinMarylynnJamesKimberlyEmilyChelseaHeatherRebeccaTetraWinstonAlyssaCristinaMary AliceMeganJulieGraceChristinaJamieTaitianaDanielleBrianRaqealMichelleAshleySandraReginaAdrianPatriciaParriciaJainaRhondaVictoriaVaughnEmily | HoggardSundholmTrotterHastyParrisWynnTruettFabico-DulinGossJohnsLyttleMurphyPeaceSmithCochranEdwardsGaskinsMacklinPotterRowkerWalkerWhiteheadBullingtonDunnavantLunsfordRuizLuoProbstSmithLewisSotoMarshMarshThorntonGrantWardAstrellaBlairBuchananCannonCostanzoElebyElmgrenFreemanGriffinHernandezJeuneLowryMercedesPackPageSanabriaScottShipleySoSteeleSteeleThomasVan NessVan NessVanderbergBrownZavalaWoodardParkerGoodwinRussellMasseyPageWilliamsonMathisGreeneHinojosaLabbeSilvaWolfKrauseMantoothDavisHarrisHorneMSN, RN, ONCPattersonBrooksMorganPerkinsStriblingThomasGentryBiziliaDunlapGasserWrightConnellyKeetonSullivanPolstonReusmannBrownCarterJonesHarknessJenkinsCharlesMondaSoto-OlveraAubreyDawsonFreemanMillsUcciVan NessWoodsJohnsonBaysBeardCastelFairclothLoweMedeirosRuizSmithSmithCarnesJonesCarterTejedorBaldridge | Advent Health RedmondAdvent Health RedmondAdvent Health RedmondAtrium Health FloydAtrium Health FloydAtrium Health FloydAtrium Health Floyd Polk Medical CenterAtrium Health NavicentAtrium Health NavicentAtrium Health NavicentAtrium Health NavicentAtrium Health NavicentAtrium Health NavicentAtrium Health NavicentChildren's Healthcare of AtlantaChildren's Healthcare of AtlantaChildren's Healthcare of AtlantaChildren's Healthcare of AtlantaChildren's Healthcare of AtlantaChildren's Healthcare of AtlantaChildren's Healthcare of AtlantaChildren's Healthcare of AtlantaCrisp Regional HospitalCrisp Regional HospitalDoctors Hospital of AugustaDoctors Hospital of AugustaDPH OEMSTDPH OEMSTDPH OEMSTEffingham Health SystemEffingham Health SystemEmanuel Medical CenterEmanuel Medical CenterEmanuel Medical CenterFairview Park HospitalGeorgia Trauma FoundationGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyGradyHamilton Medical CenterHamilton Medical CenterHCA/ParallonJMS Burn Center at Doctors HospitalJohn D. Archbold Memorial HospitalLiberty Regional Medical CenterLifeLink of GAMemorial Health Meadows HospitalMemorial Health University Medical CenterMorgan Medical CenterNortheast Georgia Medical CenterNortheast Georgia Medical CenterNortheast Georgia Medical CenterNortheast Georgia Medical CenterNortheast Georgia Medical CenterNortheast Georgia Medical CenterNortheast Georgia Medical CenterNorthside Gwinnett HospitalNorthside Gwinnett HospitalNorthside Gwinnett HospitalNorthside Gwinnett HospitalPiedmontPiedmont Athens RegionalPiedmont Athens RegionalPiedmont Athens RegionalPiedmont Athens RegionalPiedmont Athens RegionalPiedmont CartersvillePiedmont Columbus RegionalPiedmont Columbus RegionalPiedmont Columbus RegionalPiedmont Columbus RegionalPiedmont HenryPiedmont HenryPiedmont HenryPiedmont WaltonPiedmont WaltonSGMC HealthSGMC HealthSGMC HealthStephens County HospitalWashington County Regional Medical CenterWellstar CobbWellstar CobbWellstar CobbWellstar KennestoneWellstar KennestoneWellstar KennestoneWellstar KennestoneWellstar KennestoneWellstar KennestoneWellstar KennestoneWellstar Kennestone / RTAC 3Wellstar MCGWellstar MCGWellstar MCGWellstar MCGWellstar MCGWellstar MCGWellstar MCGWellstar MCGWellstar MCGWellstar North FultonWellstar North FultonWellstar Paulding HospitalWellstar Spalding Medical CenterWellstar Spalding Regional Hospital |

| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** |
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| Call to Order/Approval MinsIntro of New Members | 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.After the roll call, Lynn Grant requested a motion to approve the November 15th meeting minutes.**MOTION GCTE 2024-01-01:****Motion to approve November 15, 2023, meeting minutes.****MOTION:** Julie Freeman**SECOND:** Kristal Smith**DISCUSSION:** None **ACTION:** The motion***PASSED*** with no objections nor abstentionsAfter minutes approval, Lynn Grant asked new committee members to introduce themselves. |
| American College of Surgeons (ACS) Standards Review | Tracy Johns and Lynn Grant reviewed the following ACS Standards (**ATTACHMENT A**):* 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

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**).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.  |
| Georgia Trauma Commission (GTC) Update | Liz Atkins provided the following updates:* 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](https://bisfacs.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8uE8WkFghIziiUu?mkt_tok=MTA5LVZLSC0yMzQAAAGRHh66OmCpNiQYOYY2-MbhpnKDDPjNaUBivW_6lgC9aTyHsOH1Dz8mmd5P8ezOIklKINmlgOFt7VXNCbVw7yaZC0LHH77HfjCU5f0oacs)

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.  |
| Office of EMS & Trauma (OEMST) Update | Marie Probst provided the following updates:* 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.

April Moss mentioned Stacee Smith, the new OEMST Trauma Coordinator will be providing the updates moving forward. Prior to handing it over to Stacee, April mentioned the Armband Project data is being reviewed and we will determine the next steps once analyzation is complete.Stacee Smith provided the following updates:* 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](https://dph.georgia.gov/trauma%22%20%5Co%20%22https%3A//dph.georgia.gov/trauma). The document was distributed by email on 2/2/2024 to GCTE members
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| Georgia Trauma Foundation Update | Cheryle Ward provided the following updates:* 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.

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.  |
| Georgia Quality Improvement Program Update | Gina Solomon provided a brief review of GQIP’s latest activities:* 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.

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.  |
| Subcommittee Reports | **Education:** Julie Freeman provided the following updates on behalf of Kyndra Holm:* 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.

**Pediatric**: Kellie Rowker provided the following updates:* 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.

**Performance Improvement:** Ashley Bullington provided updates on behalf of Rayma Stephens:* 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.

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. **Registry**: Colleen Horne provided the following updates:* 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.

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. **Injury Prevention and Outreach**: Kristal Smith provided an update on activities:* 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.
* 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 #preventrauma 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.
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| Adjourn | 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/>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. 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. Tracy Johns thanked everyone for attending and asked for a motion to adjourn.***Vice-chair Lynn Grant adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm*** |

*Minutes Crafted by Gabriela Saye*