**TO BE APPROVED**

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

**May 20, 2024**

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

[**Trauma.ga.gov meeting link**](https://trauma.georgia.gov/events/2024-05-20/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*  Kyndra Holm, *Education*  Kellie Rowker, *Pediatric*  Kristal Smith*, Injury Prevention and Outreach*  Rayma Stephens, *Performance Improvement*  Kelli Vaughn, *Registry*  Jesse Gibson *Chair, former* | Atrium Health Navicent  Fairview Park Hospital  Wellstar MCG Children's Hospital of Georgia  Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta  Atrium Health Navicent  Northside Gwinnett Hospital  J.D. Archbold Memorial Center  Northeast Georgia Medical Center |

| **ATTENDEES** | | |
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| **FIRST NAME** | **LAST NAME** | **ORGANIZATION** |
| Suzanne  Nicole  Monica  Katie  Melissa  Dawn  Angela  Josephine  Joanna  Tracy  Patricia  Brenna  Susan  Kimberly  Jennifer  Kristal  Alicia  Susanne  Kendra  Kellie  Echo  Ashley  David  April  Charly  Shelby  Laura  Courtney  Catherine  Adrian  Danlin  April  Marie  Stacee  Lindsey  Guillermo  Brooke J.  Gail  Lynn  Cheryle  Michael  Lawrence  Samantha  Andrea  Joy  Jennifer  Sharona  Amy Annia  Jasmin  Erin  Leigh  Emily  Sarah  Rocky  Emily  Angela  Kelli  Stacey  Alan  Ashley  Barbara  Alana  Pamela  Elizabeth  Carey  Kim  Kelli  Jessica  Farrah  Peter  John  Kim  Chuck  Karrie  James  Carol  Whitney  Thara  Susan  David  Christie  Jenna  Jesse  Linda  Blanca  Kathy  Maria  Morgan  Janice  Jessica  Matthew  Nadirah  Dana  Collen  Rayma  Deb  Brandi  Nicole  Heather  Shannon  Kristen  Jerry  Amy  Marilyn  Tamara  Shalonda  Jay  Justin  Marylynn  James  Kmberly  Howard  Courtney  Beth  Janann  Heather  Tetra  Winston  Alyssa  Cristina  Nadine  Adalynn  Dana  Megan  Julie  Danielle  Grace  Christina  Jamie  Brian  Raqeal  Michelle  Ashley  Nancy  Patricia  Robyn  Kyndra  Elizabeth  Rhonda  Kerry  Victoria  Susan  Vaughn  Rachel | Gardner  Sundholm  Trotter  Hasty  Parris  Truett  Barton  Fabico-Dulin  Goss  Johns  Judd  McClure  Murphy  Najera  Peace  Smith  Cochran  Edwards  Mosley  Rowker  Standley  Bullington  Cox  Dukes  Ussery  Adams  Lunsford  Pettiford  Ross-Garron  Willis  Luo  Moss  Probst  Smith  Lewis  Soto  Marsh  Thornton  Grant  Ward  Bentley  Blair  Buchanan  Costanzo  Eleby  Freeman  Griffin  Jeune  Mercedes  Moorcones  Pack  Page  Parker  Rothenberg  Russell  Sanabria  Scott  Shipley  So  Steele  Thomas  Valadez  Van Ness  Williams-Woods  Lamphier  Brown  Vaughn  Davis  Parker  Yen  Dekle  Kottemann  Massey  Page  Dunne  Gerrin  Williamson  Dukes  Jackson  Lawrence  Mathis  Boyd  Gibson  Greene  Hinojosa  McDanel  Silva  Krause  Labbe  Mantooth  Vassy  Burgess  Davis  Horne  Stephens  Anderson  Fitzgerald  Hester  Morgan  Thomas  Gentry  McMillan  Stephens  Dunlap  Patterson  Wright  Connelly  Keeton  Sullivan  Polston  Reusmann  Bowers  Canino  Cargile  Dunnavant  Jones  Jenkins  Charles  Monda  Soto-Olvera  Lynch  Rath  Bouse  Dawson  Freeman  Johnson  Mills  Ucci  Van Ness  Bays  Beard  Castel  Faircloth  Pritz  Smith  Hatley  Holm  Folse  Jones  Carter  Carter  Baldridge  Tejedor  Hand | AdventHealth Redmond  AdventHealth Redmond  AdventHealth Redmond  Atrium Health Floyd  Atrium Health Floyd  Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center  Atrium Health Navicent  Atrium Health Navicent  Atrium Health Navicent  Atrium Health Navicent  Atrium Health Navicent  Atrium Health Navicent  Atrium Health Navicent  Atrium Health Navicent  Atrium Health Navicent  Atrium Health Navicent  Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  Crisp Regional Hospital  Crisp Regional Hospital  Crisp Regional Hospital  Crisp Regional Hospital  Doctors Hospital of Augusta  Doctors Hospital of Augusta  Doctors Hospital of Augusta  Doctors Hospital of Augusta  Doctors Hospital of Augusta  DPH OEMST  DPH OEMST  DPH OEMST  DPH OEMST  Effingham Health System  Effingham Health System  Emanuel Medical Center  Emanuel Medical Center  Fairview Park Hospital  Georgia Trauma Foundation  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady  Grady Burn Center  Hamilton Medical Center  J.D Archbold Memorial Hospital  J.D Archbold Memorial Hospital  JMS at Doctors Hospital  JMS/Wellstar/DHOA  Liberty Regional Medical Center  LifeLink of GA  LifeLink of GA  Memorial Health Meadows Hospital  Memorial Health University Medical Center  Memorial Health University Medical Center  Memorial Health University Medical Center  Memorial Satilla Health  Morgan Medical Center  Morgan Medical Center  Morgan Medical Center  Northeast Georgia Medical Center  Northeast Georgia Medical Center  Northeast Georgia Medical Center  Northeast Georgia Medical Center  Northeast Georgia Medical Center  Northeast Georgia Medical Center  Northeast Georgia Medical Center  Northeast Georgia medical center  Northeast Georgia Medical Center  Northeast 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| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** |
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| Call to Order/Approval Mins  Intro 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 1:00 pm.  After the roll call, Lynn Grant requested a motion to approve the February 8th meeting minutes.  **MOTION GCTE 2024-05-01:**  **Motion to approve February 8, 2024, meeting minutes.**  **MOTION:** Kyndra Holm  **SECOND:** Kellie Rowker  **DISCUSSION:** None  **ACTION:** The motion***PASSED*** with no objections nor abstentions  After minutes approval, Lynn Grant asked new committee members to introduce themselves. |
| Georgia Trauma Commission (GTC) Update | Update deferred. Liz Atkins will provide a full update at the Georgia Trauma Commission meeting on May 22, 2024. |
| Office of EMS & Trauma (OEMST) Update | Marie Probst provided the following updates:   * OTCPE Q2 reports were all complete * Levels II and IV were at 100% on deliverables * Levels I and III were at 80% on deliverables * OTCPE Q3 reports await signatures from 5 Trauma Medical Directors and 1 Burn Medical Director. Please prompt your TMDs to complete the signatures. We are also waiting for two centers to submit their complete Q3 reports. * The OTCPE Q4 form will open on June 15th and is due July 15th. Please let us know if you have any questions about the annual report.   Tracy Johns noted that the Q4 is a significantly larger report that includes injury prevention information and core measures throughout the year.  Stacee Smith provided the following updates:   * Continuing Level IV consults and designation visits with 4 scheduled for 2024. * We are offering consult visits for hospitals preparing for ACS or DPH visits with mock run-throughs. * A new Level II was added in Region 8. * We are engaging with South Georgia hospitals to increase trauma center coverage. * The ACS reverified two Level I trauma centers. * One trauma center upgraded from Level II to Level I. * Ongoing data validation visits by Marie Probst and Gina Solomon. We are working with Biospatial for Q4 data analysis. * Kelly Joiner is working with Liz to assess hospital and EMS locations statewide. * Richard Rhodes is working on training course maps with the GTC EMS Committee. * Development of the EMS workforce dashboard continues. * EMS annual report is published and available on the DPH OEMST website. |
| Georgia Trauma Foundation Update | Cheryle Ward provided the following updates:   * The Driving Change and Trauma Care Gala was held at the Porche Experience Center this past Saturday. Thank you to all attendees. We look forward to our next event. * The Rural Continuing Education Program year 1, was set to end in March, has been extended to the end of May to solidify the foundation for the second year. We surpassed the goal with 11 courses conducted in Q4 with 125 participants and 114 cumulative classroom hours—a comprehensive report to be provided by the end of the first year. For year 2, we are building a stronger calendar and encouraging rural areas to reach out if there is a need for course facilitation. * The Continuing Education Instructors Database (CEID) is still available for those interested in joining the database to facilitate future courses. * There has been a delay in hiring the Education Coordinator position, and the application period has been extended. Please reach out to me if you are interested in applying.   Tracy Johns asked Cheryle to provide more details regarding the Rural Continuing Education Program. Cheryle clarified that the program is a grant administered by the State Office of Rural Health to advance continuing education courses across the states. Courses offered: ATLS, ATCN, RTTDC, TNCC, and more. There are no costs for participants except for travel expenses. The focus is on facilitating courses in regions with rural hospitals or critical access hospitals to reduce the financial burden on attendees. |
| LifeLink Donor Family Story | Kim Kottemann introduced herself as the Lifelink Director of Professional Programs and  Transplant Center Relations and Chuck Massy, Hospital Development Team Leader. Kim expressed appreciation for participating in this group. Typically, we share data with you, but today we share a family story. Before we get started, we want to remind everyone that if you are having an ACS site visit, please reach out to us ahead of time, and we'd be happy to get the data ready for you. We have some standardized guidelines to provide consistent answers and metrics. Lastly, thanks to Cheryle Ward for facilitating the Porche Event; it was a great experience.  Chuck Massey introduced Leah Ozment, who shared her personal story about her son, Thomas, who passed away following a motorcycle accident (**ATTACHMENT A**), and the impact and importance of the organ donation process. Leah Ozment encouraged attendees to view the videos at <http://www.longlivetom.com/> and can reach her at [tomsmom@longlivetom.com](mailto:tomsmom@longlivetom.com). |
| Georgia Quality Improvement Program Update | Gina Solomon provided a brief review of GQIP’s latest activities:   * The GQIP meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. The main focus of the meeting will be on the ArborMetrix project, which officially commenced on December 22nd. The platform went live on January 5th, with users logging in by February 5th. The meeting agenda includes presentations on 2020, 2022, and 2023 data during the closed session. * There are two workgroups: VTE and Time to Care. The VTE workgroup's first meeting was canceled, and efforts are ongoing to schedule a Time to Care meeting.   Tracy Johns asked for clarification on the ArborMetrix project. Gina added that it is comparable to a state benchmark database focused on Georgia's information and comparisons. Gina noted that TQIP has a national focus, while ArborMetrix is specific to Georgia and provides quicker access to data. Outcome measures include mortality and hospital events, and upcoming measures like VTE prophylaxis will be included. Tracy Johns added context on risk adjustment, explaining its significance in interpreting data and informing care decisions. |

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| Subcommittee Reports | **Education:** Kyndra Holm provided the following updates on behalf of Kyndra Holm:   * The first draft of the Trauma Program Manager toolkit is under development. It will be categorized by Levels I-IV. The toolkit will be a comprehensive resource, including contacts and essential information. The draft will be reviewed during the June Education Subcommittee meeting. * The Essential Skills for Nurses in Non-Trauma Centers Toolkit is transitioning to a poster. It will focus on priorities for non-trauma centers to manage trauma patients efficiently pre-transfer. The poster will be ready for the June Education Subcommittee meeting for feedback and review. * Options for a central repository for education opportunities are being finalized. Discussions are ongoing about using the Georgia Trauma Foundation website for postings.   **Pediatric**: Kellie Rowker provided the following updates:   * The Shock Index Pediatric Adjusted (SIPA) tip sheet has been distributed successfully. Several centers have reached out requesting additional information. * We are working with the Education Subcommittee to focus on timely transfers and pediatric transfer rationale. * Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Egleston and Scottish Rite are set to participate in a large Whole Blood Transfusion Study. The MATIC-2 study may generate a potential statewide education initiative if the study confirms safety.   **Performance Improvement:** Rayma Stephens provided updates:   * We continue to focus on time to definitive care. A survey was sent to identify barriers to timely care, and results will be discussed during the May 28th Subcommittee meeting. * We are exploring how to better use the registry for data collection and analysis. * Literature review and analysis are ongoing.   **Injury Prevention and Outreach**: Kristal Smith provided an update on activities:   * April's Prevent Child Abuse, and Blue Campaign badge buddies and templates are available. If you are interested in co-branding, please contact me. * National Stop the Bleed Day is Thursday, May 23rd. The Georgia Trauma System will host a webinar with multiple sessions at 10 AM, 1 PM, and 4 PM. There have been about 250 registrations to date. * We have door prizes like the "Prevent Trauma Llama." If you are interested in assisting with door prize distribution, please get in touch with me. You can buy the t-shirts directly: <https://www.zazzle.com/store/preventtraumallama>. * An MCI Multiverse exercise will take place next week; please get in touch with me if interested in joining: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/r5trauma-mci-multiverse-ase-virtual-ftx-tickets-891350672857.](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/r5trauma-mci-multiverse-ase-virtual-ftx-tickets-891350672857) * Georgia Stay Safe week is June 16th-22nd, focusing on firearm injury prevention. Resources are available at [www.GeorgiaStaySAFE.org](http://www.GeorgiaStaySAFE.org) * Some of you may be expecting Bingocize or bleeding control trainers, Josie, has traveled to the meeting today for distribution.   **Registry**: Kelli Vaughn provided the following updates:   * The AIS 08 course took place in February 2024, with five attendees passing the March exam and five more planning to take the September exam. * The Commission is considering hosting an AIS 2015 virtual update course in FY 2025 for 60 participants, totaling $22,800.   The discussion shifted to the 2024 ESO patch and glitches. Despite reassurances from the ESO team, unresolved problems persist, compounded by difficulties with the outdated v5 system. Committee members discussed concerns with the stability of the v5 software, which has been in use for over 20 years. The recent patch included new features, such as organ donation fields, exacerbating existing issues. Gina Solomon reassured attendees of her commitment to advocating for the user community and minimizing unnecessary burdens. Despite the challenges, it is necessary to remain on the current registry platform for data aggregation and submission. Tracy raised concerns about centers opting for different software solutions, potentially affecting Commission contract requirements tied to the current software.  It was noted, some facilities are experiencing challenges with submitting registry data to TQIP. Due to the complications of the recent ESO patch, centers were advised to not install the patch if they had not done so. If you are experiencing any registry issues, please reach out to Gina Solomon to help address issues with ESO. |
| 5.30 & 5.31 SBIRT - Level 3 (Fairview) | Lynn Grant presented an overview of the alcohol misuse screening at Fairview, a Level III trauma center (**ATTACHMENT B**). There is an ACS requirement for all trauma centers to screen admitted trauma patients aged 12 and older for alcohol misuse using a validated tool or routine blood content testing, with a target screening rate of 80% or created (**ATTACHMENT C**). Fairview's daily admission report is sent to case managers and social workers who conduct the screenings with the audit tool for adults and the CRAFT tool for adolescents. There is difficulty in covering weekend admissions due to limited staffing, but plans are underway to automate notifications to ensure all potential trauma patients are screened.  Tracy thanked Lynn for the presentation and highlighted the need for adaptable methods suited to each hospital's resources. |
| Shared Celebrations | Tracy congratulated Grady on their successful Level I trauma center survey in March and Phoebe on their new Level II designation. Effingham was also recognized for its redesignations as a Level IV facility. |
| 4.15 IR for Hemorrhage Control – Level 1 (Grady; ACS Survey 3/2024) | Sam Buchanan detailed Grady's process (**ATTACHMENT D)** to meet IR standard 4.15 (**ATTACHMENT** **E**), which requires 24/7 availability for IR services. Grady formed a multidisciplinary task force to address long turnaround times for IR procedures, which initially had only 4% compliance with the 60-minute requirement. The team integrated various solutions, and by the end of 2023, Grady had reduced the median turnaround time by 51% and achieved high compliance. |
| Adjournment | Before adjournment, Tracy Johns expressed appreciation for the committee chairs and announced the end of her chairmanship at the end of the year. There will be a need for a new co-chair nomination, who will be elected during the November GCTE meeting. If you have any GCTE co-chair nominations, please send them to Tracy Johns and Lynn Grant.  Tracy Johns thanked everyone for attending and asked for a motion to adjourn.  ***Vice-chair Lynn Grant adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm*** |

*Minutes Crafted by Gabriela Saye*