

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

May 20, 2024

1:00 PM – 3:00 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
Kyndra Holm, <i>Education</i>	Wellstar MCG Children's Hospital of Georgia
Kellie Rowker, <i>Pediatric</i>	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Kristal Smith, <i>Injury Prevention and Outreach</i>	Atrium Health Navicent
Rayma Stephens, <i>Performance Improvement</i>	Northside Gwinnett Hospital
Kelli Vaughn, <i>Registry</i>	J.D. Archbold Memorial Center
Jesse Gibson <i>Chair, former</i>	Northeast Georgia Medical Center

ATTENDEES		
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	ORGANIZATION
Suzanne	Gardner	AdventHealth Redmond
Nicole	Sundholm	AdventHealth Redmond
Monica	Trotter	AdventHealth Redmond
Katie	Hasty	Atrium Health Floyd
Melissa	Parris	Atrium Health Floyd
Dawn	Truett	Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center
Angela	Barton	Atrium Health Navicent
Josephine	Fabico-Dulin	Atrium Health Navicent
Joanna	Goss	Atrium Health Navicent
Tracy	Johns	Atrium Health Navicent

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Patricia	Judd	Atrium Health Navicent
Brenna	McClure	Atrium Health Navicent
Susan	Murphy	Atrium Health Navicent
Kimberly	Najera	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
Kendra	Mosley	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Kellie	Rowker	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Echo	Standley	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Ashley	Bullington	Crisp Regional Hospital
David	Cox	Crisp Regional Hospital
April	Dukes	Crisp Regional Hospital
Charly	Ussery	Crisp Regional Hospital
Shelby	Adams	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Laura	Lunsford	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Courtney	Pettiford	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Catherine	Ross-Garron	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Adrian	Willis	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Danlin	Luo	DPH OEMST
April	Moss	DPH OEMST
Marie	Probst	DPH OEMST
Stacey	Smith	DPH OEMST
Lindsey	Lewis	Effingham Health System
Guillermo	Soto	Effingham Health System
Brooke J.	Marsh	Emanuel Medical Center
Gail	Thornton	Emanuel Medical Center
Lynn	Grant	Fairview Park Hospital
Cheryle	Ward	Georgia Trauma Foundation
Michael	Bentley	Grady
Lawrence	Blair	Grady

ATTENDEES		
Samantha	Buchanan	Grady
Andrea	Costanzo	Grady
Joy	Eleby	Grady
Jennifer	Freeman	Grady
Sharona	Griffin	Grady
Amy Annia	Jeune	Grady
Jasmin	Mercedes	Grady
Erin	Moorcones	Grady
Leigh	Pack	Grady
Emily	Page	Grady
Sarah	Parker	Grady
Rocky	Rothenberg	Grady
Emily	Russell	Grady
Angela	Sanabria	Grady
Kelli	Scott	Grady
Stacey	Shiple	Grady
Alan	So	Grady
Ashley	Steele	Grady
Barbara	Thomas	Grady
Alana	Valadez	Grady
Pamela	Van Ness	Grady
Elizabeth	Williams-Woods	Grady
Carey	Lamphier	Grady Burn Center
Kim	Brown	Hamilton Medical Center
Kelli	Vaughn	J.D Archbold Memorial Hospital
Jessica	Davis	J.D Archbold Memorial Hospital
Farrah	Parker	JMS at Doctors Hospital
Peter	Yen	JMS/Wellstar/DHOA
John	Dekle	Liberty Regional Medical Center
Kim	Kottemann	LifeLink of GA
Chuck	Massey	LifeLink of GA
Karrie	Page	Memorial Health Meadows Hospital

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James	Dunne	Memorial Health University Medical Center
Carol	Gerrin	Memorial Health University Medical Center
Whitney	Williamson	Memorial Health University Medical Center
Thara	Dukes	Memorial Satilla Health
Susan	Jackson	Morgan Medical Center
David	Lawrence	Morgan Medical Center
Christie	Mathis	Morgan Medical Center
Jenna	Boyd	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Jesse	Gibson	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Linda	Greene	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Blanca	Hinojosa	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Kathy	McDanel	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Maria	Silva	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Morgan	Krause	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Janice	Labbe	Northeast Georgia medical center
Jessica	Mantooth	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Matthew	Vassy	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Nadirah	Burgess	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Dana	Davis	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Colleen	Horne	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Rayma	Stephens	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Rebecca	Wielder	Northside Hospital Gwinnett
Deb	Anderson	Parallon
Brandi	Fitzgerald	Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital
Nicole	Hester	Piedmont Athens Regional
Heather	Morgan	Piedmont Athens Regional
Shannon	Thomas	Piedmont Athens Regional
Kristen	Gentry	Piedmont Cartersville Medical Center
Jerry	McMillan	Piedmont Cartersville Medical Center
Amy	Stephens	Piedmont Cartersville Medical Center
Marilyn	Dunlap	Piedmont Columbus Regional
Tamara	Patterson	Piedmont Columbus Regional

ATTENDEES		
Shalonda	Wright	Piedmont Columbus Regional
Jay	Connelly	Piedmont Henry
Justin	Keeton	Piedmont Henry
Marylynn	Sullivan	Piedmont Henry
James	Polston	Piedmont Walton
Kmberly	Reusmann	Piedmont Walton
Howard	Bowers	South Georgia Medical Center
Courtney	Canino	South Georgia Medical Center
Beth	Cargile	South Georgia Medical Center
Janann	Dunnavant	South Georgia Medical Center
Heather	Jones	South Georgia Medical Center
Tetra	Jenkins	Washington County Regional Medical Center
Winston	Charles	Wellstar Cobb Hospital
Alyssa	Monda	Wellstar Cobb Hospital
Cristina	Soto-Olvera	Wellstar Cobb Hospital
Nadine	Lynch	Wellstar Cobb Medical Center/Burn Program
Adalynn	Rath	Wellstar Douglas
Dana	Bouse	Wellstar Kennestone
Megan	Dawson	Wellstar Kennestone
Julie	Freeman	Wellstar Kennestone
Danielle	Johnson	Wellstar Kennestone
Grace	Mills	WellStar Kennestone
Christina	Ucci	Wellstar Kennestone
Jamie	Van Ness	Wellstar Kennestone
Brian	Bays	Wellstar MCG
Raqeal	Beard	Wellstar MCG
Michelle	Castel	Wellstar MCG
Ashley	Faircloth	Wellstar MCG
Nancy	Pritz	Wellstar MCG
Patricia	Smith	WellStar MCG
Robyn	Hatley	Wellstar MCG CHOG
Kyndra	Holm	Wellstar MCG CHOG

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Elizabeth	Folse	Wellstar North Fulton Hospital
Rhonda	Jones	Wellstar North Fulton Hospital
Kerry	Carter	Wellstar Paulding Hospital
Victoria	Carter	Wellstar Paulding Hospital
Susan	Baldrige	Wellstar Spalding Medical Center
Vaughn	Tejedor	Wellstar Spalding Medical Center
Rachel	Hand	Wellstar West Ga Medical Center

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 1:00 pm.</p> <p>After the roll call, Lynn Grant requested a motion to approve the February 8th meeting minutes.</p> <p><u>MOTION GCTE 2024-05-01:</u> Motion to approve February 8, 2024, meeting minutes. MOTION: Kyndra Holm SECOND: Kellie Rowker 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>
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	<p>Marie Probst provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OTCPE Q2 reports were all complete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Tracy Johns noted that the Q4 is a significantly larger report that includes injury prevention information and core measures throughout the year.</p> <p>Stacey Smith provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<p>Georgia Trauma Foundation Update</p>	<p>Cheryle Ward provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

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	<p>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.</p>
LifeLink Donor Family Story	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Georgia Quality Improvement Program Update	<p>Gina Solomon provided a brief review of GQIP's latest activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p>

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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Georgia Stay Safe week is June 16th-22nd, focusing on firearm injury prevention. Resources are available at www.GeorgiaStaySAFE.org • Some of you may be expecting Bingocize or bleeding control trainers, Josie, has traveled to the meeting today for distribution. <p>Registry: Kelli Vaughn provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>5.30 & 5.31 SBIRT - Level 3 (Fairview)</p>	<p>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</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>Tracy thanked Lynn for the presentation and highlighted the need for adaptable methods suited to each hospital's resources.</p>
Shared Celebrations	<p>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.</p>
4.15 IR for Hemorrhage Control – Level 1 (Grady; ACS Survey 3/2024)	<p>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.</p>
Adjournment	<p>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.</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 3:00 pm</i></p>