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Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence (GCTE)

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09:30 - 11:30

[Trauma.ga.gov meeting link](https://trauma.ga.gov/meeting-link)

Jesse Gibson, MBA, BSN RN, TCRN

GCTE Chair

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
Karen Hill, <i>Chair, former</i>	CHOA Egleston
Jesse Gibson, <i>Chair, current</i>	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Tracy Johns, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Atrium Health Navicent
Jessica Mantooth, <i>Education</i>	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Kristal Smith, <i>Injury Prevention</i>	Atrium Health Navicent
John Pope, <i>Performance Improvement</i>	Cartersville Medical
Kelli Rowker, <i>Pediatrics</i>	CHOA
Kelli Vaughn, <i>Registry</i>	Archbold Memorial Hospital
Liz Atkins, <i>GTC Member</i>	Georgia Trauma Commission

Attendees		
Duke	Stephanie	Atrium Health Floyd
Hasty	Katie	Atrium Health Floyd
Hogue	Sharon	Atrium Health Floyd

Parris	Melissa	Atrium Health Floyd
Axlund	Robyn	Atrium Health Navicent Macon
Fabico-Dulin	Jo-C	Atrium Health Navicent Macon
Johns	Tracy	Atrium Health Navicent Macon
Smith	Kristal	Atrium Health Navicent Macon
Jackson	Lesa	Atrium Health Polk Medical Center
Holm	Kyndra	Augusta University Medical Center
Belfon Bowden	Joanne	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA)
Goux	Stephen	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA)
Harvey	Kionna	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA)
Hill	Karen	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA)
Jones	Temprest	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA)
Mitchell	Chantavis	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA)
Cochran	Alicia	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) Egleston
Schmid	Moe	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) Egleston
Routly	Maia	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) Scottish Rite
Rowker	Kellie	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) Scottish Rite
Longhart	Cassie	Department of Public Health (Office of EMS&T)
Morgan	Renee	Department of Public Health (Office of EMS&T)
Harris	Tinyhra	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Manda	Robyn	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Parker	Farrah	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Ruiz	Chris	Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Watson	Amy	Effingham Hospital
Thornton	Gail	Emanuel Medical Center
Doyle	Ben	Fairview Park Hospital
Atkins	Liz	Georgia Trauma Commission
Hamilton	Katie	Georgia Trauma Commission

Saye	Gabriela	Georgia Trauma Commission
Solomon	Gina	Georgia Trauma Commission
Cosby	Kenya	Grady Memorial Hospital
Cribbs	Ashley	Grady Memorial Hospital
Eleby	Joy	Grady Memorial Hospital
Elmgren	Steve	Grady Memorial Hospital
Freeman	Jennifer	Grady Memorial Hospital
Lamphier	Carey K.	Grady Memorial Hospital
Mays	Elizabeth	Grady Memorial Hospital
Moorcones	Erin	Grady Memorial Hospital
Parker	Sarah	Grady Memorial Hospital
Rothenberg	Roxanne	Grady Memorial Hospital
Thomas	Barbara	Grady Memorial Hospital
Brown	Kimberly	Hamilton Health Care System
Page	Karrie	Memorial Health Meadows Hospital
Palladino	Kelsey	Memorial Health University Medical Center
Benton	Michelle	Morgan Medical Center
Gibson	Jesse	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Greene	Linda	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Hughes	Denise	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Mantooth	Jessica	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
McDanel	Kathy	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Silva	Maria	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Wolf	Laura	Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Bryant	Barlynda	Northside Gwinnett Hospital
Burgess	Nadirah	Northside Gwinnett Hospital
Davis	Dana	Northside Gwinnett Hospital
Harris	Tracy	Northside Gwinnett Hospital

Holcombe	Sarah	Northside Gwinnett Hospital
Horne	Colleen	Northside Gwinnett Hospital
Fitzgerald	Brandi	Phoebe Health
Miller-Pollack	Donna	Phoebe Health
Bennett	Denise E.	Piedmont Athens
Brock	Mary Jane	Piedmont Athens
Cruce	Cammie L.	Piedmont Athens
Thomas	Shannon	Piedmont Athens
Pope	John	Piedmont Cartersville
Simmons	Susan	Piedmont Columbus Regional
Wright	Shalonda	Piedmont Columbus Regional
Hust	Karen	Piedmont Walton
Brown	Emily	Southern Regional Medical Center
Jones	Rhonda	Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center
Lyttle	Judith	Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center
Vanderberg	Pamela	Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center
Skinner	Tammie	Wellstar Cobb Hospital
Johnson	Danielle	Wellstar Kennestone Hospital
Ucci	Christina	Wellstar Kennestone Hospital
Van Ness	Jamie	Wellstar Kennestone Hospital
Dabadee	Debora	Wellstar North Fulton Hospital
Woods	Tatiana	Wellstar North Fulton Hospital
Carter	Kerry	Wellstar Paulding Hospital
Carter	Victoria	Wellstar Paulding Hospital
Hand	Rachel	Wellstar West GA Medical Center
Hampton	Laura	Martin Army Community Hospital

Topic	Discussion
Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, Approval of Minutes, and Introduction of New Members	<p>Jesse Gibson called the meeting of the Georgia Committee for Trauma Excellence (GCTE), a committee of the Georgia Trauma Commission (GTC), to order at 0931.</p> <p>A quorum was established with six of ten members present.</p> <p>Jesse Gibson, GCTE Chair, asked those present in person to introduce themselves. Afterward, Jesse encouraged members to share recent accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piedmont Cartersville is the first level III in the state to get ACS verified • Emanuel Medical center redesignated as a Level IV • Wellstar Paulding center new designated as a Level IV • Georgia was the winner of the Oral Abstract for Trauma Systems and Collaboratives during the recent TQIP Annual Conference. Liz Atkins presented the abstract • Lisa Dawson, the Director of the Injury Prevention Program and Westminster Church, were awarded for Injury Prevention Excellence in the state • Pam Vandenberg's work on the new ACS best practice guidelines for the spine and currently finishing the guidelines for substance abuse, mental health, and alcohol screening and treatment, which will probably come out in TQIP next year. <p>Before moving on, Jesse asked for a motion to approve the August meeting minutes with the attendance corrections. Jessica Mantooth added she needs to be listed as an attendee in the minutes. Jesse will correct.</p> <p><u>MOTION GCTE 2021-11-01:</u> I make the motion to approve the meeting minutes from the August 20, 2021 meeting. MOTION: Kristal Smith SECOND: Tracy Johns DISCUSSION: None ACTION: The motion <u>PASSED</u> with no objections nor abstentions.</p>
Georgia Trauma Commission (GTC) Update	<p>Liz Atkins gave an overview of the recent updates from the Georgia Trauma Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Chris Dente has stepped down from the GQIP Collaborative. Dr. Robb Todd will now serve as Chair

- Welcome to Gabby Saye, the new Executive Assistant for the Georgia Trauma Commission
- Georgia Trauma Commission meeting was yesterday. Moving forward, we will post the meeting material on our website trauma.ga.gov and the meeting link to join online. We encourage you to join us in person.
- We recently learned the Governor had signed House Bill 511, which will dedicate the super speeder fees to us and allocated in an interest-bearing trust rather than the general fund treasury. So, rather than asking for our funds, they will be given to us. This current budget year will remain the same but anticipate a change in FY2024.
- With the changes in funding, we can take a CMS calendar approach to invoice, where your current performance will dictate your future financial remuneration. We can put that into next year's contract. Right now, you receive additional money with the amended funds we receive from the legislature. In the future, when we are receiving the funds upfront, your readiness will be attached to all of it. We will keep PBP as is since everyone is familiar with it but wanted to bring it up for the group to think about.
- Tracy Johns asked if we will ever get back to educational funding. Liz answered that we are working on a grant process for educational offerings. At the GTC meeting yesterday, Budget Subcommittee received approval for leeway to move money around Commission-supported initiatives. Therefore, we could transfer money aside for education and regional improvement grants by the end of the year. We will develop an application, which the Budget Subcommittee will review for approval. We encourage goals that affect patient outcomes. Jesse Gibson asked if there was an opportunity to allocate a certain amount in our annual budget from the Commission to the centers for education. Liz encouraged to take the conversation offline with Katie Hamilton. The costs of courses vary greatly, and we must develop a process. A grant would be easier than a contract. Jesse Gibson suggested forming a workgroup and discussing it with the subcommittees. Liz advised that the registry subcommittee develop ideas of meaningful education for them. We are not establishing a timeline around this yet. We need to get the concept down first.
- Level III and IV have completed the cost readiness surveys. Now, we can look at our funding formulas, which will be the next task for our Administrator group.
- If you're a designated or ACS verified center that doesn't contract with us, you submitted your one-time grants for readiness allocation. Yesterday, the Commission was able to approve those requests. We will work on getting those grants out to you.
- The motion from the rural subcommittee for a one-time grant for TCAA membership was also approved yesterday.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is limited space at Barnsley Resort, the location for our upcoming Winter Meeting. We have established that the meeting will be appropriate for a leadership retreat: Trauma Program Managers, Trauma Medical Directors, and Administrators. We are working with TCAA to have a finance workshop to get everyone on the same page with your revenue opportunities. There will not be a virtual attendance meeting option for the Winter Meeting. We will have the GCTE and Georgia Trauma Commission Meeting available online since they are public meetings for those not required to attend in person. There is a limited number of rooms available at Barnsley, so we will only invite those required to come.
<p>Office of EMS & Trauma Update</p>	<p>Renee Morgan reported on behalf of the Office of EMS & Trauma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to John Pope and Cartersville on becoming the 1st Level III ACS Verified trauma center. They did a lot of hard work, and it paid off • Welcome to Wellstar Paulding on their new designation as a Level IV trauma center. • Congratulation to Emanuel Medical Center on its re-designations as a Level IV trauma center. <p>The ACS is beginning to set dates for facilities needing verification, re-verification, or consults. Next year will be very busy as we also start to schedule state visits with COVID, hopefully calming down. We still have two centers that are in the process of coming into the program; you'll be hearing updates about that soon.</p> <p>Next year, one of our biggest goals is to look at the rehab piece one more time. It was taking flight right before COVID hit then we were at a stall. We are trying to get rehab more involved in our processes.</p> <p>David Newton is the new Director of Health Protection. He will still have oversight of the Office of EMS and Trauma, but we will hire a new Director of EMS. There are also several positions open at the regional levels and new positions for epidemiologist for EMS and Cardiac Care.</p> <p>Thank you, everyone, for your support. I appreciate all the cards and letters.</p> <p>Cassie Longhart added that we are getting ready to transition EMS from our current nemsis version 3.4 to 3.5 and should be getting that timeline out by the first quarter of the year.</p>
<p>Georgia Trauma Foundation Update</p>	<p>Cheryle Ward was unable to attend the meeting. Liz Atkins mentioned that Cheryle Ward is the Interim Executive Director of the Georgia Trauma Foundation for those who may not know. The foundation is currently shifting its</p>

	<p>direction to focus on fundraising. They are actively recruiting board members, up to 13, and presently three board officials. There is an upcoming Porche gala set for April 30, 2022.</p>
<p>Georgia Quality Improvement Program (GQIP) Update</p>	<p>Gina Solomon gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in the GQIP Collaborative leadership. We appreciate all the work Dr. Dente has done, but we look forward to the next chapter with Dr. Rob Todd. • Arbormetrix project has been making slow progress. We are working through the security assessments with ESO central site and Arbormetrix. The state is requiring those assessments before proceeding with the contract. After establishing the contract, it will take five to six months to build. Realistically, it will probably be sometime next summer. • We are working with ESO on what we will pull over. GQIP will not require any additional data points, but we may capture unrequired data your center is already inputting to improve performance. • AKI, Opioid, and TBI workgroups are still meeting and progressing. The Opioid group has pulled together a draft of a multimodal guideline which I'm excited to share. We were also able to build a GQIP guideline template. AKI, we are reviewing the current guideline, making some changes, and formatting it. TBI may ask for another data pool, but we want to investigate if it's easy for the centers to facilitate. We are also working to pull some inpatient TBI rehab. • The Winter Meeting scheduled 02/28/22-03/02/22 will be like a retreat asking everyone to attend in person with an excellent opportunity to network and move things forward. It will allow time to get the workgroups together and have all the trauma center leaders in one area. • I wanted to touch on the TQIP conference. TPM and TMD attendance is part of the PBP for levels I, II, and III on your commission contract. Some folks did not register. I will confirm with TQIP when registration closes because you can still access the information on demand for 90 days. That will allow those not yet registered to obtain attendance credit still. • Tracy Johns asked whether we will double-check the Arbormetrix against the state data dictionary to make sure everything is a required element. Gina answered that she has worked with Marie, and we added a column for GQIP.
<p>Subcommittee Reports</p>	<p>Education: Jessica Mantooth provided the following activities:</p> <p>The education subcommittee is currently knowledge sharing regarding education during COVID-19 and moving forward. We are knowledge-sharing educational opportunities available to people across the state (virtual conferences, virtual trauma grand rounds, TCAR, etc.). We are awaiting GCTE to set goals before we establish our</p>

goals. The idea is that our goals will align with GCTE's goals. If anyone is interested in joining the Education Subcommittee, please email Jessica Mantooth or Kyndra Holm, and we will get you added! We meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month from 11 am – 12 pm.

Pediatric: Kelli Rowker updated the committee:

The Pediatric subcommittee last met on 9/27/2021. We are still waiting for the state to look at our Pediatric Radiology data before we begin another round of data collection. Another education blast went out (see below) in hopes that it would reach all centers in the state in October. With so much turnover, it will be good to send out education on the toolkit often. We will try to get on the agenda for the 2022 State Radiology meeting to present our project. Shout out to Adrian Feinberg for putting the safe pediatric imaging practices article in the last issue of the Georgia Hospital Association today. The QR, toolkit, and template letter link are all included in the article.

Power Share continues to be an issue, and patients occasionally need reimaging after transfer. Pediatric centers are encouraged to set up monthly calls with Power Share as a part of performance improvement to let Power Share know about centers struggling with pushing images. Power Share would then reeducate those centers, which is an easy way to achieve loop closure for this issue.

CHOA will try to pilot a Shock Index Pediatric Adjusted project by collecting data on the relevance of SIPA to see if it is a worthwhile State project. The goal would be to use the SIPA score to help determine the need for further stabilization of critically ill pediatric trauma patients before transfer. Dr. Alexis Smith has been giving a lecture on SIPA at various meetings and would be happy to give her lecture if anyone has an opportunity.

Some centers requested a video for removing a patient from a car seat in the trauma bay. CHOA has one and sent out a link to the video: <https://choa.rev.vbrick.com/#/videos/b5dd8ba7-e4f6-4a56-b84d-1632156c307d>

We also wanted to announce Jon Johnson has left the position here at CHOA, and we have Stephen Goux as the new outreach and education coordinator moving forward. He will need to be part of the education subcommittee. Jesse asked about the end goal of the radiology project. The commission members were curious about the progress, and she had mentioned the GHA article, but they wanted to know where you are currently. Kellie answered that she thinks we need one more round of data collection, so we have improvement to show. The first data was collected in a way where could not analyze it, so Gina offered that the state assist. Tracy Johns stated

that maybe you (Kellie) and I could get together and draft a formal update for GTC and GCTE. Kellie asked Gina the timeframe for the evaluation of the new data. Gina answered she would try to get you (Kellie) and Jesse Codner together after Thanksgiving to look at the data since he states it's currently not amenable to analysis. He may have some ideas for improvement. Tracy Johns mentioned it might be worthwhile to see if an EPIC report would pull the data, making it a lot easier. Kellie added that, unfortunately, there wasn't a standard excel spreadsheet that each center was using, and nothing matched up. Jesse praised the project's work and looked forward to speaking on the project's progress

Process Improvement: John Pope updated the committee.

We are putting out a PI Committee open meeting on December 8 at 9 am via Webex. Invite to come to everyone at GCTE, so we don't miss anybody. We are looking to work with the registry subcommittee to work towards common goals. We are pushing a reset button, setting what we want to do, and bringing ideas about what we want to do.

Registry: Kelli Vaughn updated the committee

The registry subcommittee met in October to discuss the V5 changes we requested from DI. We should be seeing those changes in January. We are awaiting state training on ImageTrend and downloading instructions for V5 users to upload to ImageTrend. 2022 registry meeting dates have not been set, I was trying to wait for the ImageTrend training this month, but the goal is quarterly meetings next year.

Injury Prevention: Kristal Smith gave a detailed report including:

Falls Prevention Task Force (Leads: Kristal Smith, Jackie Payne)

- Last Task Force Meeting: October 19; Next Meeting December 14
- Updated resources for Falls Prevention Month to include social media guide and information on Georgia's Area Agency on Aging
- Participated in Falls Free Fridays organized by IPRCE/DPH Falls Prevention Coalition - Bingocize Demonstration
- We kicked off the inaugural Trauma System/ Area Agency on Aging Bingocize course in September. 6- senior centers in 5 counties are participating in our Tuesday, Thursday virtual offering in addition to a small group of at-home participants. Participating Trauma Centers and Area Agencies on Aging are joining in on the fun by serving as guest "challengers" and subbing as facilitators when needed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are planning additional Bingocize offerings to begin in the Winter and Spring. <p>Traffic Injury Prevention Task Force (Leads: Renee McCabe, Debbie Mekonnen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Task Force Meeting: October 19; Next Meeting December 14 • Several members facilitated events for Child Passenger Safety Week in September. • Held inaugural "Prevent Trauma" virtual event for Teen Driver Safety Week on October 21 • Prevent Trauma: The Road Ahead featured a Georgia Trauma Survivor and panelist from Teens and the Driver's Seat, Shepherd Center, and Columbia County Sherriff's Office. • The event was well-received. (4.8 of 5 Stars). Recordings from the event will be posted on the preventtraumageorgia.org resource page. <p>Intentional Injury Prevention Task Force (Leads: Emily Burnside; Michelle Walker)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Task Force Meeting: September 28; Next Meeting November 16 • This task force is experiencing a reboot of sorts, with prior task force leadership taking on new roles. • During our most recent full subcommittee meeting, new leadership (Emily & Michelle) was introduced to the group. • State-wide planning for Georgia Stay SAFE will resume in January, • Contemplating one or two Prevent Trauma virtual events focused on Violence Prevention. <p>Special Events Task Force (Leads: Kristal Smith, Danielle Johnson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Task Force Meeting: September 28; Next Meeting November 16 • Newly formed task force designed to provide increased agility to emerging needs • Will seek opportunities to partner with other GCTE Subcommittees and Task Forces in the development of community-facing resources • Will be responsible for supporting the trauma system community-facing efforts (i.e., Day at the Capitol, Trauma Awareness Month) • Also responsible for prevention and outreach efforts that are not mechanism-specific (i.e., Stop the Bleed) <p>Violence Prevention Task Force (Leads: Emily Bernsaid, Michelle Walker)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on developing resources around child abuse targeted for April • Hope to partner with pediatrics subcommittee
<p>New Business Item: TQIP Conference Follow up</p>	<p>Jesse briefly discussed TQIP and thought it would be beneficial for the group to recommend sessions they thought were valuable during the conference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Atkins mentioned Fireside chat session by David Hoyt

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam Vandenberg recommended the Geriatric Session • Gina Solomon recommended the Time to Care Related to Transfers • Jessica Mantooth recommended the Pediatric Session
<p>GCTE Goals/Vision</p>	<p>Jesse Gibson discussed changing the goals to initiatives. It would be helpful and engaging if each subcommittee could create 1 to 2 smart goals around each initiative.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Time to Definitive Care 2) Increase Public Awareness of Trauma 3) AKI Quality Improvement <p>Tracy Johns mentioned we need to look at these as multi-year initiatives because it takes a lot of time to get things moving and come together. Jesse agreed and stated she would think it would take anywhere between 6 months to 4 years for the time base of these goals. Jesse Gibson added she wants to make sure these initiatives impact each of the subcommittees and that everyone can feed into them.</p> <p>There was concern about how the pediatric subcommittee could contribute to the initiatives. Jesse Gibson advised they would have a huge part in the time to definitive care. Tracy Johns added that their SIPA project could fall into the time to definitive care and increase public awareness about it.</p> <p>Jesse asked for objections or discussions. Jesse Gibson stated this would be an exciting way to show our stakeholders that all our various groups impact these important initiatives. There were no objections or further discussion.</p>
<p>Next GCTE Meeting</p>	<p>At the next GCTE meeting, we'd like to hear 1-2 smart goals for each subcommittee and actions to work towards them. Tracy Johns and Jesse Gibson can help make the connections if needed.</p> <p>At the Winter Meeting, there is time allotted for the next GCTE meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022, 12 pm-2 pm. The TPM's would attend in person due to their required meeting attendance, and everyone else can attend virtually. If you all want to meet another day, we are also open to that. There were no objections to the meeting on the 28th.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p><i>The meeting adjourned by vice-chair Tracy Johns at 11:18 am</i></p>