



# Georgia Trauma Commission

*Right Patient, Right Hospital, Right Time, Right Means*

## Trauma Medical Directors Conference Call: 17 March 2014

### Attending:

<b>Level 1 Trauma Centers</b>	<b>Representing Physicians</b>
Atlanta Medical Center Egleston Georgia Regents Grady Memorial MCCG Memorial Health	Dr. Vernon Henderson Dr. John Bleacher/Dr. Paul Parker Dr. Colville Ferdinand Dr. Jeff Nicholas Dr. Dennis Ashley/Chair Dr. Ott and Dr. Bromberg
<b>Level 2 Trauma Centers</b>	
Archbold Memorial Athens Regional Columbus Regional Floyd Medical Gwinnett Medical Hamilton Medical North Fulton Scottish Rite Wellstar Kennestone Northeast GA Med Ctr	Dr. John Cascone Dr. Thomas Hawke Dr. Scott Hannay Dr. Clarence McKemie Dr. Romeo Massoud Dr. Steve Paynter Dr. Mark Gravlee Dr. John Bleacher Dr. Barry Renz Dr. John Adamski
<b>Level 3 Trauma Centers</b>	
Clearview Regional Taylor Regional Trinity Hospital	Dr. Postoev Dr. Campbell Dr. Peebles
<b>Level 4 Trauma Centers</b>	
Emanuel Medical Lower Oconee Morgan Memorial Wills Memorial Crisp Regional Effingham Hospital	Dr. Headley
<b>Burn Centers</b>	
JMS Burn Center Grady Burn Center	Dr. Fred Mullins Dr. Jeff Nicholas

<b>OTHERS SIGNING IN</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Mr. John Cannady Ms. Michelle Martin Ms. Deb Battle Ms. Joni Napier	Georgia Trauma Commission/Staff Georgia Trauma Commission/Staff Northeast Georgia Medical Center Crisp Regional Hospital

Mr. Courtney Terwilliger	Emanuel Medical Hospital, GTC Member
Ms. Sharon Queen	Clearview Regional Hospital
Ms. Kathy Sego	Athens Regional
Ms. Kim Brown	Hamilton Medical Center
Ms. Elaine Frantz	Memorial Health, GTC Member
Ms. Gina Solomon	Gwinnett Medical Center, GCTE President
Ms. Laura Garlow	Wellstar Kennestone
Dr. John Williams	Coliseum Health System
Mr. Heyward Wells	JMS Burn Center
Ms. Leann Grant	Fairview Park
Ms. Amanda Bell	Trinity
Ms. Trisha Newsome	Trinity
Ms. Rochella Mood	Atlanta Medical Center
Ms. Tona Baggett	Archbold

**Meeting Began: 4:03 PM**

Meeting Notes:

Dr. Dennis Ashley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Transfer Poster/Letter**

John Cannady gave an update on the transfer poster and letter approved by the group. Mr. Cannady stated that all of the posters and letters had been mailed and that TCC staff would be following up with the receiving hospitals to confirm their receipt and answer any questions. Dr. Ashley asked that questions be referred to nearby trauma centers.

### **Report to Senate Health and Human Services Committee**

Dr. Ashley provided a summary of his slide show presentation to the Georgia Senate Health and Human Services Committee. In the presentation, Dr. Ashley discussed the charges to the GTCNC contained in Senate Bill 60. As part of the summary, following items were discussed:

- Dr. Pracht's report to the Trauma Commission
- The location of trauma centers across the state and the percentage of Georgians living within various proximities of trauma centers
- The survivability advantage of being treated at a designated trauma center
- The definition of a severely injured patient
- The likelihood of normal discharge when treated at a designated trauma center
- The Georgia Trauma Foundation
- Coordination with DPH and the draft state Trauma Plan
- TQIP
- Super Speeder and the Trauma Commission budget

Questions raised during the discussion included whether or not hospitals were being targeted in areas in which there was a lack of a trauma center and whether normal discharge data may be skewed by patients with little to no resources who were being discharged to home because they had no other option. Dr. Ashley stated that he would provide a list of potential target hospitals for designation and there was a suggestion that by studying TQIP data which showed length of stay it could be discerned whether lack of resources skewed normal discharge data.

### **State Trauma Plan**

Dr. Ashley mentioned the draft state Trauma Plan and opened the floor for discussion and questions. There were no comments or questions and Dr. Ashley asked that any feedback be e-mailed directly to him. Dr. Ashley stated that he would like this feedback prior to the May GTCNC meeting.

### **New Business**

Mr. Courtney Terwilliger discussed a proposed required equipment list for ambulances which was generated by the EMS Subcommittee of the GTCNC. This equipment goes above the minimum required equipment for an ambulance and would be required before any EMS Equipment Grant funds could be used by a service to purchase additional trauma related equipment. Mr. Terwilliger asked that the group provide him with feedback on the list to determine if the purchase of the equipment would be beneficial to trauma patients and a worthwhile use of funds. Mr. Terwilliger mentioned that he would email the list to the group and asked that any feedback be emailed to him.

**Adjourned: 4:50 PM**

Crafted By John Cannady