



Georgia Trauma Commission

GEORGIA TRAUMA CARE NETWORK COMMISSION

Trauma Medical Directors Conference Call: 25 July 2011

Attending:

Dr. Dennis Ashley, Trauma Commission Chair, and MCCG
Dr. Vernon Henderson, AMC
Dr. Mark Gravlee, North Fulton
Dr. Mark Benak, Walton
Ms. Colleen Jones, Morgan Memorial
Dr. John Bleacher, Scottish Rite/ Egleston
Dr. John Cascone, Archibold
Dr. Barry Renz, Kennestone
Dr. Priscilla Strom, Gainesville
Dr. Gage Ochsner, Memorial
Dr. Scott Hannay, Columbus
Dr. Brian Siddall, Lower Oconee
Dr. Colville Fernando, MCG
Dr. Tom Hawk, Athens Regional
Dr. Jeff Salomone, Grady
Dr. Vince Culpepper, Taylor Regional
Ms. Shawn Hackney, Trauma Commission staff
Ms. Lauren Noethen, Trauma Commission, Office Coordinator
Mr. Jim Pettyjohn, Trauma Commission, Executive Director

Meeting Notes:

Dr. Dennis Ashley thanked everyone for participating in this Trauma Medical Director's conference call.

Mr. Jim Pettyjohn gave a brief report on the Trauma Quality Improvement Project (TQIP). Mr. Pettyjohn reported that he has been in contact with Ms. Melanie Neal, who is the NTDB Manager, and they are giving Georgia a ten (10) percent discount on the \$9,000.00 a year fee. The new discounted fee will be \$8,100 per year. All of the Level 1 and Level 2 hospitals with the exception of CHOA will be participating. TQIP does not yet accommodate pediatric patients as of yet. Hospitals will contract with ACS directly and need to complete and return an agreement form to ACS. ACS will be work directly with each center to explain the process and to assure the agreements are signed. If there are any particulars in the agreement that a center has an issue with, they are free to negotiate that with ACS.

A discount has also been negotiated with Digital Innovations (DI), who is the trauma registry vendor for the Georgia trauma registry, and they are charging a \$3,000.00 one-time fee for a TQIP module as well as \$1,000.00 for annual maintenance for the support. They are waiving the \$500.00 web-based training fee for all new centers coming on with TQIP (see attached.) Total DI registry start-up costs to each facility will be \$3,500. The hospitals are slated to begin TQIP participation in the calendar year 2012; however, ACS has initiated a rolling open enrollment. Hospitals that have their agreement in place and all the modules and software downloaded and installed can begin earlier if they desire. Hospitals need to check with ACS for more information regarding start dates. It is important that all the centers to be participating in the TQIP program send a representative to the November meeting that will be held in Chicago. The Commission is scheduled to approve the budget for the trauma centers and trauma

physician's funding on August 11, 2011. Once that is approved, Mr. Pettyjohn will be notifying and working with the coordinators in relaying all this information as well as ACS.

Dr. Dennis Ashley thanked Mr. Pettyjohn for his report and stated that the Trauma Commission will put the funds into the "pay for performance" section of the hospital's contract and the money will be earmarked for that. The Trauma Centers will then contract directly with ACS. We want to do performance improvement but without revealing hospital names. Dr. Ashley asked Dr. Gage Oschner and for a couple of other volunteers to form a sub-committee to draft a state-wide report and have it presented at the Commission meeting. Dr. Scott Hannay volunteered to participate along with Mr. Jim Pettyjohn and Dr. Dennis Ashley.

Dr. Dennis Ashley reported that Dr. Chris Dente was unable to participate today. Dr. Jeff Salomone reported that the Georgia COT remains a small group but plans are in the works to send out letters to all the directors who not current members inviting them to join. Dr. Dente will be asking for the Trauma Commission's support in this. Dr. Chris Dente would like to see an annual meeting beginning in 2012 with the meetings being centered on education and some educational courses available.

Mr. Jim Pettyjohn gave a brief update on the Trauma Communications Center and the Region 5 and 6 pilot projects. Mr. Jim Pettyjohn reported that the TCC coordinator has been hired. Mr. Michael Watts began July 16, 2011, and he is presently working with the folks at GTRI to bring in the server and the server should be at GPST by the end of this week. The TCC software should be installed and tested for three weeks in August with the plan of going live with the pilot programs in Regions 5 and 6 in September.

Dr. Dennis Ashley reported that there has been another appointment to the Trauma Commission. This appointment was made by the Lt. Governor and will be for four years. Ms. Elaine Frantz who is the Trauma Services Director at Memorial will be filling this appointment. Ms. Frantz will be replacing Dr. Robinson who will be rotating off.

The next Medical Director's Conference Call will be held Monday, September 26, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

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