

Nebraska State Trauma Symposium



TMD: Roles and Responsibilities

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 - Past TMD at Level IV/III center
 - Past interim TMD at Level I center
 - 20+ year trauma verification surveyor

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Who's Who?

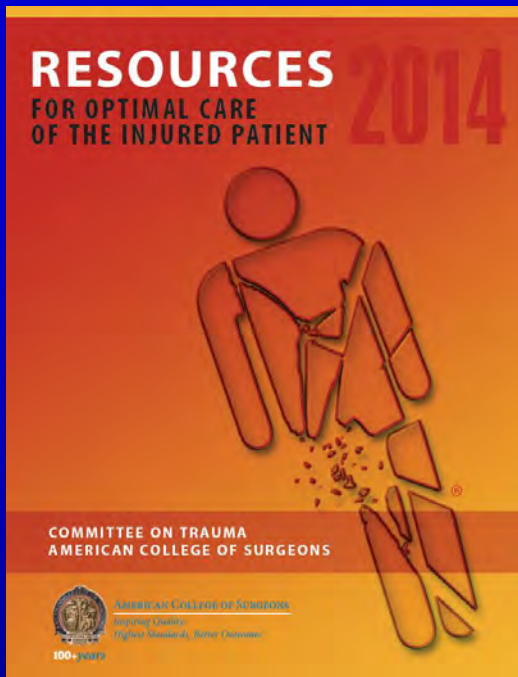
What is the Trauma Medical Director?

TMD = Program Authority & Accountability

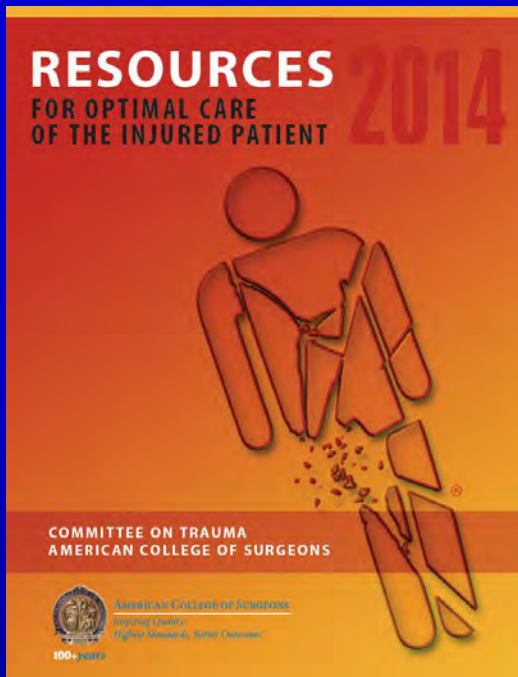
What is the Trauma Medical Director?

State requirement!

003.05 DUTY TO PROVIDE CURRENT INFORMATION. Any designated center as a comprehensive, advanced, general, basic, or specialty level trauma center must provide written notice to the Department of any change in the designated centers trauma medical director or trauma coordinator or manager. Such notice must be provided no later than 15 days after the change is made. If the accreditation or certification of a designated center has been sanctioned, modified, terminated, or withdrawn, the licensee must notify the Department within 15 days of receipt of notification of the action.

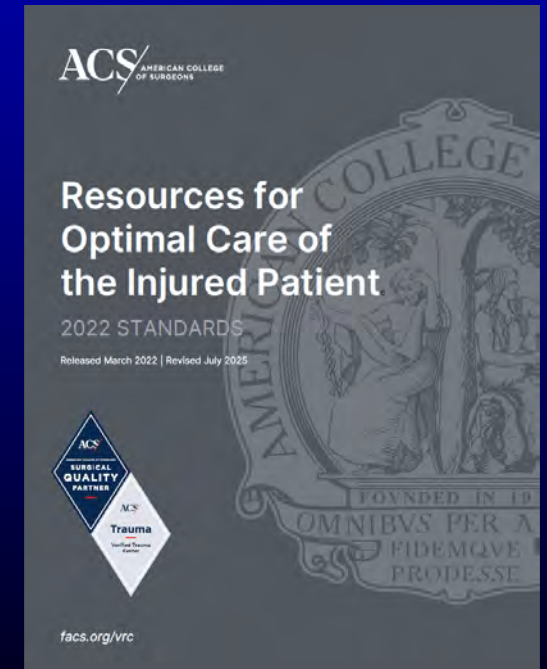


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COMMITTEE
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You are the strength & support to maintain verification/designation.

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2022 STANDARDS

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Objectives

1. Lead the PIPS program
2. Ongoing evaluation of team members (OPPE)
3. Clinical practice guidelines
4. Relationships

Performance Improvement and Patient Safety (PIPS)

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- The most frequently cited deficiency

M.I.S.T.

(Most Important Slide of the Talk)

PIPS Pearl



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PIPS Review

- Primary Review – no opportunities for improvement; case closed

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PIPS Review – RAS Thoughts

- No trauma team activation?
- Why seen by APP with no ATLS?
- Toradol while bleeding? 2000 ml NS?
- 3.5 hours to get CT scan?

This is a great case for discussion at PIPS meeting!

PIPS – Good Example

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PIPS Review – Trauma took this on!

1. Worked with EMS re: report
2. Modified activation criteria
3. New guideline for observation of intoxicated patients, including new equipment
4. New guideline for monitoring after medications
5. New “sitter” education & training
6. Peer remediation

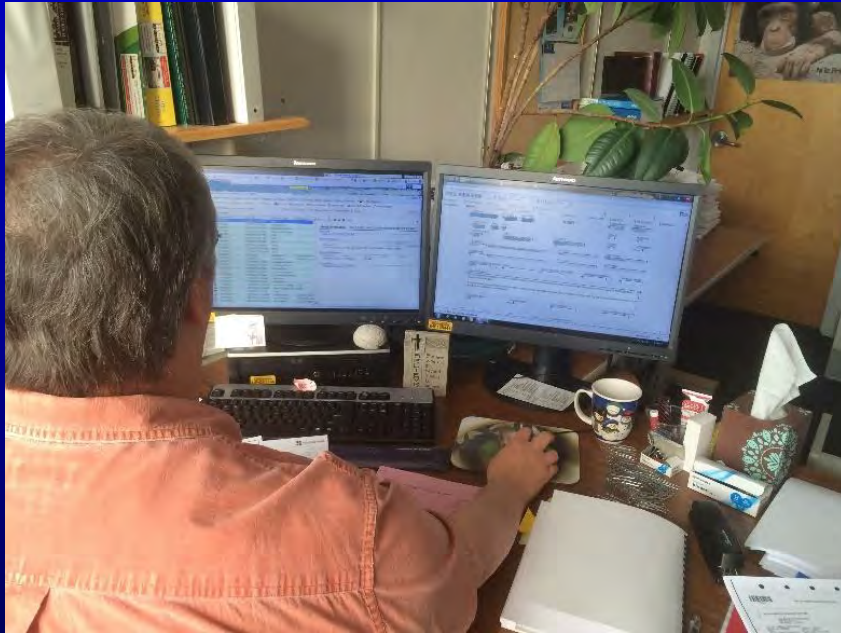
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Trauma Outcomes & Performance Improvement Course

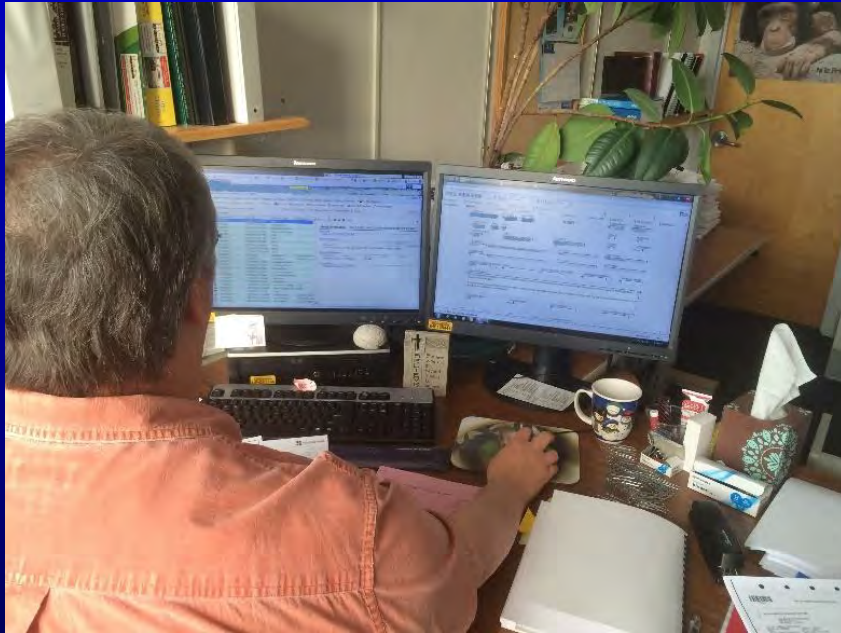
- “Rural” = Level III/IV specific
- Online
- 6.0 CME hours
- \$300 (\$150 for STN members)

Data Registry



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Provides data for PI

- Over/under triage
- Transfer times
- Rates of UTI

Important to have
RURAL data!

Everything Else!

Everything Else the TMD Does!

- OPPE
 - At least annually – evaluate a provider's performance
 - May be part of credentialing
 - Must be trauma-specific

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- OPPE

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- ATLS
- CME
- Meeting attendance
- Metrics (transfer time)
- Number of procedures
- Quality concerns?

Trauma Program
2023 Trauma Panel Credential Form

I have personally reviewed the records concerning _____, a current trauma panel provider in Trauma Services.

Indicator	Reviewed
Peer Review Activity	✓
Clinical Outcomes	✓
Continuing Medical Education	✓
Clinical Documentation	✓
PI Meeting Attendance	✓
Timely Response to Activations/Consultations	✓

Based on my review and by my signature below, I recommend:

☒ Reappointment without recommendations

☐ Reappointment with recommendations

☐ FPPE _____

☐ Complete _____ number of trauma CME hours

☐ No Reappointment

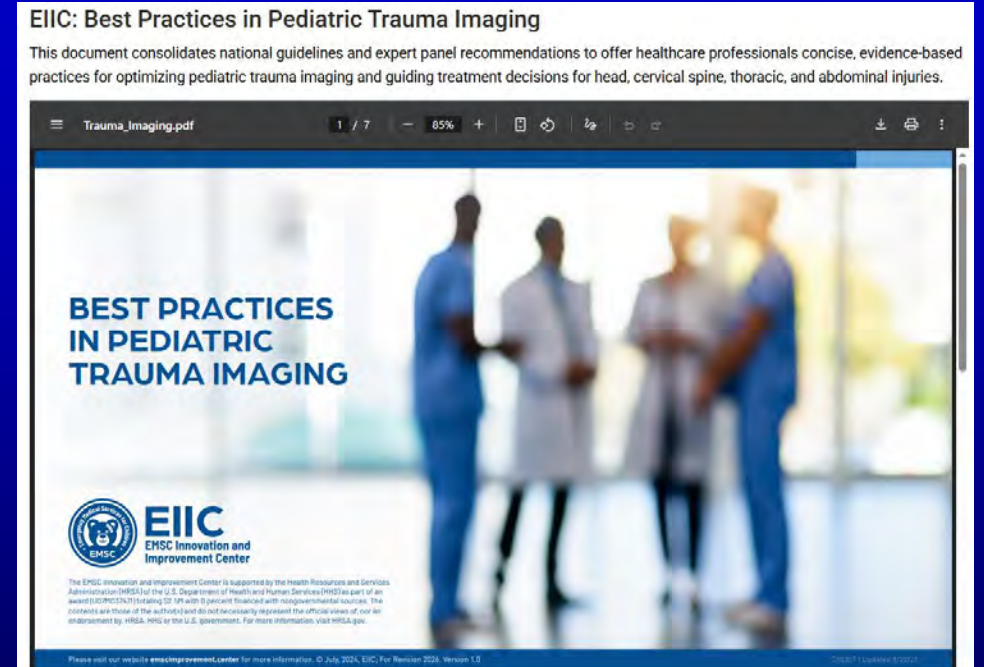
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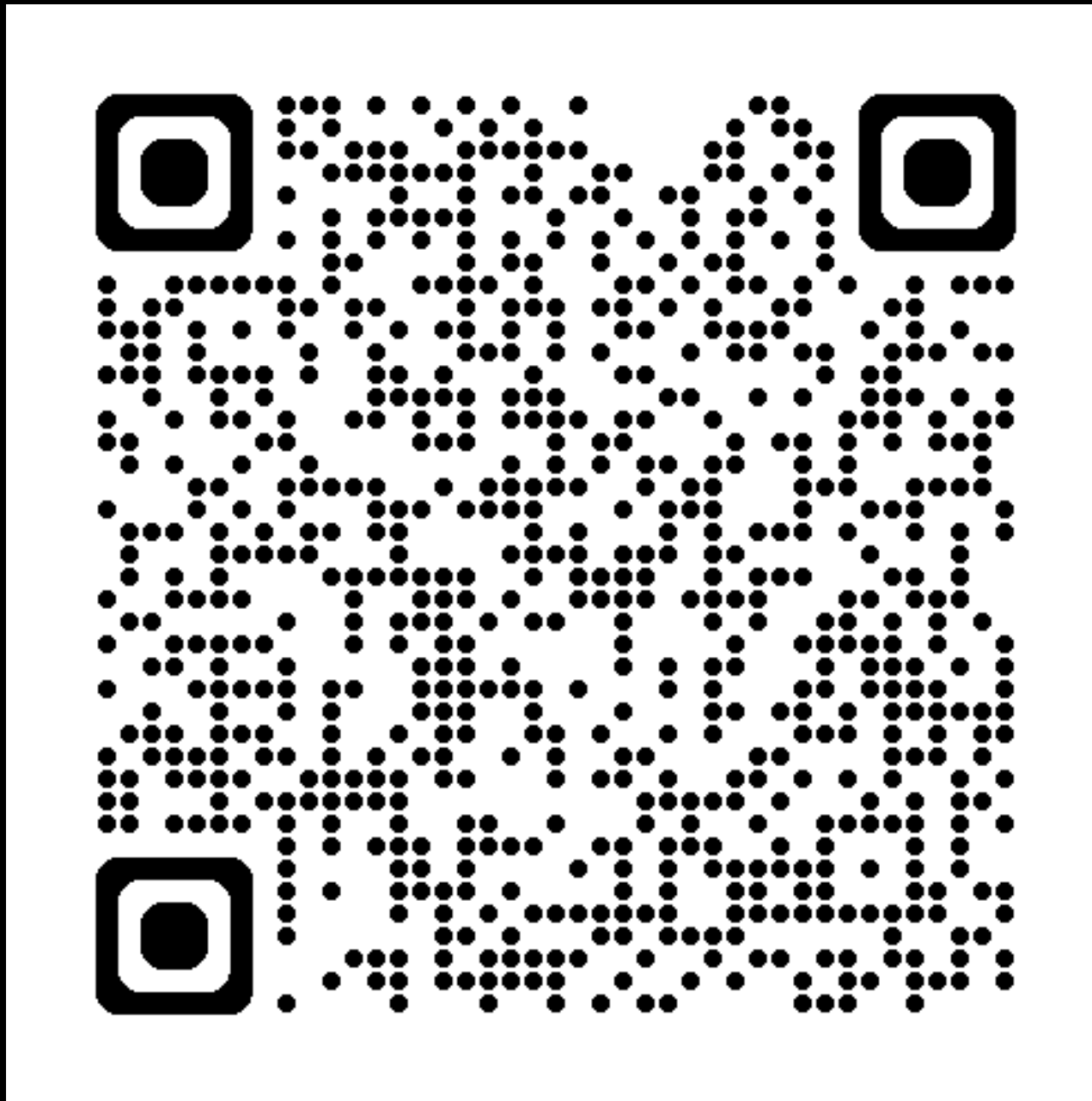
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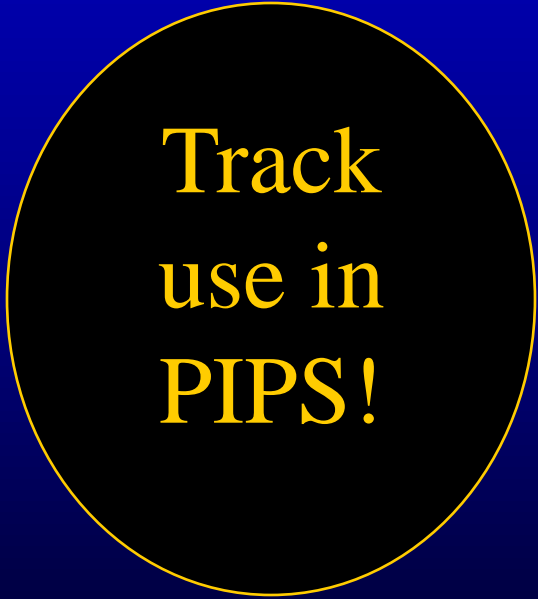
GOOGLE: “EIIIC Trauma Imaging”



EITC: Best Practices in Pediatric Trauma Imaging • EITC

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Track
use in
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- EMS Relationship

Case reviews are
golden!



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Your TPM/TNC will do most of this stuff – but they need your support!

TMD Pitfalls

- Not engaged
- Don't know the rules
- Not meeting with TPM/TNC
- Not present for verification visit

Take Home Messages

- The TMD provides oversight to entire trauma program
- The PI process drives everything – TOPIC!
- Make time for your TPM/TNC

The TMD – your oversight, questions, presence - makes the trauma program real

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