



Nebraska Trauma Education Newsletter Sept. 2011

Announcements

The new Trauma System Regulations (Title 185 NAC) went into effect on August 14, 2011. Hospitals applying for trauma center designation are required to follow the new regulations. A copy of these regulations may be found at <http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/reg/t185.htm>.

There are currently 44 designated trauma centers in the State, please check the trauma website for a breakdown of trauma centers by level at <http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/ems/emstrauma.htm>. At this website you will also find the name of the Trauma Nurse Coordinator for each designated trauma center and his or her contact information. Thank you for all the hard work that you do to provide trauma patient care in our state.

State and Regional Meetings <http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/ems/TraumaMeetings.pdf>

State Trauma Data / QA Committee Meeting	Sept 12, 2011	BryanLGH Medical Center West
Region 3 Trauma Advisory Board Meeting	Oct. 18, 2011	Good Samaritan Hospital
Region 2 Trauma Advisory Board Meeting	Oct. 21, 2011	BryanLGH Medical Center West
State Trauma Board Meeting	Nov. 18, 2011	Good Samaritan Hospital

More detailed information on the above listed meetings, i.e., room location and meeting times, may be found at the Trauma Program website. Please check the website for updates new meetings.

State and Regional Board Vacancies

The Trauma Program is now accepting applications for the following State and Regional Board vacancies. All board vacancies are for three-year terms. These vacancies are posted on the trauma website. Please check the website for new vacancies.

Statewide Board – Law Enforcement/First Responder, Consumer (a consumer may be defined as a member of the clergy, a social work, family member of a former trauma patient, or a former trauma patient), and Rehabilitation Professional

Region 1 Board – EMS Dispatcher, EMS Instructor and Hospital Administrator

Region 2 Board – Rehabilitation Professional

Region 3 Board – EMS Instructor

Region 4 Board – Rehabilitation Professional

These vacancies will be posted until the end of September or until they are filled. For more information about the application process, please contact Sherri Wren, Trauma Program Manager at sherri.wren@nebraska.gov.

Funding for Trauma-Related Education

Funding through the State for TNCC, PALS and ENPC is available through your region's EMS Specialist. Reimbursement must be requested 30 days in advance of the course. New courses that available are posted on the website on a regular basis. Please contact the website for new course availability.

Doug Fuller - Southeast EMS Specialist
doug.fuller@nebraska.gov 800-422-3460 ext. 2-5

Carol Jorgensen - North Central EMS Specialist
carol.jorgensen@nebraska.gov 800-642-4095

Debbie Kuhn - Metro EMS Specialist
debbie.kuhn@nebraska.gov 800-422-3460 ext. 2-1

Carrie Crawford - Northeast EMS Specialist
caroline.crawford@nebraska.gov 877-227-3609

Sharon Steele - Western EMS Specialist
sharon.steele@nebraska.gov 800-572-7239

Larry Wallace - Panhandle EMS Specialist
larry.wallace@nebraska.gov 888-216-3090

Julie Smithson - South Central EMS Specialist
julie.smithson@nebraska.gov 888-466-0669

Contact Information

Please call your regional trauma coordinator if you have any questions or suggestions.

Region 1: Diane Yetter -
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dave.ratzsch@tenethealth.com 402-449-4830

Region 2: Sheila Uridil -
sheila.uridil@bryanlgh.org 402-481-5150

Region 3: Karla Hosick
karlahosick@catholichealth.net 308-865-7684

Region 4: Shermaine Sterkel
sterkes@rwmc.net 308-630-1557

State: Sherri Wren
sherri.wren@nebraska.gov (402) 471-0539

NOTE: Classes fill quickly and there is no guarantee of open positions.

ALL DATES ARE 2011 UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

ATLS Classes

WWW.FACS.ORG/TRAUMA/ATLS

Location:	Date:	Contact Person:
Kearney	Sept 30 – Oct 1	Karen Cocker 308-865-7903 KarenCrocker@catholichealth.net
Lincoln	Sept 29 & 30	Corey Mohnike 402-560-4223 Corey.Mohnike@bryanlgh.org
Omaha	Sept 22 – 23 (refresher only available)	Diane Yetter 402-559-9156 dyetter@nebraskamed.com
	Nov 8 & 9 (refresher only available)	Robbie Dumond 402-449-4686 robbie.dumond@tenethealth.com
Grand Island	Oct. 27 & 28	Ed Nickel 308-398-6507 ENickel@sfmtc-gi.org

TNCC Classes

WWW.ENA.ORG

Location:	Date:	Contact Person:
Columbus	Sept 26 & 27	Jen Uhlig 402-562-3320 jruhlig@columbushosp.org
Grand Island	Sept 8 & 9	Ed Nickel 308-398-6507 ENickel@sfmtc-gi.org
Kearney	Sept 28 & 29	Kathy Ortegren 308-865-7095
Lincoln	Nov 7 & 8 Apr 16 & 17, 2012 Nov 5 & 6, 2012	Bryan LGH Education Services 402-481-5638
Norfolk	Sept 28 & 29	Bobbi Jo Miller 402-844-8276 bmiller@FRHS.org
North Platte	Nov 10 & 11	Beverly Gottula 308-696-8610 gottulab@gprmc.com
Omaha	Sept 13 & 14	Susan Jeffries 402-763-3722 sieffrey@bellevuemed.com
	Oct 26 & 27	Robbie Dumond 402-449-4686 robbie.dumond@tenethealth.com

Trauma Continuing Education

Location:	Date:	Contact Person:
Trauma Grand Rounds/ Lincoln	4 th Friday of month via Tele-Health network	Carol Brandl 402-481-8406 carol.brandl@bryanlgh.org
Advanced Burn Life Support/Omaha	Oct. 13	Mandy Kirkpatrick 402-552-3893 akirkpatrick@nebraskamed.com www.ameriburn.org to register
Trauma Symposium 2011/ Omaha	Oct 14	Diane Yetter 402-559-9156 dyetter@nebraskamed.com

Pediatric Specific Education

Location:	Date:	Contact Person:
Child Abuse Conference/ Omaha	Sept. 23	Lisa Reichter 402.955.5131 lreichter@ChildrensOmaha.org
PALS Renewal/ Columbus	Oct 24	Jen Uhlig 402-562-3320 jruhlig@columbushosp.org
PALS/ Grand Island	Oct 25 & 26	Saint Francis Education Services 308-398-5342
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PALS/Kearney	Oct 4 & Oct 12 Oct 5 & Oct 13	Kathy Ortegren 308-865-7095
PALS Renewal/ Kearney	Sept 22	Kathy Ortegren 308-865-7095
ENPC/Lincoln	Oct 5 & 6 Mar 27 & 28, 2012 Oct. 9 & 10, 2012	Bryan LGH Education Services 402-481-5638
PALS/Omaha	Oct 25 & 26	Alicia Bremer 402-955-4124 abremer@childrensomaha.org
PALS Renewal/Omaha	Sept 27 Sept 28 Sept 29 Oct 27 Nov 29 Nov 30	Alicia Bremer 402-955-4124 abremer@childrensomaha.org
ENPC/Omaha	Oct. 12 & 13	Susan Jeffries 402-763-3722 sjeffrey@bellevuemed.com

Nebraska State Trauma Registry

By **Ashley Newmyer** – Nebraska State Registrar - ashley.newmyer@nebraska.gov

The Nebraska Trauma Registry is a databank of information collected from hospitals in Nebraska and submitted to the State Trauma program. The registry is a collection of trauma cases consisting of information on patient demographics, EMS run information, emergency room vital signs and procedures, injury type and cause, and outcome information.

Trauma registries are an important tool in evaluating a state's Trauma System. Trauma registries are utilized for:

- Trauma center accreditation/verification/designation
- Quality assurance/improvement
- Research
- Education and training
- Resource allocation/review
- Policy development
- Advocacy
- Injury surveillance
- Data linkage to ambulance/EMS reports; death certificates and crash reports.

Since 2006, the number of hospitals consistently submitting trauma data to the Nebraska Trauma Registry has increased from 7 to 68 as of June 2011. Although this number does not represent all hospitals in the state this is an improvement in the number of trauma cases captured by the trauma registry. Furthermore, the number of EMS services utilizing ENARSIS has also increased. Submitting EMS run information electronically helps ensure that the EMS run information sent to the Trauma Registry is accurate and timely. This results in a more accurate picture of trauma cases, more specifically of trauma patient care, cause of injury, time to definitive care and outcomes in the state.

The Trauma Program is continually working towards improving the Nebraska Trauma Registry's data quality to ensure as accurate of a picture as possible. Information collected by the Trauma Registry needs to be of high quality to ensure accurate evaluations of trauma patient care and of the trauma system. To evaluate the trauma system information is pulled from the trauma data bank, examples of which are average time to definitive care, EMS response time, and case-fatality rates.

A quick evaluation of the Nebraska Trauma System is looking at the case-fatality rate from year to year. Since 2005, the Nebraska trauma case-fatality rate has decreased from 3.9% to 2.9% in 2010. This means that the number of people dying as a result of trauma injuries has decreased in Nebraska since 2005. Furthermore, when compared to the National Trauma Data Bank case-fatality rate of 3.9% for 2010, the state of Nebraska exhibits a lower rate (2.9%). Observing a decrease in the case-fatality rate is encouraging. Finding out what factors are contributing to this decreased rate is even more important and requires a more in depth analysis of the data. Potential explanations could be improved EMS response time, improved time to definitive care, or even having personnel with more trauma care education.

I would like to say thank you to all the hospitals and services for your part in the Nebraska Trauma System and to those who diligently submit their trauma registry information so that we have the numbers to prove what a great job you do.

If you would like further information on the Nebraska Trauma Program please visit our site at: <http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/ems/emstrauma.htm>