

# e-Trauma Update

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## STAC to Develop Strategic Direction, Seeks Input

The Statewide Trauma System has experienced remarkable achievements over the course of its 14-year existence.

- Regional leaders across Minnesota have formed advisory committees to develop a network of trauma care providers and to monitor the performance of the trauma system in their regions.
- Hospital leaders across Minnesota have committed resources to optimizing the care provided to trauma patients.
- EMS leaders across Minnesota have engaged with hospital and regional leaders to coordinate the care and movement of trauma patients.
- 122 hospitals have achieved designation as trauma hospitals.
- Every trauma hospital established a trauma team to expedite the care and transfer of seriously injured patients, which has resulted in faster access to definitive care for those patients.
- 98 percent of Minnesotan's live within 60 minutes of a designated trauma hospital.
- Trauma registry data is being used to assess trauma system performance and drive policy.



As the system enters its 15<sup>th</sup> year, the State Trauma Advisory Council would like to reflect on the accomplishments the system has achieved and think deliberately about how the system should focus its resources next. So the STAC will spend much of its meeting on September 10 gathering ideas about the needs of the system, and the experiences of hospitals, regional trauma advisory committees, clinicians and administrators. Stakeholders should come prepared to share their thoughts about what the trauma system's highest-priorities should be in the coming years. The discussion will help the STAC to prioritize the system's needs and guide the use of resources to maximize the benefit to trauma patients.

In preparation for the September STAC meeting, consider these questions and come ready to influence the conversation!

- What can the trauma system do to improve patient outcomes?
- What needs do your trauma patients have that could be addressed by the trauma system?
- What are the threats to our trauma system?
- What trauma care challenges do you face in your city, catchment area and/or region?
- What is something that is important to you that the trauma system could help with?

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## Correction to Published Level 3 Criteria



The newly-adopted [Level 3 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria \(PDF\)](#) that was initially published on the trauma system website following the STAC's June meeting contained an error.

In Section 5.1, the *Age-Specific Hypotension* table listed the blood pressure threshold as 60 mmHg for patients less than one year of age. The proper blood pressure threshold is 70 mmHg. It has since been corrected. Level 3 Trauma Hospitals should ensure that their policies satisfy the minimum criteria.