

# e-Trauma Update

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## Welcome New STAC Members!



MDH Commissioner Jan Malcolm has made six appointments to the State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC)!

- Michael McGonigal, M.D. has been appointed to the *Level 1 or 2 Trauma Surgeon* position. Dr. McGonigal is the director of trauma services at Regions Hospital in St. Paul. He has a long and distinguished career as a trauma care professional.
- Julie Gutzmer, M.D. has been appointed as the *Rural General Surgeon*. Dr. Gutmer has been the trauma medical director at Lake Region Healthcare in Fergus Falls for many years.
- Kyle Nelson, M.D. has been appointed to the *Level 1 or 2 Neurosurgeon* office. Dr. Nelson practices with Metropolitan Neurosurgery, providing care at North Memorial Health Hospital in Robbinsdale as well as Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis and Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids.
- Maria Flor, R.N., has been appointed to the *Level 3 or 4 Trauma Program Manager* seat. Ms. Flor leads successful trauma programs for Mayo Clinic Health System in both Springfield and St. James.
- Thomas Pahl, PA-C, has been appointed to the *Rural Level 4 Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant* position. Mr. Pahl is employed in the emergency department at Glacial Ridge Health System in Glenwood, MN.
- Rick Breuer was re-appointed to the *Level 3 or 4 Hospital Administrator* seat. Mr. Breuer is the CEO of Community Memorial Hospital in Cloquet and has been serving in the same role on the STAC for the last two years.

Join the STAC in welcoming its new members at their next meeting on March 3 at 12:30 p.m. at the Shoreview Community Center.

Five outgoing STAC members are recognized for their years of service to the state of Minnesota. Dr. Sharon Moran, Al Johnson, PA-C, Dr. Craig Henson, Dr. Robert Roach and Gayle Williams, RN have dedicated several years of their professional lives to the advancement of the trauma system. Thank you!

## New Level 4 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria Modified

At their December 2019 meeting, the State Trauma Advisory Council modified Section 10 of the Level 4 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria to add detail, improve clarity and ensure proper clinical oversight of admitted trauma patients. [Review a summary of the modifications \(PDF\)](#). The criteria are in effect as of January 1, 2020.

## Save the Date for *Trauma Program 101: Basic Training*

Trauma program medical directors, managers, coordinators and administrators, this is the class you've been waiting for! Tentatively set for April 2, this seminar is tailored to Minnesota's Level 3 and 4 trauma hospitals where you will learn about the duties and responsibilities of the trauma program leaders and the processes and techniques used to accomplish trauma performance improvement. When undertaken, these activities lead directly to improved care at the bedside.



Trauma Program 101 has traditionally been very popular with both new and seasoned trauma program leaders. Participants find the class to be very useful in furthering their understanding of program requirements and trauma performance improvement.

Registration information is forthcoming.

## 2020 Data Dictionary Released



The [2020 MN Trauma Data Dictionary \(PDF\)](#) was recently published. It defines each of the data elements and their associated value options that are recorded in the trauma registry and the traumatic brain injury/spinal cord injury registry. The dictionary plays an important role in contributing to a reliable and accurate data set by helping registrars to understand precisely what information is sought by any given data field.