

## e-Trauma Update

January 2023

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### Several Members Appointed to STAC



In December, former Commissioner Jan Malcolm re-appointed six State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) members and appointed one new member.

Ms. Tami Bong (Level 1 or 2 Trauma Program Manager), Dr. Kris Drevlow (Family Medicine Emergency Physician), Mr. Mark Ebeling (Ambulance Service Attendant/Director), Dr. Robert Jacobs (Orthopedic Surgeon), Dr. Denise Klinkner (Pediatrician), and Dr. John Lyng (Emergency Medicine Physician) were all re-appointed to four-year terms.

Dr. Farha Ikramuddin was appointed to the STAC as the new Rehabilitation Specialist. She practices physiatry at M Health Fairview's Acute Rehabilitation Center and is board-certified in brain injury. Welcome Dr. Ikramuddin!

Dr. Ikramuddin replaces Dr. Steven Lockman who served as the rehabilitation specialist for eight years. Thank you for your service, Dr. Lockman!

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### Level 3 and 4 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria Updated

At their December 2022 meeting the State Trauma Advisory Council adopted several helpful updates to clarify the Level 3 and Level 4 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria. No changes to original intent were made except that hospitals may now stock type-O blood rather than type O-negative specifically. The updates became effective on January 1, 2023.



Download your copy of the [Level 3 or Level 4 Trauma Hospital designation criteria changes](#).

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## ATLS or CALS Training Must Be Current



The temporary suspension of trauma training requirements during the pandemic, such as Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), Comprehensive Advanced Life Support (CALS), and Trauma Nurse Core Course (TNCC), expired on January 1, 2023. Under the current criteria, most physicians, surgeons, and advance practice providers must have taken an ATLS or CALS course within the last four years, and nurses must resume their usual trauma training schedule.

Physicians, surgeons, and advance practice providers should not rely on extensions to effective dates offered by certifying bodies or training institutions. These external accommodations do not apply to the requirements of the statewide trauma system. Regardless of expiration dates, the trauma system requires training to be completed *every four years*.

Visit the trauma system website to view [upcoming ATLS courses](#) and visit the [CALS website](#) for upcoming CALS courses.

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## Save the Date: Trauma Program 101

*Trauma Program 101: Basic Training* will be offered on April 19, 2023, at Jackpot Junction in Morton, Minnesota. The one-day seminar is designed for new trauma program medical directors, managers, coordinators, and administrators as well as experienced trauma program leaders looking for a refresher. It addresses the duties and responsibilities of trauma program leaders and the processes and techniques used to accomplish trauma performance improvement.

This program focuses on the requirements and strategies specific to Minnesota's Level 4 Trauma Hospitals. But interested Level 3 trauma program leaders should also plan to attend. An online bridge seminar just for Level 3 trauma program leaders will follow which will build on the material covered in Trauma Program 101.

Watch for registration information in February!

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## Stakeholders Can Suggest Changes to Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria

Do you have an idea to improve either the Level 3 or Level 4 Trauma Hospital designation criteria? The State Trauma Advisory Council recently launched a [web page to collect ideas to improve the trauma hospital designation requirements](#).

While the STAC regularly reviews suggestions and addresses extenuating circumstances requiring immediate changes, comprehensive revisions to the designation criteria are undertaken less frequently in order to maintain stability and continuity in the trauma system.

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## 2023 Data Dictionary Released

The 2023 MNTrauma Data Dictionary 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 dataset by helping registrars to understand what information is sought by any given data field.

[Download your copy of the 2023 MNTrauma Data Dictionary](#) from the trauma system website.

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