

Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation News

The MTCSF staff presents 2021 Leadership Recognition Awards to Recipients

The MTCSF staff placed the final touches on the 2021 Statewide Trauma System Symposium by personally presenting the winner's leadership awards.

Amber Kyle, director of trauma services, received the Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation's 2021 Red Tulip Award for Exceptional Trauma Service during a May 18 ceremony at the School of Nursing.



(L-R Victoria Hickerson, Dan Burgess, Amber Kyle, John Gardner, Dr. Jonathan Wilson)

The honor recognizes trauma program managers who have made a significant and sustained contribution to the Mississippi trauma system of care.

According to the foundation, Kyle has been instrumental in educating and training trauma

care professionals statewide and improving systems of care to meet national standards.

The broken red tulip, adopted by the American Trauma Society, symbolizes the pain, suffering, and lifestyle changes caused by traumatic injury.

The award came as the nation observed National Trauma Awareness Month in May.

John Gardner, director of trauma systems for the foundation, and his team lauded Kyle during the ceremony.

"It's important that our Level I trauma centers are recognized, and this award couldn't go to a better person," Gardner said. "Amber has made significant contributions to the Mississippi trauma system."

"The Mississippi Trauma Care System was the state's first formal system of care and is designed to provide patients with traumatic injuries the best chance for survival and recovery," said Dr. Jonathan Wilson, UMMC chief administrative officer. "Amber being recognized as the recipient of the inaugural Red Tulip Award is reflective of the tireless effort she has poured into the trauma system over her career."

"This award is significant for both her work here at UMMC leading our trauma program, as well as the work she does at the state and national levels to improve the care of patients injured by traumatic events."

Forrest General Hospital is proud to have affiliations with two of the state's three winners in this year's recognition of outstanding trauma leaders. A.A.A. Ambulance Chief Executive Officer, Chuck Carter, and retired F.G.H. Trauma Surgeon, Kate Aseme, M.D., were recognized during the May meeting of the Forrest Health Board of Trustees by representatives with the Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation, on behalf of the

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Mississippi State Department of Health Bureau of Acute Care Systems.

"We are here to recognize two exceptional individuals chosen by members of the statewide trauma care system to receive recognition as the finale to our 2021 Mississippi Trauma Symposium," said John Gardner, MTCSF Director.



(L-R Dan Burgess, Victoria Hickerson, Mr. Chuck Carter, Kate Aseme, M.D., John Gardner, Duncan Donald M.D.)

Duncan Donald, MD, medical director for Trauma and Surgical Services at Forreest General and who serves as chairperson for the Mississippi Trauma Advisory Board of Directors, said it was "quite an honor for Forreest General personnel, both past, and present, to be recognized with these prestigious statewide awards."

Kate Aseme, M.D., was awarded the Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement in Trauma. This award recognizes an individual (current or retired) who has demonstrated dedication to the development and ongoing support of the Mississippi Trauma System of Care. The award recognizes a distinguished career and visionary leadership dedicated to preventing injuries, advancement in trauma care, and a lifelong commitment to the care of trauma patients.

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Aseme was a trailblazer in the world of surgery and trauma. As a female surgeon, she came to Mississippi in 1977 and, thus, became the state's first female African-American general surgeon. She practiced surgery at Forreest General until her retirement in 2015. As a founding member of Forreest General's trauma program, which was established in 1998 and became one of the first community-hospital-based trauma programs in the Southeast, her work and others led to the hospital's Level II trauma center designation.

"Here at Forreest General Hospital, we are fortunate to have two such dedicated and outstanding professionals who have helped shape and drive the trauma program," Donald said. "Dr. Aseme has long been a leader in the trauma system, not only locally but also statewide. She has been an architect of a quality trauma system, and her contributions to its growth have been immeasurable. Chuck Carter has been a long-time employee at A.A.A. Ambulance Service, serves on several state trauma committees, and is widely recognized for his ongoing commitment to the excellence of Mississippi's trauma program. We are lucky to have been blessed with the work of these two to help treat injuries and save lives of patients throughout the Pine Belt area. I am honored for the opportunity to have worked with both of these illustrious individuals."

All award recipients received a trophy identifying their award and a signed painting by Daniel Sundahl, a firefighter, paramedic, and artist. Carter's artwork reflects the life of Emergency Medical Service, Aseme's reflects life as a trauma surgeon, and Kyle's reflects life as a trauma nurse.



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2021 TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM VIDEOS

TS01 - 2021 Trauma Symposium Opening and Trauma System Update



The MTCSF has added the 2021 Trauma Symposium presentations to the website. If you missed or want to review the symposium presentations, MTCSF is pleased to provide links to these presentations. You can access the events at:

<https://mstraumafoundation.org/trauma-education/symposium/>

Are you interested in sharing news? You are invited to share recognition, announcements, and new employee and physician introductions to the Mississippi Trauma System in future Newsletters.

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SAVE the DATE

District Meetings are Coming!

North District on April 13, 2021
Central District on May 11, 2021
South District on June 8, 2021
All Meetings begin at 10:00 am

There is growing demand to have these meetings in person. If you are interested in being the host hospital for a district meeting, contact the editor. MTCSF will begin by offering sessions as in-person meetings with a zoom option.

Spotlight on EMS



May 20, 2021 was a beautiful day for a Picnic in Desoto County, Mississippi. The Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation was pleased to join Baptist Memorial Hospital-Desoto staff and leaders for their annual E.M.S. week celebrations. Victoria Hickerson, Education Coordinator, and John Gardner, Director, were privileged to meet and thank fire and rescue personnel from Horne

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Lake, Southhaven, Hernando, DeSoto County, and Olive Branch as they dropped by to pick up a barbecue lunch from hospital staff. Baptist Desoto provides this picnic meal as an annual thank you to local first responders.



Baptist Desoto nurses greeting the E.M.S. staff with a smile, a meal, and other gifts are Finley Boyd, RN: STEMI Coordinator, Christy Woods, RN: Trauma Coordinator, Meggan Reviere, RN: Stroke Coordinator; Kadie Burr, RN: Quality Director; Christina Batton, RN: Trauma Program Manager.



In May 2021, Pamela Finnie, M.S.N., ATCN Trauma Program Manager at Regional One Health, invited the MTCSF to meet with leadership and tour their trauma center. Regional One Health serves Mississippians as an out-of-state Level One Trauma Center and Burn Center.

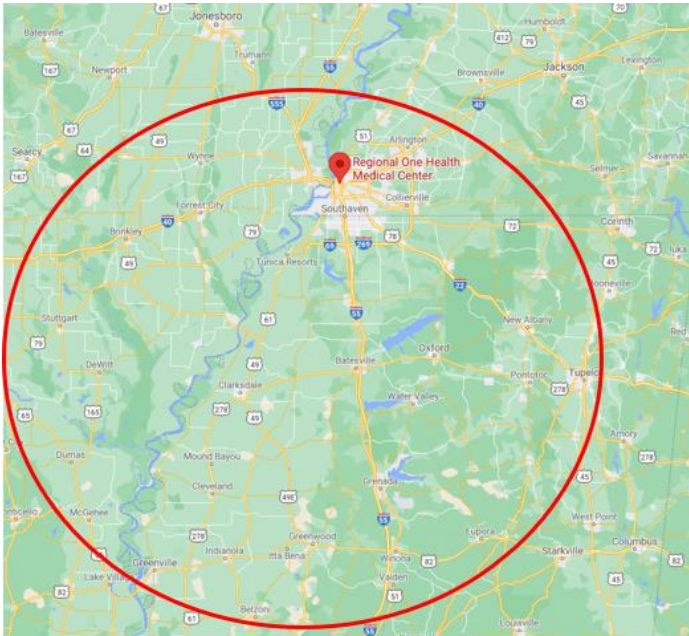
Lead by Reginald W. Coopwood, M.D., President and C.E.O. of Regional One Health, MTCSF Director John Gardner, and Education Coordinator Victoria Hickerson, BSN RN CEDP met with Trauma Medical Director Peter Fischer, M.D., and the team at Regional One Firefighter's Burn Center. The group discussed ways to ensure Mississippians received the specialty services that only Regional One Health can provide. They also discussed the educational offerings available through Regional One education program.

With a focus on compassionate care and exceptional service, Regional One Health is anchored by its acute care hospital, Regional Medical Center, which is home to four highly respected Centers of Excellence, including trauma, burn, neonatal intensive care, and high-risk obstetrics. The Regional One Health family of services also expands beyond the Regional Medical Center to provide a full range of health and wellness services throughout West Tennessee, East Arkansas, and North Mississippi to as far as a five-state region.

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Regional One Health is a Level 1 trauma for a large area. The impact on Mississippians is illustrated by the map below.



Regional One Health's contributions to Mississippi trauma patients are substantial. In data provided by the facility during our visit, 25,067 Mississippi patients were treated during the period 2020 – May 2021 to ROH. 1,953 Inpatients and 23,106 Outpatients. Of that total were 192 Burn and 1,131 Trauma trauma patients. 390 transferred from referring facility, and 864 transported from the scene.

The MTCSF values the contributions of Regional One Health. Uniquely, they are providing Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC) and Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN) for Mississippi. Look for a detailed review of the Firefighters Burn Center in future issues of *Trauma Times*. For more information about Regional One Health's educational offerings, contact Ms. Finnie at pfinnie@regionalonehealth.org.

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Director's Direction



The 2020-2021 fiscal year ends on June 30. First, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to David Hall and everyone at the Mississippi State Department of Health, Bureau of Acute Care Systems for their vision in a trauma foundation. Secondly, I must extend thanks to everyone in the trauma system of care. You have supported the MTCSF and been respectful and patient. Thirdly, I want to thank my administrative support staff at the Mississippi Hospital Association, who helped make the trauma symposium a success.

In the new fiscal year, the MTCSF will continue providing the services you have received. In addition, we will be providing more trauma center designation support and partnering with you for education and outreach programs for injury prevention. The website will continually be adding information. We will offer district calls for all in the trauma districts. We will add Level specific calls just for trauma program managers and registrars within the same designation level to share knowledge, best-practices and improve system performance. The symposium will be a live event. We will increase our educational offers and provide reimbursement to trauma centers and ambulance services that have not sought reimbursement. We will work toward more support for the ambulance services. We look forward to an outstanding year.

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