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Mississippi Trauma Symposium 2022

Leading the Way: Outcomes over Obstacles



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MS TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM 2022

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Welcome

Leading the Way: Outcomes over Obstacles

2nd Annual Statewide Trauma Symposium

The Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation is pleased to host the second annual statewide trauma symposium. This year's symposium offers participants the opportunity to assemble as a statewide team. The 2022 theme will highlight the benefits of the Mississippi Trauma System of Care. Speakers are selected to present subject matter on past benefits and how to continue maturing the trauma system, focusing on achieving the best outcomes and navigating obstacles as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic's toll on healthcare.

This three-day event is a comprehensive learning opportunity, with an inspiring presentation from a Mississippi trauma survivor. Speakers from all in-state and out-of-state Level I trauma centers and Level II centers are on the agenda. Two days of cadaver labs will allow ample time for everyone to attend a session. Registry training is on the agenda, as well as other breakout tracts. The Mississippi Hospital Association will speak on advocacy and staff initiatives. The Mississippi State Department of Health Bureau of Acute Care Systems representatives will provide information on the current and future state of the trauma system. Dr. Duncan Donald is hosting a panel presentation.

Wednesday evening's reception at The MAX will provide food, fun, music, and an opportunity to unwind and visit with your friends across the Mississippi trauma network and talk to the speakers. Thursday night's banquet will include an awards ceremony.

The Symposium Planning Committee is here to assist you, so call on us as needed. Look for the Name Badge Ribbon indicating planning committee staff.

John Gardner
Brandye Vance
David Hall
Amber Kyle
Michael Albrecht
Pamela Finnie

Victoria Hickerson
Melanie Nunnally
Teresa Windham
Andrew Haiflick
ShyAnn King
Stacy Maurer

Dan Burgess
Candy Brown
Jimmy McManus
Kelly Deakle
Stan Alford
Teletha Johnson

[Thank you all for your work to make the Symposium a success.](#)

For assistance during the symposium,
call or text 601-573-5841 or 601-906-4543

PROGRAM AGENDA

Wednesday, May 4, 2022		Location
7a – 8a	Attendee Registration/Breakfast Exhibit Hall Open	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
8a – 10a Cadaver Lab	Lab #1 University of MS Medical Center-AIRCARE	MSU-Riley Center 4 th Floor
8a – 8:10a	Welcome/Announcement MTCFSF Chairman of the Board of Directors, Hans H. Tulip, MD, FACS MTCFSF Director, John O. Gardner	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
8:10a – 9a	State of State's Trauma System Report W. Duncan Donald, MD, FACS, Mississippi Trauma Medical Director David B. Hall, MA, NRP, CHP, Director, Bureaus: EMS and Acute Care Systems, Mississippi State Department of Health	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
9a – 9:50a	The Role of Imaging in Trauma and Trauma Transfers Mouayyad Zaza, MD Assistant Professor, University of Mississippi Medical Center	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
10a - 12a Cadaver Lab	Lab #2 University of MS Medical Center-AIRCARE	MSU-Riley Center 4 th Floor
10a – 10:30a.	Break / Vendor Hall Open	Sponsored
10:30a – 11:20a	The Benefits of Benchmarking for Improving Outcomes Jon D. Simmons MD, FACS. Trauma Medical Director Chief of Trauma & Acute Care Surgery, USA Health	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
11:30a – 12:50p	Buffet Luncheon, Vendor Hall Open	MSU-Riley Center Exhibit Hall/Studio
12p – 1p Cadaver Lab	Buffet Luncheon, Vendor Hall Open	MSU-Riley Center 4 th Floor
1p – 3p Cadaver Lab	Lab #3 University of MS Medical Center-AIRCARE	MSU-Riley Center 4 th Floor
1p – 1:50p	Pediatric Firearm Injuries: Prevention and Treatment Dan W. Parrish, MD, Pediatric Surgeon University of Mississippi Medical Center	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
2p – 2:50p	Quality-Achieving Optimal Outcomes in Trauma Patients by Creating a Culture of Quality Jon D. Simmons MD, FACS. Trauma Medical Director Chief of Trauma & Acute Care Surgery, USA Health	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
3p – 3:30p	Break/ Vendor Hall Open	TBD
3p – 5p Cadaver Lab	Lab #4 University of MS Medical Center-AIRCARE	MSU-Riley Center 4 th Floor
3:30p – 4:20p.	The Future of the MS Nursing Workforce Kim W. Hoover, Ph.D., RN, COO/ President MHA Health, Research, and Educational Foundation	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
4:30p – 5:20p	Pain into Purpose Dwight Owens, Miracle Survivor, Award-Winning Motivational Speaker, Author, & Disability Advocate Non-CME/CNE-certified	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
6:30p – 9:30p	Welcome Reception Hosted by MTCFSF/ MSDH-Bureau of Acute Care Systems	MS Arts & Entertainment Experience



MURDER MYSTERY AT THE MAX MUSEUM

WELCOME RECEPTION

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

1920s Gatsby Themed Social Event

Welcome to the roaring 1920s, Detective. You are just in time! One of society's most mysterious and distinguished gentlemen has been murdered at the most lavish social event of the season. As you move from room to room in the museum, you will find clues that will help you solve the crime.

Complimentary Tour of the Museum

A real life game of CLUE.

Delicious food. Live entertainment. Cash Bar.

Pick up your DETECTIVE KIT at the front desk as you enter.
Turn in your final accusations at the front desk before leaving.
*Accurate accusations will be entered into a drawing where one
lucky sleuth will win a fabulous prize.*

May good fortune follow you in your efforts!



**Mississippi
Arts+
Entertainment
Experience**

Thursday, May 5, 2022		Location
7a – 8a	Attendee Registration/Breakfast Exhibit Hall Open <i>Breakfast Sponsored by Medela</i>	Grand Lobby
8a – 10a Cadaver Lab	Lab #5 University of MS Medical Center-AIRCARE	MSU-Riley Center 4 th Floor
8a – 8:10a	Welcome MTCSF, Director John Gardner; MSDH, BACS Director David Hall	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
8a – 8:10a REGISTRY TRACK	Welcome/Announcements MTCSF Staff/Board Chair Non-CME/CNE-certified	MSU-Riley Center DN101 Computer Lab
8:10a – 9a CLINICAL TRACK EMS TRACK	When a Tourniquet is Needed & Tourniquet Conversion Peter Fischer, MD, FACS Trauma Medical Director, Regional One Health	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
8:10a – 9:50a REGISTRY TRACK	Data Entry/Quality Assurance/Report Writing Mississippi State Department of Health-Bureau of Acute Care Systems	MSU-Riley Center DN101 Computer Lab
9a – 9:50a CLINICAL TRACK EMS TRACK	Mississippi Legislative First Responders Caucus Lester E. "Bubba" Carpenter MS Representative, 1 st District Non-CME/CNE-certified	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
10a – 12p Cadaver Lab	Lab #6 University of MS Medical Center-AIRCARE	MSU-Riley Center 4 th Floor
10a – 10:30a	Break / Vendor Hall Open	Sponsored
10:30a – 11:20a REGISTRY TRACK	Data Entry/Quality Assurance/Report Writing (Continued)	MSU-Riley Center DN101 Computer Lab
10:30a – 11:20a CLINICAL TRACK	Trauma Advocacy Richard Roberson-General Counsel, VP for Policy & State Advocacy Mississippi Hospital Association Non-CME/CNE-certified	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
10:30a – 11:20a EMS TRACK	Be An EMS Influencer: Collaboration to Drive Outcomes Robert Mabe, Division Chief of Training West Memphis Fire Department Non-CME/CNE-certified	MSU-Riley Center 2B

- ✓ **Lunch on Your Own-Downtown**
11:30 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.
- ✓ **Check the List of Restaurants in your Symposium Bag**
- ✓ **Vendor Hall is Open**

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1:30p – 1:50p REGISTRY TRACK	Data Entry/Quality Assurance/Report Writing (Continued)	MSU-Riley Center DN101 Computer Lab
12:50p – 1p CLINICAL TRACK	Call to Order-MTCSF	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
1:10p – 1:20p. EMS TRACK	Call to Order	MSU-Riley Center 2B
1p – 3p Cadaver Lab	Lab #7 University of MS Medical Center-AIRCARE	MSU-Riley Center 4 th Floor
1p – 1:50p CLINICAL TRACK	Neuro Injury-Does Your Program Matter? Teresa Romano, MN, APRN-BC, CCNS Memorial Hospital at Gulfport	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
1:20p – 1:50p EMS TRACK	EMS Updates David Hall, MA, NRP, CHP Director, Bureaus: EMS and Acute Care Systems Mississippi State Department of Health	MSU-Riley Center 2B
2p – 2:50p REGISTRY TRACK	Data Entry/Quality Assurance/Report Writing (Continued)	MSU-Riley Center DN101 Computer Lab
2p – 2:50p CLINICAL TRACK	Financial Missed Opportunities Amber Kyle, MSN, RN Director of Trauma Services, University of Mississippi Medical Center	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
2p – 2:50p EMS TRACK	Too Bored or Not to Board Benji Sessums & Eric Williams Jones College EMS Department	MSU-Riley Center 2B
3p – 3:30p	Break/ Vendor Hall Open	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
3p – 4:20p REGISTRY TRACK	Data Entry/Quality Assurance/Report Writing (Continued)	MSU-Riley Center DN101 Computer Lab
3:30p – 4:20p CLINICAL TRACK	Comprehensive Burn Care-Changing Paradigm's in Management Ram Velamuri MD, MRCS(Ed), M.S, D.N.B(Surg) Associate Professor Plastic Surgery UTHSC Memphis Medical Firefighter Regional Burn Center	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
3:30p – 4:20p EMS TRACK	What We Can Do for You! What Can We Do for You? John Gardner, Director-MS Trauma Care System Foundation	MSU-Riley Center 2B
6:30p – 9:30p	Banquet /Awards/ Entertainment	Exhibit Hall/Studio

Friday, May 6, 2022		Location
7a – 8a	Attendee Registration/Breakfast Exhibit Hall Open	MSU-Riley Center Grand Lobby
8a – 8:10a	Welcome/Announcements MTCSF Victoria Hickerson BSN RN CEDP, Education Coordinator	Historic Theater
8:10a – 9a	Triage and Management of Neurosurgical Emergencies Stephanie Einhaus, MD, Neurosurgery Regional One Health	MSU-Riley Historic Theater
9a – 9:50a	Chest Wall Trauma-Surgical and Non-Surgical Options Christopher M. Kinnard, MD, FACS USA Health	MSU-Riley Historic Theater
9:50a – 10:30a	Break / Vendor Hall Open	
10:30a – 11:20a	Population Health & Care Disparities Amber Kyle, MSN, RN, Director of Trauma Services University of Mississippi Medical Center	MSU-Riley Center Historic Theater
11:30a – 1:30p	Round Table Trauma Cases W. Duncan Donald, MD, FACS Director, Trauma and Surgical Services Forrest General Hospital & All-Star Panel	Exhibit Hall/Studio Theater Lunch & Learn
1:30p	Contest Winners Announced/Closing Comments/Adjourn	Exhibit Hall/Studio Theater



Mississippi Statewide Trauma Symposium

Speakers
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Lester E. "Bubba" Carpenter

Representative Carpenter has been a Republican member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, representing the First District of Mississippi (Alcorn and Tishomingo Counties) since 2008. The Mississippi Legislature has created a First Responder Caucus made up of legislators from across the state, many of whom are/were EMTs, firefighters, or police officers. The president of the group is Rep. Bubba Carpenter. Carpenter, a paramedic by profession, also serves as President of the Burnsville Area Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians and the Tishomingo County Economic Development Board. He graduated from Burnsville High School in Burnsville, Mississippi, attended Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville, Mississippi, and completed paramedic school at Wallace

State Community College in Hanceville, Alabama. He is a veteran of the 155th Armored Brigade, Mississippi Army National Guard, with service in Operation Desert Storm in 1991. Rep. Carpenter is an advocate for Mississippi First Responders.



William Duncan Donald, MD

A Mississippi native, Duncan Donald grew up in the Delta town of Clarksdale before heading to Vanderbilt University, where he received a BS degree. He worked in a research lab at the University of Alabama-Birmingham before attending medical school in Jackson at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, earning his MD degree there in 1998. He stayed for his surgical training at UMMC in Jackson before starting practice as a general/trauma surgeon in 2003 in Hattiesburg. He has been board-certified by the American Board of Surgery since 2004.

He has gradually increased the trauma care portion of his practice and, in 2015, became the Trauma Medical Director and Director of Surgery at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg. In 2017, he was appointed to the state EMSAC committee by Gov. Phil Bryant. He became Chair of MTAC while also serving as Mississippi's Trauma Medical Director for the Bureau of Acute Care Systems, Mississippi State Health Department.

He has been past-Chair of the Mississippi Committee on Trauma for the American College of Surgeons since 2016 and was recognized with the Phillip Rogers Physician Award for Leadership at Forrest General Hospital in 2017. He is a member of several medical and surgical organizations, including the Mississippi State Medical Association, American College of Surgeons, Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons, Southeastern Surgical Congress, and the James D. Hardy Society.



Peter Fischer, MD, FACS

Peter E. Fischer, MD, MS, NRP, is an Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, TN. He completed his residency in general surgery at the University of Tennessee at Memphis and subsequently a surgical critical care fellowship at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, OR. Prior to and during residency, he worked as a Firefighter/Paramedic. He was previously at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC, before returning to Memphis in 2016. He currently serves as the Trauma Medical Director of the Elvis Presley Trauma Center as well as President of the Medical Staff of Regional One Health. He also is the Medical Director for Hospital Wing Air Ambulance Service. He is the Vice-Chair for the TN Committee on Trauma and the current Chair of the EMS Committee for the National COT. He has a strong clinical and research interest in prehospital and trauma system development.



Stephanie Einhaus, MD

Dr. Einhaus has been Chief of Neurosurgery at Regional One Health in Memphis, Tennessee, since 2015. She is Board certified in both adult and pediatric neurosurgery. She is an assistant professor in the UT Department of Neurosurgery and has also been a member of Semmes-Murphey Clinic for the past 25 years.



John Gardner, MA, BSRT (R)(CV)(M)

Mr. Gardner is the Director of the MS Trauma Care System Foundation. With over forty-five years of healthcare experience, John is an experienced and effective communicator. He is a certified ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor, having conducted more than 250 hundred ISO Certification audits and hospital surveys across the United States with DNV Healthcare. As Director of Quality and Patient Safety at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian, MS, John led the hospital to initial ISO Certification. His healthcare career started in medical imaging, where he maintains his advanced level certification in Interventional Radiologic Technology.



David B. Hall, MA, NRP, CHP

Mr. Hall is a Mississippi certified paramedic and historian who has more than 24 years of experience in emergency medical services, 13 of which were spent as Chair of Emergency Medical Services at Hinds Community College. He has a master's degree in History from the University of Southern Mississippi and paramedic credentials from the University of Mississippi. He joined MSDH in 2016.

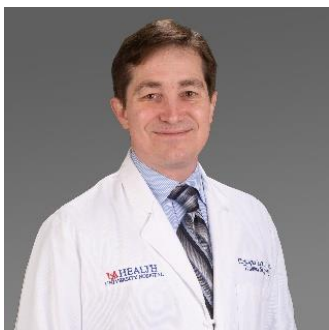


Kim W. Hoover, Ph.D., RN

Dr. Hoover is COO at the Mississippi Hospital Association (MHA), President/CEO for the MHA Health, Research, and Educational Foundation, and Professor Emeritus, University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC). Prior to joining the MHA, she was dean and professor at the School of Nursing at UMMC in Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. Hoover was responsible for two campuses that included baccalaureate, masters, Ph.D., and DNP programs. As dean, she provided strategic leadership for the school of nursing, including setting the overall

direction for education, research, clinical practice, and service.

Dr. Hoover earned her BSN from the University of Louisiana Monroe (formerly Northeast Louisiana University) and her MSN and Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. She began her nursing career as a hospital staff nurse and managed an ambulatory care unit before moving into nursing education in the early 90s. For over eight years, Dr. Hoover was instrumental in building the Mississippi Office of Nursing Workforce and has served as a workforce supply and demand consultant at the state, regional and national levels. Her work is published and presented nationally. Additionally, she has facilitated strategic planning for professional organizations and task forces. Dr. Hoover is active on state and national committees and maintains memberships in numerous organizations. She is an alumnus of the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows program.



Christopher M. Kinnard, MD, FACS

Dr. Christopher Kinnard graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Science in Zoology in 2001. He then received his Master of Science in Zoology and a minor in Biochemistry. In 2003, he attended Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, Louisiana, and earned his Doctor of Medicine in 2007. He completed his residency in General Surgery at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama, in 2012.

Dr. Kinnard entered private practice in 2012 with Magnolia Surgery in Warner Robins, GA, in General Surgery. In 2015, he joined the faculty at the University of

South Alabama as a Clinical Instructor prior to completing a Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at the University of Florida in 2017. Following his fellowship, Dr. Kinnard joined the Division of Trauma & Acute Care Surgery as an Assistant Professor. His clinical interests include Emergency General Surgery and Trauma Surgery. Dr. Kinnard has been involved in a number of research projects throughout his career. His current research interests include indications for rib plating and thromboelastography. Dr. Kinnard now serves as Co-Director of the STICU and NSICU.



Christal ShyAnn King, RN, CEN

Ms. King started her life in public service as a volunteer for the Livingston, Alabama Fire Department while attending nursing school at the University of West Alabama. After graduating in 2003, she worked at Anderson's Medical Center in Meridian in several departments, including the ICU and Emergency Department. In 2012, she took a position at Rush in Meridian in the cardiac lab before becoming the trauma program manager. ShyAnn secured funding for the KMBR HII bleeding control kit and provided education and equipment to schools and first responders in the region in its use. As the

trauma program manager, she hosted multiple trauma symposiums in the region. ShyAnn has also authored a chapter in a published book on airway management and is also a course director for TNCC and ENPC directing and instructing several classes a year. ShyAnn also teaches advanced skills in cadaver labs at regional conferences. ShyAnn is passionate about research and is heavily involved in several research projects currently underway at MCES.

ShyAnn serves on the AirCare safety and quality assurance committee and holds advanced-level emergency nursing certifications. ShyAnn currently serves as a first responder for Rankin County in the Cleary and Florence communities. ShyAnn joined the AirCare Team in 2016 and spent the first three years at our Columbus MS base.



Amber Kyle, MSN, RN

Ms. Kyle is the Director of Trauma Services at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She also serves on several committees focused on improving care for injured patients and their families. Her passion is to improve care in Mississippi, across the US, and worldwide through collaborative work and partnerships.



Robert Mabe

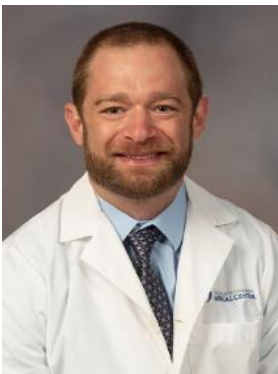
Robert Mabe is the division chief of training for the West Memphis fire department with a history in clinical education and outreach to the trauma burn center and air medical setting. A strong proponent of pairing robust quality improvement practices with engaging education to improve clinical care, he hopes to meet participants from the varied EMS organizations to share experiences and improve field care of the sick and injured.



Dwight Owens, MBA

Mr. Owens details his trauma experience and beyond after his career was cut short after being hit by a drunk driver on the way to school in 2005. Despite being physically paralyzed as a result of the accident, Dwight turned tragedy into triumph and has been nationally recognized as a disability advocate and motivational speaker. Realizing our medical heroes need encouragement too, this session will deliver motivation and empowerment for our beloved physicians and beyond. Be prepared to be inspired, learn, laugh, and even cry.

Dwight gives a unique insight into the personal trauma experience of his miraculous journey, designed to help improve the trauma experience for others. It is also a motivational session intended to show appreciation in a unique, uplifting way to physicians, nurses, and all staff involved with medical trauma.



Dan W. Parrish, MD

Dr. Parrish was a lifelong resident of Arkansas until college. While in Richmond, Virginia, he received his surgical training where he was given an opportunity to participate in a two-year trauma surgery research fellowship in hemorrhagic shock. After residency, he completed his pediatric surgery fellowship at the University of MS Medical Center. Following a two-year stint at West Virginia University as the Medical Director of Pediatric Trauma, he returned to UMMC in September 2021.



Teresa Romano, MN, APRN-BC, CCNS

Known for her ability to change the status quo and develop teams that can accomplish desired goals, Ms. Romano utilizes her expertise in neuroscience and leadership to inspire and engage others in improving patient outcomes. With over 25 years of neuroscience experience, Teresa has led emergency and critical care teams in implementing practice changes to improve outcomes for TBI, SCI, and stroke patients.

Teresa began her neuroscience career as the neurocritical care CNS at Charity Hospital, New Orleans. She then moved to the Gulf Coast, where she continued to work with teams to improve neuro practice at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport as Program

Coordinator and CNS and then as Director of Neurosciences.

She served on the Board of Directors for the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses and on various clinical effectiveness initiatives, and as a neuroscience content reviewer. Her recent position as Director of Professional Development at Memorial allowed her to create engaging leadership development programs and "rethink" clinical competency to meet regulatory and practice standards through clinician engagement.



Richard Roberson

Mr. Roberson is General Counsel and Vice President of Policy and State Advocacy for the Mississippi Hospital Association. In his role, he handles in-house legal issues for MHA and coordinates the Association's government relations strategy. Richard also works on many federal and state policies and procedures which impact hospitals, with a particular focus on Medicaid issues.

Prior to joining MHA in 2015, Richard practiced healthcare law and government relations in the Jackson, Mississippi office of Bradley Arant. His healthcare practice primarily focused on Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement, certificate of need, and other regulatory and audit issues for a variety of healthcare clients, including hospitals, physicians, dentists, pharmacies, physical therapists, hospice, and nursing homes. Before entering private practice, he spent over fifteen years in state government, several of which were spent with the Office of the Attorney General and most of which were spent at the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, spanning the terms of Governors Fordice, Barbour, and Bryant where he served as legal counsel and as an administrator for the Division of Medicaid. Richard was an editor for the Medicaid payments chapter for the American Health Lawyers publication titled, Representing Hospitals and Healthcare Systems Handbook. Richard has been a presenter on numerous health law topics for national and regional conferences and has frequently testified before the Mississippi Legislature. He received his BA from Baylor University and his JD from the University of Mississippi and currently resides with his family in Jackson, Mississippi.



Benji Sessums, MS

Mr. Sessums earned a master's degree in biology at William Carey University and currently works with the Emergency Medical Services faculty at Jones college. He serves as Allied Health Division Chair Program Director at Jones College, Ellisville, MS.



Jon D. Simmons MD, FACS

Dr. Simmons is a Professor within the Department of Surgery. He currently serves as the Trauma Medical Director and Chief, Division of Trauma & Acute Care Surgery at USA Health University Hospital. Since 2016 he has served as the Program Director for the General Surgery Residency from 2012 to 2018. He currently serves as the Councilor for Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society at the University of South Alabama since 2016. Dr. Simmons completed his General Surgery residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 2009. During residency, he garnered many awards, including Teacher of the Year, Arnold P. Gold Humanism Award, and Resident of the Year, which was chosen from over 500 residents. Following residency, Dr. Simmons completed a Multidisciplinary Critical Care Fellowship at Johns Hopkins, where he was also named Teacher of the Year.

Since he arrived at the University of South Alabama in 2011, Dr. Simmons has impacted the Department of Surgery in many ways. Under his leadership, the General Surgery Residency has thrived by recruiting outstanding residents and redesigning the educational curriculum. For these efforts, he was named Faculty Teacher of the Year in 2012 & 2019 and awarded the Scarlet Sash Award for ten consecutive years for outstanding mentorship to the medical students. In 2017, Dr. Simmons was named the Chief, Division of Trauma & Acute Care Surgery and the Trauma Medical Director for the University of South Alabama Medical Center, the region's only Level 1 trauma center.

Dr. Simmons has also excelled as a scientist. He has collaborated with Mark Gillespie, Chair of Pharmacology, and others from the Center for Lung Biology to create a strong multidisciplinary team to conduct translational research in critically injured patients. Dr. Simmons has funding from several external sources, including the National Institutes of Health (NIH), American Heart Association, American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST), and the American College of Surgeons. He was also awarded the 2014-2019 Clowes Memorial Research Career Development Award. The winner of the prestigious Clowes Award is selected by the Scholarship Committee of the American College of Surgeons each year and is directed at a surgeon in the early stages of his/her career, which shows promising development as a surgeon-scientist. He received the Peter Canizaro Award for the best manuscript and presentation at the 2016 AAST international meeting. Dr. Simmons was the recipient of a K08 from the NIH in 2016, which is the first K08 awarded to a physician at the University of South Alabama. His current research interests include blood banking practices, massive transfusions, transfusion-related ARDS, hemorrhagic shock, platelet failure, mitochondrial DNA damage and repair, and the inflammatory nature of cell-free mitochondrial DNA.

Dr. Simmons is also a humanitarian. He has taken multiple trips to Africa over the past ten years to provide surgical care to rural regions that have no access to a surgeon. This includes trips to Ghana, Cameroon, and Rwanda. Since his arrival at the University of South Alabama, he has been instrumental in establishing a yearly trip for surgical residents and medical students to Rwanda in Association with the Christian Medical Ministry for South Alabama (CMMSA). The goal of this endeavor is to provide spiritual and medical/surgical care to the Rwandan people in the southeast region of the country which borders Congo.



Eric Williams, Ph.D

Dr. Williams is the Assistant Director of Emergency Medical Technology at Jones College in Ellisville, MS. Eric holds a Doctor of Philosophy from Delta State University and a Master of Health/Health Care Administration/Management from Ole Miss. He is the Assistant Director, Primary Instructor at Jones College, Ellisville, MS.



Ram Velamuri, MD

Dr. Velamuri is the Medical Director of Regional Firefighters Burn Center, Memphis. He is an associate professor in plastic surgery at the University of Tennessee Health science center. He is the current burn fellowship director. He serves on several regional and national committees and is the current chairman of the Global Health Committee of the American Burn Association.



Mouayyad Zaza, MD

Dr. Zaza is a Trauma and Surgical Critical Care surgeon at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. After obtaining his MD from Weill Cornell Medicine in Qatar in 2012, he underwent general surgery training at The Methodist Hospital in Houston until 2017, followed by fellowship training at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. He then joined the faculty at UMMC in 2019. His main interests focus on teaching residents and fellows, operative treatment of rib fractures, and optimization and improvement of trauma systems.

ACCREDITED CONTINUING EDUCATION

Accreditation Statement

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by AXIS Medical Education and Mississippi Hospital Association. AXIS Medical Education is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 10.25 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

Credit Designation for Physicians

AXIS Medical Education designates this live activity for a maximum of 10.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Credit Designation for Nursing

AXIS Medical Education designates this continuing nursing education activity for a maximum of 11.00 contact hours. Learners are advised that accredited status does not imply endorsement by the provider or ANCC of any commercial products displayed in conjunction with an activity.

Requirements for credit:

Attend/participate in the educational activity and review all course materials. Complete the CE Declaration form online by **11:59 pm ET on June 10, 2022. Instructions will be provided following the symposium.**

Award Ceremony at the Banquet

Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement

Recognizes an individual (current, retired, or posthumously) who has proven dedication to the development and ongoing support of the Mississippi Trauma System of Care. In recognition of a distinguished career and visionary leadership dedicated to the prevention of injuries, advancement in trauma care, and lifelong commitment to the care of trauma patients.

The Rising Star Award

Please Recognize an up-and-coming trauma professional who has demonstrated leadership and passion for trauma patients in their contributions to the trauma population. The nominee may include a physician, nurse, registrar, EMS staff, ambulance services & trauma center executives, or any other healthcare professional who has gone above and beyond for trauma-centered care.

The Red Tulip Award for Exceptional Trauma Service:

The broken *red tulip*, adopted by the American Trauma Society (ATS), symbolizes the pain, suffering, and lifestyle change caused by traumatic injury. This award recognizes a nursing professional who demonstrates the goal of keeping the tulip strong, straight, and unaffected by trauma. Nominate a trauma professional in the field of nursing who has made a significant and sustained contribution to the Mississippi Trauma System of Care on a local, district, and State level.

Circle of Excellence Award - highlighting survivor stories and the best of the MS Trauma System of Care.

The Circle of Excellence Award, new this year, aligns with the mission of the Mississippi Trauma Care System to build and support a statewide system that provides superior care starting when the injury is detected and continuing through definitive treatment while striving to decrease injury and death from trauma. The award may highlight survivor stories and the best of the Mississippi Trauma System of Care.

Please help us recognize the trauma team that promotes excellent patient care through effective communication, true collaboration, decision making, critical thinking, the ability to address challenges related to patient care, and advocacy for the trauma patient.

A survivor story will highlight a team that exhibits dedication to the statewide trauma system model and shows passion in the steps they take to treat trauma patients. This award could include a mass casualty response or a pre-recorded video highlighting a positive outcome. A team may consist of staff from some or all of the following contact points: first Responders, ground ambulance, air ambulance, trauma centers (ER, surgical, etc.), transfer team, higher level of care center, and rehabilitation.

\$100 Gift Card Winner. Name drawn from all individuals who submitted a nomination.

Contest



SELFIE CONTEST

Having fun at the Mississippi Trauma Symposium?

Post a photo and you could win!

1. Take a selfie with any of the following landmarks and post on Facebook using the hashtag #MississippiTrauma2022
2. The winner will be announced at the Panel Discussion on Friday. *Must be present to win.*
 - ✓ The MSU Riley Center
 - ✓ The MSU Riley Center Historic Theater
 - ✓ Meridian's Local Carousel Horses
 - ✓ The Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience (the MAX)
 - ✓ The Threefoot Hotel
 - ✓ The Boxcar (rooftop terrace restaurant at the Threefoot Hotel)





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