

Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation News

Award Ceremony Recognizing Trauma Nursing Excellence



Victoria Hickerson, MTCSF Education Coordinator, presents RN Trauma Pin to Whitley Palmertree at Baptist Hospital-North Mississippi.



Whitley Palmertree was recognized by her peers at Baptist Memorial Hospital North Mississippi as a top performer in trauma patient care. The photo below includes Mr. Bill Henning, CEO, Cassie McCutchen, TPM, and the Emergency Department staff, who join Whitley for the celebration.



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Mississippi Trauma Nurse Recognition



Please continue to nominate!

Kaylin Harper – USA Health University Hospital
Molly Davis – Baptist Desoto
Whitley Palmertree Baptist Memorial Hospital- North
Mississippi
Forrest General Hospital To Be Announced



The Trauma Nurse Recognition program continues to bring trauma care awareness to the forefront. If you would like to nominate a nurse, go to the Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation website

<https://mstraumafoundation.org/trauma-rn-award-pin/>

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Level II Circle of Excellence Award

The last newsletter detailed the Circle of Excellence Award for North Mississippi Medical Center and CareFlight, but we have some great pictures to share.



North Mississippi Medical Center & CareFlight team: Charles Pigott, MD Trauma Program Manager; Bill Malone, Flight Nurse; Stacey Graham, Paramedic, Patrick Graham A.A.S., NRP, Trauma Registrar Coordinator; Kelly Deakle BSN, RN, Trauma Program Manager, and Javier Tiscareno, RN - Critical Care Transport Manager.



Ochsner Rush Host Injury Prevention Program in Meridian



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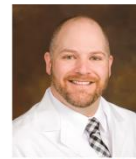
PROJECT INSPIRE

Inspiring Change In Our Community

Tuesday, September 13

5:00 p.m.

Ochsner Rush Medical Group - 6th Floor Dining Room
1800 12th Street | Meridian, MS 39301



Jason DeFatta, DO
Ochsner Rush Medical Center
Director, Trauma Services



Ashley Williams, MD
USA Health University Hospital
Director, Community Outreach & Injury Prevention
Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery

RSVP to Dr. Jason DeFatta at Jason.DeFatta@ochsner.org by **September 9**.



OchsnerRush.org

In September, Dr. Jason DeFatta, Trauma Medical Director, hosted a community forum. The event was well attended by community leaders, the mayor, and members of the Meridian City Council. The guest speaker was Dr. Ashley Williams, USA Health, Mobile, AL.

We look forward to updates on this project to lead young first-time offenders out of a life of crime and gun violence. The project represents the collective power of our trauma care system to change the culture and prevent injury.

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VIRTUAL TRAUMA REGISTRAR COURSE

**October 26, 2022
8:00am – 5:00pm**

MS Trauma Registry Course is a one-day course providing trauma registrars from all levels with the concepts, roles, and responsibilities of building a robust trauma registry.

Key Concepts:

- Overview
- Fundamentals
- Inclusion Criteria
- Coding
- Abstraction
- Validation
- Funding
- Performance Improvement
- Designation Process

Participants are **STRONGLY** encouraged to utilize video and audio functions during virtual course presentation.



Hosted By:

The University of
Mississippi Medical
Center



VIRTUAL TRAUMA PROGRAM MANAGER COURSE

**October 27, 2022
8:00am – 5:00pm**

MS Trauma Program Manager Course is a one-day course providing trauma program managers from all levels with the concepts, roles, and responsibilities of building a strong trauma program.

Key Concepts:

- Program Essentials
- Leadership
- Strategic Planning
- Performance Improvement
- Education
- Outreach
- Data
- Injury Prevention
- Designation Process

Funding/Budget/Staffing

REGISTRATION LINK

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1exRhyaOp4tT6mP3t_bns9bP2OgOxqs7zFj7L484_kM5k/edit?usp=sharing

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John Gardner, MTCSF Director, and Victoria Hickerson, MTCSF Education Coordinator, completed the Rural Trauma Team Development Course on October 11, 2022. The education was provided by the USA Health University Hospital team, including Dr. Ashley Williams, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, Division of Trauma, Acute Care Surgery & Burns, Dr. Nathan Polite D.O. Trauma /Emergency General Surgeon, Assistant Professor of Surgery, and Andrew Haiflich, MBA, MSN, RN Director, Trauma Services.

The host hospital was Thomasville Regional Medical Center in Thomasville, AL.



TRMC Hosts are Pictured (L to R) Jodie James, Dir. of Operations, Wendy Allen, RN, Director of Nursing, and Alexandria Slocum.

The course is developed around a three-member team in a rural setting. The minimum three members are the leader (Physician or APP), a Registered Nurse, and a third member, that may be an RN, ancillary clinical staff, or clerk. The most successful course requires two or three members from the same hospital to participate in the training. The USA Health University staff has agreed to teach this course in Mississippi if we can get team participation. The Level IV physician leader is essential to a successful course and team development.



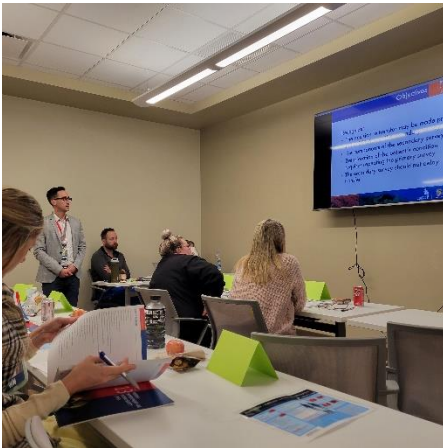
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The MTCSF knows RTTDC is an excellent course to save lives through better patient care and faster appropriate transfer decisions. With increasing trauma centers staffing Licensed Practical Nurses and Paramedics, the student will learn their roles in the trauma team.



(Left) Dr. Nathan Polite instructs Thomasville RMC attendees



(Below) Dr. Ashley Williams instructs RTTDC students

Foundation. jgardner@mhanet.org. MTCSF would like to facilitate this event with a host hospital and the course directors at USA Health. Opportunities include a stand-alone event at a Level IV hospital or offering the course at the 2023 Mississippi Trauma Symposium as a pre-course eight-hour class. Commitment would consist of a minimum two-member team from each trauma center. One member would be a physician or advanced practice professional (APP) providing trauma care.



Question 1

A 65-year-old woman is being brought to the emergency department of a rural facility by Emergency Medical Services following a fall down a flight of stairs. Upon arrival, she has a seizure and then becomes unresponsive. To be most effective, the team leader in this situation must do all of the following EXCEPT:

- Assign tasks/responsibilities
- Articulate the plan
- Personally execute all aspects of the plan
- Adapt the plan to changes in the situation.

Are you interested? Is your medical staff interested? Will your hospital host an RTTDC course? If you are interested, contact John Gardner, Director of the Mississippi Trauma Care System

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Question 2

Absolute indications for intubation include all of the following EXCEPT:

- a) T3 spinal cord injury
- b) Glasgow Coma Score of 8 or less
- c) Severe maxillofacial injury
- d) Neck injury with soft tissue swelling and airway compromise

Question 3

A 25-year-old male was involved in a high-speed, single-vehicle crash. He is brought to a 25-bed, critical care access hospital with no surgical capability. His blood pressure is 70/30, heart rate is 135, respiratory rate is 45, and he is unresponsive to verbal stimuli. An emergency medical technician is manually ventilating the patient with a bag-valve mask. The patient's neck veins are flat with no associated tracheal deviation. Initial auscultation of the chest reviews absent breath sounds on the right, along with dullness to percussion. There is no obvious penetrating trauma. The diagnosis related to the thorax is:

- a) Open pneumothorax
- b) Flail chest
- c) Tension pneumothorax
- d) Massive hemothorax

Answers: Q1 (C); Q2 (a); Q3 (d)

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SAVE the DATE

District Meetings are Coming!

Town Hall Meeting Schedule

North District – Oct. 11, Jan. 10, Apr. 11

Central District – Nov. 8, Feb. 14, May 9

South District – Dec. 13, Mar. 14, June 13

All District Meetings begin at 10:00 am

Director's Direction



I am pleased to announce that MTCSF has filled the South MS Education Coordinator Position.

Matthew J. Edwards, MSN, RN, comes to us as an Emergency Department Nurse Manager at a Level IV center. He has also been a Director of Nurses, a Community Health Director for MSDH, and served as a Vice-President System Nurse Executive at a Level III center.

Matt is already doing a fantastic job, making positive contributions and introducing fresh and beneficial ideas.

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Matt is anxious to get going and will reach out to the trauma centers and EMS providers in the coming weeks.

Mr. Edwards will work statewide, focusing on the trauma centers along and south of I-20. **Matt's contact information:**
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Phone 601-624-2032

Also, Allison Alford is assisting me with some administrative duties part-time. Allison will help me ensure that your reimbursements are processed without delay and symposium planning and general administrative assistant duties.

I also want to thank Victoria Hickerson for working twice as hard to meet the needs of the entire state for the last six months. Those who work with Victoria know she is knowledgeable, caring, respectful, professional, and always encouraging.

I am confident Matt and Allison will enrich the cooperation, trust, and dependability you have come to expect from MTCSF.

John Gardner

Director, MTCSF

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SAVE A LIFE



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Anderson Regional Medical Center

Stop the Bleed interest remains high. MTCSF partnered with Anderson Regional Medical Center staff in Meridian to provide School Resource Officers with this life-saving training.



Anderson Regional Medical Center Trauma Program Manager Brandy Vance, MSN RN & Registrar Janet Terrell, RN, instructing Meridian Public School Resource Officers in proper tourniquet application.

Baptist Memorial Hospital North Mississippi

Stop the Bleed Instructors Cassie McCutchen, Emily Smith, and Swayze

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Gardner from Baptist Memorial Hospital North in Oxford held two Stop the Bleed classes for local school faculty and federal employees. Trauma Program Manager Cassie McCutchen reports that 84 Water Valley School District participants were trained. In addition, the team provided the two school nurses with Baptist bags that were supplied with tourniquets, gloves, and gauze.



On October 11, the trio trained an additional 46 participants at the Federal Building in Oxford.

Newton County Elementary School Offers Faculty Stop the Bleed Education

MTCSF partnered with Newton County Elementary School to provide Stop the Bleed training to 114 elementary school faculty, staff, and the Decatur, MS, police department.

The training was spearheaded by Todd Brown, a school bus driver, deputy sheriff, and medic. The event incorporated school faculty, local police, deputies, and school

resource officers. MTCSF provided certificates. Anderson Regional Medical Center provided tourniquet kits in memory of Dr. William A. Billups, Jr. Tracy Laird, Director of Nursing at Ochsner-Laird Hospital, provided bandage material and protective gloves. Jason Roberson, Principal of Newton County Elementary, strongly advocates for teacher education that may save a student's life. Patty Gibson, the school nurse, participated in the program and will support ongoing education.



Anderson Regional Medical Center provides tourniquet kits to Newton Elementary School. Pictured (L-R) Todd Brown, Patty Gibson, Janet Terrell, Brandye Vance, Jason Roberson, Robert Johnson, and Pamela Joyner. (below) Teacher at skills stations.



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Deputy Todd Brown instructing teachers during Stop the Bleed training at Newton County Elementary School

To request Stop the Bleed training for your area law enforcement officers or become an instructor, contact MTCFSF: John Gardner jgardner@mhanet.org, Victoria Hickerson vhickerson@mhanet.org, or Matt Edwards medwards@mhanet.org.

USA Health University Hospital

A Night Honoring Healers

USA Health University Hospital, Mobile, AL, featured a Mississippi trauma patient's care during their annual "A Night Honoring Healers" event on October 13, 2023. The victim's accident occurred in Stone County, MS. The patient received care from AMR ambulance staff and

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Memorial Hospital Stone County before transporting to USA Health University Hospital, a Level I trauma center supporting the Mississippi Trauma System of Care.

Please click on the link below to see Layla Jamison's survivor story.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TP-zQ3pq_M&t=11s

Submitted by Andrew Haiflich, MBA, MSN, RN
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In the Trauma Times Newsletter, you can share announcements, events, awards and recognition, and staff introductions in the Mississippi Trauma System.

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