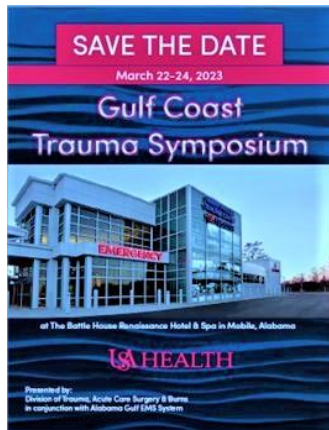


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#### For more information

<https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/com/departments/surgery/trauma-symposium.html>

### Focus on PHTLS



NAEMT's Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) is recognized worldwide as the leading continuing education program for prehospital emergency trauma. The Mississippi State Department of Health Bureau of Acute Care Systems provides reimbursement for students attending this course.

MTCSF is also looking for PHTLS Instructors. If interested, contact MTCSF for more information.

If you or your organization are teaching PHTLS within the MS Trauma System of Care, you may submit a request for reimbursement. Ambulance services providing the course are eligible for reimbursement. The reimbursement policy and submission forms are on the MTCSF website at <https://mstraumafoundation.org/resources/>.



### Mississippi Trauma Symposium 2023 Navigating Disparities in Trauma Care

May 1-4, 2023

Golden Nugget Biloxi Hotel & Casino

**Pre-symposium May 1-2**

**Symposium May 3-4, 2023**

**Registration begins February 1, 2023**

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### Question 1

When an injury occurs in a rural environment, many things may cause a delay in the patient receiving definitive care. These delays increase preventable morbidity and mortality. Which of the following is NOT a potential delay that should be minimized in the rural environment?

- a) Delay in the identification of immediately life-threatening injuries
- b) Delay in the treatment prioritization of potentially life-threatening injuries
- c) Delay in response time of the urban referral center
- d) Delay in transport to a higher level of care

### Question 2

Which of the following is INCORRECT?

- a) The most important determinant of quality care is a timely, organized, rational response to the care of the trauma patient
- b) Definitive care may not be possible or desirable in the rural environment

- c) If definitive care is NOT possible, an attempt at diagnosing all injuries is not helpful if it results in a delay in transfer to an appropriate level of care
- d) Pharmacy, blood bank, and radiology support services are always available in the rural environment

### Question 3

All of the following injuries must be identified and immediately addressed during the primary survey EXCEPT:

- a) Simple pneumothorax
- b) Massive hemothorax
- c) Tension pneumothorax
- d) Open pneumothorax

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



### Town Hall Meeting Schedule

*North District – Jan. 10, Apr. 11, July 11*

*Central District – Feb. 14, May 9, Aug. 8*

*South District – Mar. 14, June 13, Sept. 12*

All District Meetings begin at 10:00 am

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### Recognizing EMS Excellence

The Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation wishes to provide a mechanism for trauma centers to honor EMS for stellar performance. The idea came from a discussion with Chuck Carter, CEO of AAA Ambulance Service. MTCSF is accepting applications from trauma center staff and ambulance company leaders.



The Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation developed the pin to honor EMS and their contributions to trauma patients and recognize expertise in caring for injured patients and participation in the MS trauma system of care.

MTCSF is finalizing criteria but **will begin accepting nominations now** with the criteria documented in this newsletter. When the final documents are released, the MTCSF will add the process to the website. You can recommend qualifying candidates by answering the items below.

1. The recipient demonstrates extraordinary compassion & skill in providing care to the injured patient. Provide a brief narrative

- describing an incident to illustrate exceptional care.
2. Prehospital individual or team that supports the trauma patient and the hospital team to collaborate care and facilitates teamwork in the hospital setting.
3. The Prehospital individual or team follows the state guidelines for field triage of the injured patient and advocates for the patient to go to the right place the first time.
4. In addition to providing exemplary care, the EMS individual or team is a leader in trauma care and communicates with the Trauma Center by at least one of the following criteria. (*Please check the appropriate response(s).*)

- Communicates essential aspects surrounding the situation that may lead the hospital personnel to identify the need for activation of the trauma team according to state guidelines and protocol.
- Participates in trauma PI as evidenced by trauma or other committee minutes.
- Participates in trauma PI by providing education and support for best practices for trauma patients.

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- Participates in Community outreach and education.

5. Provides run reports promptly with documentation that supports data needed for the registry.

- Yes
- No

### Who can make a recommendation?

Anyone can make a recommendation

### Who is eligible?

Any Prehospital individual or team caring for a Mississippi trauma patient recognized by their peers and hospital staff.

### How to nominate:

- Obtain a copy of the recommendation form from the MTCSF staff.
- Complete the recommendation form with signatures.
- Submit the completed recommendation to MTCSF staff.

### Who is responsible for obtaining the signatures and submitting the form?

Each facility's unique organizational design and functional structure define the process. Ask your TPM what process they want to follow.

### How do I know if the EMS individual or team is adequately charting?

Your Trauma Program Manager and Registrar know and can help explain this in more detail.

### How is the pin presented?

Someone from the Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation will plan to come and make the presentation. We recommend that the management, staff, and administration participate in the presentation.

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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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### Director's Direction



Since April 2020, the MS Trauma Care System Foundation has grown considerably in educational and administrative support to the Mississippi Trauma System of Care. I thank you, the staff at the trauma centers, the ambulance services, and the Mississippi State Department of Health, Bureau of Acute Care Systems, for your support and professional working relationship.

MTCSF will continue to provide each of you with the support you need to succeed, supporting the Mississippi Trauma Care System through educational opportunities, trauma center readiness, improving patient outcomes, injury prevention & public awareness.

To enhance support in 2023, MTCSF encourages you to invite us to your multidisciplinary trauma committee meetings. We can meet your entire committee, provide in-person updates, support your program, and learn more about your program and how we can better serve you.

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SAVE A LIFE



[WWW.BLEEDINGCONTROL.ORG](http://WWW.BLEEDINGCONTROL.ORG)

Congratulations to the recent graduates of the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy. The group received their Certificates and *Stop The Bleed* tourniquet kits, with everything needed to stop life-threatening bleeding and save a life.



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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