

Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation News

Mississippi Trauma System of Care Symposium 2024 *Creating Consistent and Coordinated Trauma Care* April 23-25, 2024



Sheraton Flowood The Refuge
Hotel & Conference Center

★★★★ 2200 Refuge Boulevard, Flowood, MS 39232 US



The Mississippi Trauma System of Care Symposium has confirmed the venue, date, theme, and tentative agenda. The symposium planning committee has been working hard. More information will be rolling out as it becomes available. Registration will begin in January 2024. The agenda is exciting, and the educational offerings blend our most requested topics and new programs that have not been offered before. MTCSF will continue the recognition and awards to trauma leaders statewide, as nominated by their peers.

Tuesday, April 23, 2024, is a pre-symposium workshop with three breakouts. We will host the **AAAM AIS15 on-site course** for our Level I-III trauma center staff for the first time. The course is conducted over two (2) days and facilitated in person by AAAM faculty. There will be a registration cost for this course. For the first time, we will host **Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)** for our MS-licensed Emergency Medical Services staff. **Cadaver labs** are offered as a third track for basic emergency procedures. We are adding a Mock Trial activity for those not in the AAAM or TECC courses. After or before you attend a cadaver lab, you can learn by hearing a trauma case on trial and identifying how to provide unquestionable patient care.

Wednesday, April 24, 2024, the **AAAM** course will continue. **TECC, a one-day course**, will be offered to a second group of students. Two **Cadaver labs will be reserved for medical staff providers only**. AirCare will teach advanced emergency procedures for physicians and advanced practice professionals on day two of the Cadaver lab. We will open a fourth track to provide Registry training, an eight-hour course to meet annual training requirements. Instructors provide certificates for each course completed.

Thursday, April 24, 2024, will unite everyone in general sessions. The morning

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sessions will drill down on the lessons learned during the **Rolling Fork Tornado** beginning the night of March 24, 2023. Plans are to discuss the initial and secondary response starting at ground zero and including representatives at every level of the trauma system of care. Tornado preparedness is an excellent format **for hospital administrators** and care providers. The students will learn from people directly involved.

Most importantly, students will be provided substantive actions ready for implementation and the emerging goals to be better prepared for the next event. We will have a mobile hospital and other outside exhibits. In the afternoon, we will have updates from the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH, BACS). Fernando Gomez, MD, speaks on Pediatric Readiness. The symposium will conclude with a trauma panel of experts' case studies led by our State Medical Director. As you plan for 2024, you will not want to miss this event. Mark your calendar today and make your plans to attend.

Visit the MTCSF website to view the full agenda:

<https://mtraumafoundation.org/trauma-education/symposium-2/>

Symposium Cost

- Mississippi Trauma System participants \$100
- Emergency Preparedness personnel \$200
- Out-of-State Non-Mississippi System of Care Participants \$300
- Student Registration \$50
- AAAM Course \$750

Register Early - Many courses have a maximum capacity cutoff.

REGISTER FOR THE SYMPOSIUM



Or select the following link:

https://mhanet.org/Trauma/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=TRAUMA2024&WebsiteKey=30e0d272-721f-486c-8066-2672c5a4528c

Register for your hotel accommodations at Sheraton Flowood, the Refuge Hotel & Conference Center, for \$184 per night. [Book Your Group/Corporate Rate | Marriott International](#)

The **last day** to make room reservations will be **April 7th or until rooms run out.**

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More Area Educational Opportunities



William Carey Announces ATLS Courses for 2024

- Day Refresher Course. April 18, 2024 - April 18, 2024.
- 1 1/2 Day Hybrid Course. April 18, 2024 - April 19, 2024.
- 1 1/2 Day Hybrid Course. June 20, 2024 - June 21, 2024
- 1 Day Refresher Course. June 20, 2024 - June 20, 2024.
- 1 Day Refresher Course. October 3, 2024 - October 3, 2024.
- 1 1/2 Day Hybrid Course.

For more information, contact April Bishop, Simulation Coordinator, Phone 601-318-6706 (O), 601-287-9625 (C) [April Bishop ABishop@wmcarey.edu](mailto:ABishop@wmcarey.edu)

North Mississippi Medical Center Announces ATLS Courses 2024

- March 23 - Refresher Course
- March 24 - Refresher Course
- August 30 - Refresher Course
- August 30- Sept 1 - Hybrid 1.5-day course for providers who have never had the course.

For more information, contact Kelly Deakle, RN, BSN, Trauma Program



Regional One Health

TRAUMA & BURN CONFERENCE 2024

- Registration now open
- [Regional One Health Events | Eventbrite](#)



March 28-29, 2024

USA Health Annual Coastal Trauma Symposium Begins March 20, 2024



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-gulf-coast-trauma-symposium-tickets-754100333397>

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students will shadow Dr. DeFatta and tour emergency services departments at Ochsner Rush in Meridian.

Several speakers are scheduled this Spring. On January 29, 2024, John Gardner, Executive Director of MTCSF, provided the students with Stop the Bleed training. Upon completing the training, the students were presented with Certificates of Completion.



SAVE A LIFE



Ochsner Rush Spearheads Project Inspire in Mississippi



EDUCATION AROUND THE STATE



**Victoria Hickerson MSN RN CEDP, Trauma
Education Coordinator,
MS Trauma Care System Foundation**

John Gardner, MTCSF Director & Jason DeFatta, MD, presented Stop the Bleed Certificates to Project Inspire Students at Ochsner Rush in Meridian, MS.

Dr. Jason DeFatta, Ochsner Rush Trauma Medical Director, has worked with Dr. Ashley Williams, USA Health, to lead the first class of Project Inspire in Mississippi. The project is developed to help local juveniles gain a unique insight into the consequences of gun violence through education. Dr. DeFatta has worked with local businesses and mentors to nurture students to reach their potential. The

Mississippi Trauma System partners, Regional One Health, a Level I trauma center in Memphis, TN, hosted its first TNCC class in several years. Emergency department and critical care nurses came together to learn more about trauma care. Regional One Health was able to check off three new instructors with the help of the Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation. The class was a great success, and the nurses loved the hands-on skill stations. Thank you, Regional One Health, for your dedication to trauma care and

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education. Regional One Health will host another TNCC class on February 28th and 29th. ROH will have three more instructor candidates working towards instructor status in the February class. MTCSF looks forward to supporting ROH and its new instructors. If you would like more information about TNCC classes, please check the calendar on the MTCSF website, <https://mstraumafoundation.org/calendar/> or contact the MTCSF team, John, Matt, or Victoria, and we will be happy to connect you with an instructor in your area.



Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation supported the transition of three nurses from TNCC instructor candidates to TNCC instructors. MTCSF is so grateful for the dedicated trauma professionals throughout the state who provide education, and we are dedicated to adding more educators who are dedicated to best practices and improving outcomes.

Shana Barnes, one of the instructor candidates who successfully checked off, works for the University of South Alabama as their community outreach and injury prevention nurse for trauma and burns.

She is passionate about education and providing nurses with resources and learning opportunities. Shana has completed her TNCC Instructor status and loves visiting rural areas to promote best practices and collaboration.

Another instructor candidate, Brandon Robinson, completed his instructor status and is excited to help provide TNCC to several Level IV facilities in the Ochsner Rush system. Brandon is dedicated to trauma care and supporting his fellow nurses, and started a trauma boot camp. Brandon has taken on the role of Trauma Program Manager at several Level IV facilities in the central part of the state. He is eager to share his knowledge and improve care for severely injured patients by providing trauma education to smaller facilities that lack the resources of larger trauma centers.

Frank Duke was another nurse who completed his TNCC instructor status and is eager to share TNCC with his staff at Merit Health Biloxi. Frank loves trauma and is ready to share his experiences over the last 23 years. Frank is the Emergency Department Director at Merit Health Biloxi.

MTCSF is proud of the commitment and dedication Shana, Brandon, and Frank have to trauma care and completing their TNCC Instructor status. We are excited to work with these three incredible nurses. If you are interested in hosting a TNCC class

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at your facility, please contact MTCSF, and we can connect with an instructor in your area.

contact Ms. Edwards-Childs or the mobility managers listed below.

*Paulita Edwards-Childs, BSW, Fall
Prevention Coordinator*

<https://www.facebook.com/TrustFund.MS/>

MSDH: Injury & Violence Prevention Bureau Office of Preventive Health & Health Equity Contact Information

2023-2024 Regional Mobility Managers Contact List



Delta Rides Regional Group

Service Counties: Bolivar, Carroll, Coahoma, De Soto, Grenada, Issaquena, Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, Montgomery, Panola, Sunflower, Tunica, Sharkey, Tate, Tallahatchie, Warren, Washington, Yalobusha, Yazoo

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If you are interested in injury prevention activities related to fall and fall prevention,

Teresa Windham, Director, Office of EMS & Acute Care Systems, has announced a Trauma Advocacy Day at the MS Capitol on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Bills under consideration are SB 2826, introduced by Rep. David Parker, and HB 1636, introduced by Rep. Sam Creekmore, with revisions to the Trauma Fund.

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SAVE THE DATE!

A MEETING OF THE MINDS
20 24

NEUROTRAUMA SYMPOSIUM
Brain & Spinal Cord Injury

Friday, April 5, 2024
7:30am - 5:00pm
Clyde Muse Center
Registration Opening Soon!

If you are interested in being a presenter, sponsor or exhibitor, please contact Catherine Bishop at cbishop@msbraininjury.org.

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Advocacy Day Mississippi State Capitol March 20, 2024

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Our focus should be on the successes of the trauma system, the need for funding, and anything we wish to target for next year, such as Stop The Bleed. For more information, contact Ms. Windham or Dr. Duncan Donald.

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Director's Direction



In April 2020, I became the Director of the Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation. The Foundation had Articles of Incorporation, a three-month subgrant agreement with the Mississippi State Department of Health, and an incomplete Board of Directors. Like most endeavors, I wish I could have done more over the past four years, but I am also proud of how far we have come. An ever-trusting Board of Directors and MTCSF Officers have supported my decisions. I have been blessed with Dan Burgess, Victoria Hickerson, and Matt Edwards as co-workers. Their expertise, professionalism, individual talents, and job dedication have made this team superior.

My goal was to create and maintain a cooperative work environment that promotes accountability, trust, and respect for individual strengths and team growth

while sharing a commitment to the Mississippi Trauma Care System.

I will soon retire from full-time employment. I have been working toward this day and planning a seamless transition. The Director's position is posted for both internal and external candidates.

Thank you, leaders of the statewide trauma system. You gave me the benefit of the doubt and allowed me to become a small part of your elite team.

The business services agreement with the Mississippi Hospital Association has been essential to the success of MTCSF.

Finally, I want to thank you, the registrars, the trauma program managers, the physicians and extenders, the nurses, and the EMS staff for what you do every day.

A new director will bring a new direction. I am excited to see how much more they can do to support the Mississippi Trauma System of Care. I look forward to continuing to work with you, seeing you at the Mississippi Trauma System of Care Symposium in April, and working with the next Director in the weeks ahead.

Grace, Mercy & Peace,

John Gardner

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