

PTSF Welcomes New Board Members

At the March board meeting, the PTSF Board of Directors welcomed three new members:



Chris Gessner, Chief Operating Officer at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, who was nominated by the Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania;



Doug Trostle, MD, MBA, FACS, Chairman, Department of Surgery at Robert Packer Hospital, who was nominated by the Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania.



Spence Reid, MD, Professor and Director of Orthopedic Trauma at The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, who was nominated by the Pennsylvania Medical Society and

Pennsylvania Orthopedic Society;

Future PTSF Board meetings include:

- July 23-25, 2008—Level I/II Accreditation Deliberations;
- September 16-17, 2008—Level III Accreditation Deliberations and Strategic Planning;
- December 4, 2008—2009 Budget session/approval.

Call for NTDB Data Submission

The National Trauma Data Bank (NTDB) has issued their call for 2007 admission year data. The final deadline for data submission is May 30, 2008.

For all questions regarding the NTDB submission process, check the website (www.ntdbdatacenter.com) or contact Mark Anderson, Digital Innovations (DI), at 800-344-3668, extension 237, or ntdbsubmit@dicorp.com; manderson@dicorp.com.

Any questions about the NTDS Dataset, NTDB Project Information and

Specifications or NTDB HIPAA and legal concerns contact Chrystal Price, NTDB Data Coordinator at the American College of Surgeons (ACS) at 312-202-5467, or cprice@facs.org.

With regard to the NTDB submission process, you must first register to submit and access the web-based data center (www.ntdbdatacenter.com). This process officially registers your facility with the NTDB, provides a facility ID and password to access the data center and allows you to begin the process of entering facility

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Special points of interest:

- Help Foundation staff members keep the Trauma Center Directory up-to-date . . . Submit your staffing changes to Linda Henry and/or Kelly Bernhard.
- Have information you'd like to share? Let us know . . . Newsletters are printed quarterly, following Board meetings.
- Check www.ptsf.org for up-to-date information on all of your TRAUMA needs!

Legislative Funding Update

Governor Rendell has eliminated PTSF from his state budget proposal for FY 2009.

In previous budget years, the Foundation received \$100,000 to use for trauma system development. This money was used to offset costs of regional and personal trauma educational sessions.

Please help us by writing to your legislators regarding the need to restore funding to PTSF. Include in the letter that PTSF is listed under the Pennsyl-



vania Department of Health as “trauma certifications.”

Phone calls, in lieu of letters, are equally effective.

Please contact the Foundation office if you would like a letter template to work from.

Website Update: www.ptsf.org

The Foundation is currently reengineering the website.

However, it is never too late to send your recommendations on how we can enhance our webpage us-



ability and performance. We are completely redoing the look and feel of the website so all comments—big or small—are welcome.

The Foundation will do its best within technical and budgetary constraints to meet all of our stakeholders needs. Please send your website suggestions to Nathan at nathan@ptsf.org.

2008 Accreditation Timeline: Mark your Calendars

April 2008—August 2008

Site Surveys conducted

July 23-25, 2008

PTSF Board of Directors Meeting (Board deliberations for Level I, Level II & Pediatric centers.)

July 1, 2008

Letter of Intent deadline for new hos-

pitals seeking trauma accreditation

September 17, 2008

PTSF Board of Directors Meeting: (Board deliberations for Level III centers.)

October 1, 2008*

Accreditation Reports sent to Level II/AQ and Pediatric Trauma Centers

November 1, 2008*

Accreditation reports sent to Level III Trauma Centers

***Note:** Accreditation reports will be mailed prior to these dates if the board did not accredit a hospital or if a one-year survey was approved.

Rural Trauma Development Course to Visit Pennsylvania

PTSF will be offering the American College of Surgeons Rural Trauma Team Development Course on October 22nd as a pre-conference workshop prior to the PTSF/PaCOT annual meeting.

Currently, a grant proposal has been submitted and is pending approval to cover the workshop fees/expenses. The workshop is open to any accredited trauma center to

learn the administrative aspects of conducting the course for non-trauma center community hospitals in their region.

For more details regarding the course please go to the American College of Surgeons website at <http://www.facs.org/trauma/rttdc/rttdcinfo.html>.

Additional grant money is also be-

ing sought by PTSF for accredited trauma centers to conduct the course once the training is taken. If you have not yet notified PTSF regarding your willingness to conduct the course prior to June 30, 2009, please contact Juliet Geiger at jgeiger@ptsf.org so appropriate grant funding can be requested.

Bylaws Committee Update

Mary Kate FitzPatrick, RN, MSN, Committee Chair, Foundation Board Member

The Board approved a recommendation from the Bylaws Committee to establish term limits for Foundation Board Members.

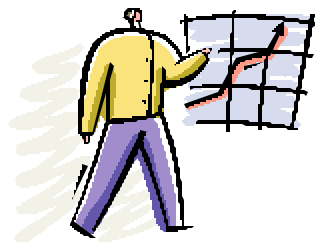
Previously, no term limits existed. Now, with the Board's recent vote,

a Board member can not exceed three consecutive terms. A term is further defined as three years. However, the Board does reserve the right to waive the term limit if it benefits the interests of the Foundation.

Committee to Develop Site Survey Outcome Measurements Update

Michael Pasquale, MD, FACS, Committee Chair

The committee met on March 11, 2008, to discuss the forward vision of the committee. A committee goal for 2008 is to examine state-wide performance starting with the top 5 PTOS occurrences, and then choosing the occurrences that will be control charted.



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The committee will meet again in early May; items on the agenda include

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further discussion of the continued use of preventability classification, control charting of occurrences and the transition to the new DI Outcomes platform.

Ad Hoc Outcomes Standardization Committee Update

Lanyce Horn, RN, BSN, Committee Chair, Foundation Board Member

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taken by committee members and they unanimously decided to move to the new DI product in 2009. Features contained in the present POPIMS product that are not contained in Outcomes will be included.

When this committee meets again, they will begin the discussion of Standardization of Outcomes. This committee will as always seek the input of not only committee members but all trauma centers as it moves forward with the standardization project.

We're on the Web!
WWW.PTSF.ORG

Recent Registry Software Updates

Your institution should have already received important new software components for your trauma registry system. These three software components include:

- An updated 2008 Injury E Code, Procedures, and ICD9 Injury Diagnosis Menu.
- A new software module for facility data submission to the National Trauma Data Bank (NTDB), including support of the new National Trauma Data Standard (NTDS) dataset via the NTDS module.
- An update for your DI Report Writer, to reset expiration codes and enable it to function with the new software.

Furthermore, your institution should have received an email from DI containing the information you will need to submit your data to the NTDB for the 2008 Call for Data (CFD).

Please note: You should install the new software regardless of your participation with the NTDB, as it contains other important updates.

Web-Based NTDS Training

DI is providing complementary, web-based training for the new NTDS module! Training dates and times are:

Monday, May 5, 2008, 10 a.m.— noon <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/919286882>

Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 2 p.m.— 4 p.m. <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/806071274>

If you need assistance, contact DI at 800-344-3668, extension 4, or support@dicorp.com



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Save the Date!

You can reserve your room for the Fall Conference
by logging onto the PTSF website and following the link provided.

October 23 - 24, 2008
Harrisburg Hilton-Downtown
Harrisburg, Pa.

2008 Upcoming Events

May is Trauma Awareness Month—American Trauma Society

May 5-7, 2008—PHIMA, State College, Pennsylvania

May 19-25, 2008—EMS Week

August 14-16, 2008—PEHSC EMS Conference, Grantville, Pennsylvania

September 24-27, 2008—AAST, Maui, Hawaii

October 8-10, 2008—Digital Innovations ~ National Conference, Spokane, WA

October 11-16, 2008—AHIMA, Seattle, Washington

October 22, 2008—Rural Trauma Team Development Course

October 23-24, 2008—PTSF/PaCOT Annual Meeting & Conference



Policy & Procedure Committee Update

Mary Kate FitzPatrick, RN, MSN, Committee Chair, Foundation Board Member

Creation of an electronic Application for Survey (AFS) for use in 2009 is in production by Digital Innovations, Inc. with the support of Foundation staff.

As various phases of the project are completed, beta test users from trauma centers will be utilized. An initial meeting between PTSF staff and DI staff was conducted on April 23, 2008.

The Committee is also reviewing a "paperless" process for use during Board deliberations.

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data and completing the HIPAA-compliant Business Associate Agreement.

If you are already an existing participant, or have your web login in-

formation from previous years, you do not need to re-register. You can also search for your new facility ID and request your current password within the data center.

DI clients may register with DI by

contacting ntdbsubmit@dicorp.com, or by contacting the ACS/NTDB directly (especially for any questions about the NTDS Dataset, the NTDB project information and specifications, or NTDB HIPAA and legal concerns).