

Standards Clarification Update

TO: All Accredited Trauma Centers

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All additions/revisions to the Standards for Trauma Center Accreditation were unanimously approved at the PTSF Board of Directors meeting on December 04, 2008. The changes are effective October 1, 2009; however, as per Foundation policy the changes will not be used to evaluate trauma centers until site survey season 2010. If a trauma center wishes to be evaluated by the new standards during the 2009 site survey season formal notification must be made to the Foundation office by **January 31, 2009**.

Standard XV. D. 4. —Trauma Registry

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Data must be submitted to the National Trauma Data Bank	E	E	E

This change was required to meet the recommendation in the Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient 2006 and the request by the NTDB for each institution to submit data separately. This Standard change applies to all levels of trauma centers, Adult and Pediatric.

Standard XXXIV.—Trauma Research Program

NOTE:-For those Pediatric Level I Trauma Centers that are associated with an Adult Level I Trauma Center, 10 peer reviewed articles, as previously defined, must be pediatric specific.

This change was approved by the PTSF Board of Directors at the September 17, 2008 during their Board meeting. This Standard change applies to Pediatric Level I trauma centers that are associated with an Adult Level I Trauma Center.