

# Memo

**To:** Accredited Pennsylvania Trauma Centers  
Hospitals Pursuing Accreditation

**From:** Juliet Altenburg, RN, MSN

**cc:** PTSF Board of Directors

**Date:** March 24, 2016

**Re:** Board Approvals

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This memo serves to convey several approvals made by the PTSF Board of Directors on March 22, 2016.

1. Effective January 1, 2017, all accredited Level I, II, and III trauma centers will be required to enroll in the Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) hosted by the American College of Surgeons (ACS). The PTSF Board approved this decision because the PTSF must align its standards with those of the ACS as dictated by the EMS Act. This new mandate was communicated by the ACS in November, 2015.
2. PTSF "*Standard V: Registry*" requires trauma centers to submit data to the NTDB. For non -TQIP centers, the ACS charges a fee for this submission and will not waive fees in 2016. Recognizing the additional financial impact of the new TQIP requirement, the PTSF Board waived the standard requiring NTDB submission for non -TQIP centers for the 2016 data submission period only. Compliance with abstraction (but not submission) of the NTDB data set will continue to remain an expectation in 2016 so that trauma centers can fully benefit from TQIP participation in 2017 by virtue of a full data set. For more details on the TQIP enrollment process go to the ACS website at: <https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/tqip/getting-started>. Please also contact Digital Innovations ([www.dicorp.org](http://www.dicorp.org)) for installation of TQIP software and associated fees.
3. A PTOS Risk Adjusted Mortality report will again be generated for dissemination to all adult trauma centers in 2016. We hope to disseminate the reports by August of 2016. The cost of these reports will be covered by your participation fee.

Thank you for your attention regarding the above information. More board approvals will be conveyed in the PTSF newsletter which will be disseminated in April. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Terry Snavely, PTSF Performance Improvement Specialist with more questions. ([tsnavely@ptsf.org](mailto:tsnavely@ptsf.org))