



Registry Roundup

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Registry Roundup is back!

Take a look! Stay informed!

FYI



New PTSF Employees!

Lyndsey Smith, RHIA, CTR

Lyndsey is the new Trauma Data Quality Specialist. Lyndsey comes to the Foundation from the Pennsylvania Cancer Registry where she held a position as a registry specialist/field representative in the quality assurance unit. Part-time, Lyndsey is an adjunct faculty member at the Pennsylvania College of Technology. Lyndsey earned a B.S. in Health Information Management from the Pennsylvania College of Technology. Shortly after completion of her B.S. degree, she earned her RHIA and CTR certificates. Lyndsey's email address is lsmith@ptsf.org. Her phone number is 717-697-5512 ext. 105.

Dorothea "Dor" Adams

Dor previously worked as an Office Manager for the accounting firm of Klinger and Associates and has 27 years in the accounting and management field. She will be bringing extensive financial and accounting experience to the office so that these services no longer need to be outsourced. Any questions related to your fees or updates to your hospital's trauma program staff contact information should be directed to her at dadams@ptsf.org. Her phone number is 717-697-5512 ext. 101.

Amy Krichten RN, BSN, CEN

Amy was the Trauma Program Manager for WellSpan Health ~ York Hospital (Level-1 Trauma Center) since 2008. Amy has been a consultant and site surveyor for other state trauma systems and has spent her twenty-three years of nursing in the trauma spectrum. She graduated from Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing, and received her BSN from Regis

University in Denver Colorado. Her other professional nursing experiences include Emergency, Trauma/Neuro ICU and Orthopedics. She currently is the co-chair of the National Society of Trauma Nurses Leadership Development Committee and is core-faculty for the TOPICS course including serving as contributing author to the revised TOPIC curriculum in 2013. She can be reached at akrichen@ptsf.org. Her phone number is 717-697-5512 ext 103.



PTSF Registry Goals

Please see below for a list of the PTSF trauma registry goals set for this year.

ICD-10 Education

- Conduct Monthly Webinars
- Conduct 3 in-person training sessions
- Have a minimum of 3 ICD-10 related sessions at the fall conference
- Conduct a one hour ICD-10 session for office staff
- Convert all ICD-9 codes in the manual to the appropriate ICD-10 equivalent

Registry Education in General

- Enhance online offerings
 - Add Intermediate Course to website

Website Communities

- Improve usage of communities
- Monitor usage via Google analytics

Registry Roundup

- Publish at least two issues in 2014 (Summer and Fall)
- Publish four issues in 2015

DPW Data

- Data for trauma centers to be run in March
- Final burn and trauma numbers to be sent to DPW in May

COLLECTOR Software Update

- Post Change document to registry community for public comment by August 1
- Develop a clear recommended changes document template for use at the June registry committee meeting

PTOS Manual Update

- Draft PTOS manual to be completed October 1 for a 30 day public comment period

- Final PTOS manual disseminated December 1

Educational Visit Software Update

- Get recommendations to DI for 2015

Site Survey Software Update

- Get recommendations to DI by October

Dashboards

- Continue to update dashboards within 30 days from the end of the quarter

Fall Conference

- Conduct 4 to 6 registry track sessions (3 on ICD-10, 1 on Collector changes)
- Determine topics by April 1
- Determine speakers by May 1

Educational Visits

- Visit all pursuing hospitals this year
- Schedule visits through 2015
- Submit the educational visit report within five business days of the educational visit

Quarterly Reports

- Submit PTOS quarterly reports to the trauma centers within two weeks from the end of the quarter



ICD-10-CM/PCS Delay

As many of you are now aware, ICD-10-CM/PCS implementation in the U.S. has been delayed until at least October 1, 2015. As of April 14, 2014 a new implementation date had not been set by CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services). It is important to not lose momentum in the transition to ICD-10, and we encourage everyone to continue to move forward with ICD-10 education. The Foundation will be moving forward with the current schedule of monthly webinars as well as the currently scheduled regional two-day ICD-10 courses. The Foundation will be working over the next several months with Digital Innovation, Inc., the registry committee and the Board of Directors to determine our course of action regarding the use of ICD-10 in the PTOS (Pennsylvania Trauma Outcome Study) for 2015. We welcome your comments and concerns regarding the ICD-10-CM/PCS delay. Please e-mail Nathan McWilliams at Nathan@ptsf.org with any ICD-10 comments or concerns. Check the ICD-10 page on our website (www.ptsf.org) for continued information regarding the delay and other ICD-10 topics. Additional ICD-10 information can be found at www.AHIMA.org.



Trauma Registrar's Community

Take advantage of the Trauma Registrar's Community on the PTSF website! The Trauma Registrar's Community is a great place for registrars to interact with one another. The community allows registrars initiate and participate in discussions. The PTSF staff also posts valuable information to this community. To get started, sign-in or create an account on the PTSF website. This can be done by going to www.ptsf.org and clicking the sign-in or sign up today icons. Once you are signed in, click on the Community tab at the top of the PTSF homepage. Here you will see a list of many different communities. Scroll down to the Trauma Registrar's Community and click 'join.'



DATA ABSTRACTION



EMS Updates

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Ambulance List

The ambulance list is not under the control of the PTSF. The Foundation is provided a current ambulance list each year by the Bureau of EMS.

The ambulance list within Collector is customizable at each facility. Therefore, it is the responsibility each facility to add and/or remove providers as needed. You may contact the PTSF for assistance if you cannot find information for a specific provider.



Facility # Updates

Please go to the [Trauma Registrar's Community](#) on the PTSF website for a list of facilities that have been added/changed on the facility lists since the last Collector Update. These facilities and their corresponding numbers will not be updated in Collector until the next update is available. Please make a note of these additions/changes on your personal facility lists if needed.



On Admission Timeframe

There is no longer a specific timeframe for On Admission. In the past, a timeframe of 10 minutes was utilized. On Admission is currently defined as, “Initial assessment of each vital sign upon admission to the ED of your facility. Record the first documented value, regardless of time from arrival, for pulse, unassisted respiratory rate, systolic blood pressure and GCS.” All On Admission values entered in Collector should be pulled from the ED flowsheet.



TriCode Errors

Although many registrars want to be as specific as possible when entering a diagnosis into TriCode, we recommend that you not copy and paste text directly from radiology or OR reports. Copying and pasting text directly can confuse TriCode resulting in coding errors. Please see the examples below for clarification.

Example 1:

Original Dx Text: AMPUTATION DISTAL PHALANX R INDEX FINGER

Reason for Error: TriCode is confused by the word “distal”

Fix: “Partial” or “tip” can replace “distal” in order to note that only the end of the finger was amputated. For example, text could read, “Amputation tip phalanx R index finger.”

Example 2:

Original Dx Text: plafond fx

Reason for Error: TriCode does not recognize this diagnosis without the word “tibial.” Plafond fractures, also known as pilon fractures, are a type of fracture involving the distal tibia. These fractures are considered to represent 1-10% of all lower limb fractures. Plafond fractures usually occur as a result of an axial loading injury which drives the talus into the tibial plafond.

Fix: Tibial plafond fx



Unique Cases

Have you received any unusual cases? Need help? Please contact the PTSF if you feel you need any guidance. We will try to provide you with the best answer as quickly as possible. See below for this edition’s example of a unique case.

The Scenario:

Patient transferred via fixed-wing from Panama to Fort Lauderdale. The patient was then transferred from Fort Lauderdale to Philadelphia International Airport by the same fixed-wing. A ground unit met the patient at Philadelphia International Airport for transfer to trauma center.

The Question: Do I pick ambulance for Interhospital Transport Provider?

The Answer:

PTSF recommends that Interhospital-Provider be recorded as 1 (Ambulance).

PTOS includes only one Interhospital-Provider element. Therefore, you are not able to record both fixed-wing and ambulance transportation. More importantly, PTOS does not include an option for fixed-wing transportation. Therefore, you are not able to code fixed-wing transportation at all. However, we can document that an ambulance took the patient from Philadelphia Airport to the trauma center. It is important to capture this piece so that the abstract corresponds as closely as possible with the actual scenario.

In the past it was decided by the Registry Committee that an option for airplane or fixed-wing transportation was not necessary since an airplane would rarely be a scene provider. However, registrars must thoroughly document the fixed-wing piece of transport in the comments section within Collector.



Procedure Code 86.07 Correction

It has been discovered that the description for procedure code 86.07 is incorrect within the procedure code menu in Collector. Procedure code 86.07 reads, "Intraosseous Line Placement Only." Procedure code 86.07 should read, "Insertion of totally implantable vascular access device [VAD]." This will be corrected in the 2015 Collector Update.



DATA REPORTING



PTSF Dashboard

Dashboard data is now current and will be updated on a quarterly basis! The Dashboard functionality allows you to compare your data to the rest of the state. Take advantage of this wonderful tool!



PTOS Quarterly Reports

First quarter 2014 reports will be available within the next few weeks.

Deadlines for Data Submission

Mark your calendars! Here are the deadlines for data submissions for 2014:

- Second Quarter 2014 – June 30, 2014
- Third Quarter 2014 – September 30, 2014
- Fourth Quarter 2014 – December 31, 2014



REGISTRY-RELATED COMMITTEE UPDATES



Trauma Registry Committee Update

Next Meeting:

June 26, 2014 (In-person)

10:00am-3:00pm

Please be sure to e-mail PTSF staff with any issues or concerns regarding Collector™ or the PTOS manual for discussion at the above registry committee meeting!

Board-approved Changes for PTOS for 2015 Implementation

1. **Requested Change** – Define “prolonged” from Acute Respiratory Failure Occurrence definition.

Board Approved Change- A statement will be added to the 2015 PTOS Manual defining “prolonged” as greater than 96 consecutive hours.



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



ICD-10 Webinar Series

The Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF) has launched a webinar series designed to provide trauma registry staff with the tools necessary to prepare for ICD-10 implementation, and it is free for PA registry staff! This webinar series is designed specifically for trauma program staff. Each month, topics focus on coding trauma specific injuries. Although the first

webinar took place on January 30, 2014, it's not too late! Each ICD-10 monthly webinar will be recorded and made available for registrants to watch at any time. These recordings will also be available until ICD-10 is implemented. Visit the ICD-10 page of the PTSF website for more information or to register for this webinar series.



Basic Registrars Course

This course is designed for individuals new and/or inexperienced to the trauma program and particularly to the trauma registry including: coordinators, registrars, and trauma prevention personnel. This course is intended for those individuals with two (2) years or less experience in the trauma registry. This Basic Registrar Course will provide a basic knowledge of the trauma system in Pennsylvania, the Collector trauma registry software, Pennsylvania data definitions, scoring mechanisms, registry best practices, classification systems and more! The PTSF does not have any in-person Basic Registrar Courses scheduled at this time; however, The Basic Registrar Course can be taken online! To take the Basic Registrars Course online, sign-up or sign-in on the PTSF website. After signing in, click on the education tab at the top of the PTSF homepage.



Free Anatomy Courses

With the increase in the coding specificity of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS, one's knowledge of anatomy and physiology is vitally important. To help better prepare you for the change to ICD-10, the Foundation has purchased, for PA trauma centers, a series of 12 audio conferences with handouts on anatomy and physiology. These seminars were developed by the Pennsylvania Health Information Management Foundation (PHIMA, www.phima.org). It is up to you how many of the 12 conferences you watch. Watch them all or just a few!

On January 17, 2014, an e-mail was sent by Nathan McWilliams to all registrars. This e-mail contained links to each of the 12 conferences. Please contact the PTSF if you would like these links sent to you again.



Educational Visits to Resume

Thank you to all the trauma center staff for your patience as we begin to resume trauma registry educational visits in 2014. This year will largely be focused on those trauma centers pursuing accreditation. However, we will begin scheduling visits for 2015 in a few months. For 2015, we will be focusing on trauma centers that have not had a visit in numerous years. It is our goal to get all of our trauma centers back onto at least a two or three year educational visit schedule.

We still have a desire to test remotely accessing trauma centers' electronic medical records in order to conduct inter-rater reliability reviews remotely. Please contact Nathan at nathan@ptsf.org if your center would be interested in testing this capability.

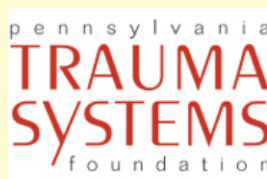


PTSF/Pa-COT 18th Annual Conference and Meeting

Mark your Calendars now! The PTSF/Pa-COT 18th Annual Conference and Meeting will be held October 22, 2014-October 24, 2014 at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel. Additional information will be provided in the near future.



Spring is finally here! Be safe and enjoy!



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