

The following communication highlights recent approvals from the PTSF Board of Directors Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. If you have questions related to the content of this update, please contact [Juliet Altenburg](#), MSN, RN—Executive Director.

To our Hospital Colleagues and Trauma Centers:

On behalf of the PTSF Board of Directors and staff, thank you for being on the front lines of the pandemic and supporting the health of patients and one another. Second, I want you to know that we at PTSF place the needs of patients first, and that includes the hospitals and healthcare workers supporting them. With this in mind, the PTSF Board approved the following measures for the coming year based on the current State/Federal guidance related to the COVID-19 pandemic:

1. SITE SURVEYS

- All level I, II, and III accreditation surveys that were scheduled April-June are now rescheduled in the fall of this year.
 - Accreditation Deliberations for these hospitals [including the trauma centers that received a survey in March 2020] will take place on December 10-11, 2020.
 - Certificates of Accreditation for all accredited level I, II and III trauma centers scheduled for a survey this year will extend through December 31, 2020.
- All level IV surveys scheduled for July-August 2020 will occur, as planned, so long as State/Federal guidance allows and surveyors are available.

2. EDUCATION

- Spring Mini-Conference and STN TOPIC Course (June 22-23, 2020) is **CANCELLED**.
- New Trauma Leadership Education (April 21, 2020 at PTSF) is **CANCELLED**.
- New Trauma Leadership Education (September 29, 2020 at PTSF) remains scheduled at this time.
- PTSF 24th Annual Fall Conference & Meeting (October 19-21, 2020) remains scheduled at this time.
- Performance Improvement education for all levels of trauma centers:
 - Amy Krichten and Darlene Gondell will conduct hospital-specific education virtually, as needed.
- Registry Audits/Education:
 - Gabrielle Wenger will conduct audits/education virtually, as scheduled.

3. STANDARDS OF ACCREDITATION & COMPLIANCE

- PTSF will remain flexible related to Standards compliance, focusing hospital efforts on patient care. That includes CE/CME compliance, registry submission timeliness, meeting attendance, certifications and diversion hours. Flexibility may extend to other Standards based on the impact of the pandemic.

4. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT PTSF

- Positions remain open for application, and interviews are on-hold until July 2020.
 - Manager of Trauma Center Development.
 - Manager of Trauma Performance Improvement.



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Finally, we want to support you in whatever way possible. That could mean being the liaison between yourself and various agencies like the Department of Health and legislature to facilitate communications. No request is too small or large to bring to our attention.

Thank you again for the outstanding work you are doing in supporting our health care system. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or a member of the staff with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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