



# 2022 COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

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## **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee:**

This committee supports the advancement of diversity, equity, and inclusivity in Pennsylvania at trauma centers, of trauma providers, and in providing trauma care to injured people. This committee will meet for an hour every other month.

For reference, the DEI statement:

*The PTSF supports diversity, equity, and inclusion of all people. We as an organization are committed to equal access and care for all trauma patients and residents of Pennsylvania. We recognize the challenges that face various marginalized communities in Pennsylvania and dedicate our efforts to providing excellent care to everyone. As an organization we strive to have representation from a diverse group of healthcare providers and administrators that represent our constituency and give voice to the issues of our communities.*

*To that end the PTSF encourages all our collaborating institutions and partners to share our vision and to promote a diverse representation of clinicians and administrators to serve as board and committee members. We envision a shared perspective of trauma and patient care in Pennsylvania that is first class and includes our most vulnerable in our communities.*

## **Outcomes Committee:**

This committee develops a standardized review process of outcome data for Pennsylvania which will allow for a more outcomes-oriented approach to trauma center accreditation. This committee meets quarterly, owns the PI Primer and revises it as indicated, and has workgroups focused on clinical outcomes. Workgroups meet ad hoc to accomplish their defined goals and are currently focused on Taxonomy, long-term outcomes, and onboarding trauma program staff.

## **Performance Improvement & Patient Safety (PIPS) Committee:**

This committee develops a standardized approach to the development of comprehensive, multidisciplinary, and inclusive aspects of trauma performance improvement and patient safety. This committee meets quarterly, owns the Outcomes Manual and revises it as indicated (large revisions on the horizon with updated software coming). Workgroups meet ad hoc to accomplish their defined goals and are currently focused on Geriatric trauma and audit filters.

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## **Standards of Accreditation Committee:**

This committee develops and maintains trauma accreditation standards, as well as reviewing/recommending variance requests for board approval. At a minimum the PTSF standards must meet the standards set by the American College of Surgeons (ACS). The updated ACS Resources for the Optimal Care of Injured Patients is expected to be released in 2022, and therefore will affect this committee's meeting frequency. The committee will meet in February for 30-minutes, and in April, August, and October for three hours.

## **Trauma Injury Prevention Committee:**

This committee supports the identification, implementation, and standardization of injury prevention processes regionally and statewide. The committee builds upon the efforts of both state and national injury prevention agencies and supports statewide injury prevention education. The committee meets bi-monthly.

## **Trauma Registry Committee:**

This committee develops, implements, and continuously monitors the trauma registry database. The committee thoroughly reviews requests for changes to the PTOS dataset and makes appropriate recommendations to the PTSF Board of Directors. The committee generally meets four times each year.

## **Trauma Research Committee:**

This committee fosters trauma research activities throughout Pennsylvania with a focus on use of the PTOS statewide data base. Methods by which research is fostered includes the awarding of research grants as part of an annual PTSF research competition, and by supporting the PTSF Board in awarding grants for RFP's. The committee also supports the state of Ohio in reviewing research abstracts as part of Ohio's research funding process. The PTSF Research Committee uses money earned from its work with Ohio to provide research grants and awards to PA accredited trauma centers. The committee generally meets four times each year and is involved with the research session at the Fall Conference.

## **Trauma System Development Committee:**

This committee develops and implements processes for assuring equal access to timely trauma care in Pennsylvania with a focus on goals approved by the PTSF Board of Directors.