

Memo

To: Accredited and Pursuing PA Trauma Centers

From: Juliet Altenburg, Executive Director

cc: PTSF Board of Directors

Date: August 31, 2022

Subject: Fee Increases for Accredited Trauma Centers and Hospitals Pursuing Accreditation

The PTSF Board has made the difficult decision to increase fees for both accredited trauma centers and hospitals pursuing accreditation. For accredited trauma centers all fees in 2023 will be increased by 15% and the annual fee for hospitals pursuing accreditation will rise to \$3000 which includes all PTSF supported education. Please see attachments A and B for the new 2023 fee list and a comprehensive list of education provided to hospitals pursuing accreditation as part of the annual education fee.

The reasons behind this decision included:

1. Fees from all PTSF vendors have increased annually including fees from our current software vendor.
2. There has been no increase in PTSF hospital fees since 2017 and only two years of increases in the past 12 years.
3. Plans are underway to modernize five pieces of software that are instrumental to PTSF in being able to carry out its mission of accrediting trauma centers:
 - a. PTOS Trauma Registry used by hospitals and a PTOS Central Site repository used by PTSF.
 - b. Outcomes software used by hospitals and an Outcomes Central site repository used by PTSF.
 - c. Site Surveyor software used to conduct accreditation visits.
 - d. Electronic Application for Survey used by trauma centers and PTSF as part of the accreditation process.
 - e. Trauma Registry Education Software used by Trauma Centers and the PTSF that supports inter-rater reliability assessments.
4. Investment returns remain low, decreasing funds available for software upgrades.

Regarding plans for increases beyond 2023, the PTSF Board will institute smaller annual increases which will be approved by the PTSF Board as part of the annual budget approval

process. The PTSF Board hopes to gain more clarity by this December to approve 2024 hospital fees.

Thank you for your attention as we share this difficult news. Many of the members of the PTSF Board work in hospitals so they are very sensitive to the many challenges hospitals face. They are committed to keeping fees as low as possible and working with PTSF staff to facilitate access to grants and other funding that will help mitigate the financial impacts of our hospital community.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions at jaltenburg@ptsf.org.