

Welcome to the PTSF Board Update which highlights the latest PTSF Board of Directors approvals from the September 19 - 20, 2024 Board Meeting and Accreditation Deliberations.

TRAUMA CENTER NEWS

The PTSF Board of Directors voted to accredit **Conemaugh Nason Medical Center — Roaring Spring, PA** as a **Level IV trauma center** in Pennsylvania effective November 1, 2024. This brings the total number of trauma centers in Pennsylvania to 53 on November 1st. Congratulations to Conemaugh Nason on this significant achievement!



Pictured left to right: Kirstin Hawksworth, Trauma Program Coordinator, Dr. Jacob Stern, Trauma Program Medical Director, Jill Dillman-Stall RN, Dr. John Baker, ED Medical Director, Chief of Staff, Melissa Tomaselli, ED Nurse Manager

PTSF BOARD NEWS — THANK YOU DR. BARBERA!



The PTSF Board of Directors held a farewell lunch for outgoing Board Member, Dr. Charles Barbera, in recognition of his outstanding service and leadership on the PTSF Board of Directors for 12 years. Dr. Barbera is the CEO of Reading Hospital located in Reading, PA. He represents the Pennsylvania College of Emergency Physicians on the PTSF Board of Directors. Dr. Barbera served as the Chair of the PTSF Board of Directors during 2022 and 2023 and served on every PTSF Board Committee during his time with us. In addition to his service for PTSF, Dr. Barbera is highly involved in other community activities including the Gift of Life Medical Advisory and Policy Board, with service as President on the Boards of the Pennsylvania College of Emergency Physicians and the Berks County Medical Society. Other Boards he serves on include the Autism Society of Berks County, the American Heart Association, and the Children's Home of Reading. We are deeply indebted to Dr. Barbera for his incredible service to PTSF and the

Trauma System in Pennsylvania!

SOFTWARE TRANSITION UPDATE

[Rebecca Geyer](#), MSN, RN, TCRN, Director of Performance Improvement



TraumaHQ powered by IQVIA™, went live on September 9, 2024, for all Pennsylvania accredited and pursuing trauma centers. Within the TraumaHQ Library resources, an updated PTOS Data Dictionary and updated PIPS Operational Manual (formerly known as the Outcomes Operational Manual) are available. Additionally, educational videos and snippets are available for educational content. Weekly Q&A drop-in sessions are available on Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. through the end of October when we will readdress the need for ongoing support. Additional education related to reports, data migration, and final steps with ESO will be a focus at the PTSF Annual Conference. Also, at the PTSF Annual Conference, all Trauma Program Managers will confirm their users/access and their PTSF Facility Form information, so please check this content before you arrive. There will also be educational support from the Registry and PIPS teams for any TraumaHQ related questions!

TECHNOLOGY & TRAUMA REGISTRY UPDATES



[Lyndsey Diehl](#), MHA, RHIA, CHDA, CSTR, Director of Trauma Registry

Updated Trauma Registry Resources

The most recent trauma registry resources, including an updated 2024 PTOS Manual, have been posted to the Library within TraumaHQ.

Data Submissions Using the WebPortal

September 30, 2024, is the last day PTSF will be accepting data submissions from PA Trauma Centers on the PTSF Web Portal. After September 30th, centers should no longer submit transfer files from ESO registry software to PTSF using the PTSF WebPortal. Note, you should continue to update and complete as many registry and PI trauma records in your ESO registry software up until your final data migration takes place or until you are notified by PTSF staff otherwise!

Reminder: Change in ESO Customer Support

ESO communicated that after **August 15, 2024**, they will no longer accept new support requests via email. You should begin submitting your support tickets directly through this [streamlined form](#) provided by ESO. After August 15, 2024, ESO will no longer support emails such as the support.ptsf@eso.com.

PTSF staff continues to advocate on behalf of PA Trauma centers when issues regarding ESO customer support arise. Please continue to inform Lyndsey (ldiehl@ptsf.org) of support tickets submitted to ESO Support and provide the assigned case #. This will provide PTSF with the information needed to discuss any concerns with ESO staff directly.

ESO Invoicing Questions

In the event you have any questions related to ESO invoicing please reach out to ESO's Accounts Receivable department directly. If your center receives additional or customized trauma registry services from ESO, we recommend continuing these services through 2024. For any period of service that you have paid for that extends beyond 2024, please work with ESO directly regarding any possible reimbursement or credit.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

TRAUMA REGISTRY COMMITTEE



Board Committee Chair: Debbie Chappel, RN

PTSF Staff Liaison: [Gabrielle Wenger](#), RHIT, CPC, CAISS, CSTR, Trauma Registry Specialist

The Trauma Registry Committee and PTSF Board of Directors approved multiple changes to PTOS. A few changes are effective immediately and an updated manual (*Sept-25-2024 PTOS Manual*) and change log will be posted. The remaining changes are effective January 1, 2025, and will be included in the 2025 PTOS Manual.

Effective Immediately:

1. REVISE - Hospital LOS: Change to count any part of any day as one (1) day, including patients who die in the ED. Previously, patients who died in ED were reported as zero (0) days. Hospital LOS is auto calculated.
2. REVISE- Ventilation Days: Change to count any part of any day as one (1) day, including patients who die in the ED. Previously, patients who died in ED were reported as zero (0) days. Vent days are auto calculated.
3. REVISE - GCS reporting: Update definition to report GCS = 15 when documentation notes normal mental status. *"If a patient does not have a numeric GCS score recorded, but there is documentation related to their level of consciousness such as "AAOx3," "awake alert and oriented," or "patient with normal mental status," report this as GCS score of 15 IF there is no other contradicting documentation."* (Prehospital, Referring Facility, Interhospital Transport, and Clinical/On Admission)

Effective January 1, 2025:

1. ADD - New Menu options to Primary Payor/Secondary Payor to match NTDB
 - a. Not Billed (for any reason)
 - b. Other Government
 - c. Other (change in definition from PTOS Other Third-Party)
2. REVISE – On Admission Drug Screen: *Results may only be abstracted from testing done at your facility. Results from autopsy or other post discharge sources are not reported.*
3. ADD – New elements, SEX ASSIGNED AT BIRTH and GENDER. These two elements replace current PTOS element Gender.
4. ADD – New element, GENDER-AFFIRMING HORMONE THERAPY.
5. REVISE – Change name and definition to match NTDB pre-existing condition, AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)
6. ADD – New pre-existing conditions, BRONCHOPULMONARY DYSPLASIA/CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE and VENTILATOR DEPENDENCE
7. REVISE – Update definition of CONGENITAL DISORDER
8. REVISE – Update definition of INCIDENT COUNTRY, INCIDENT STATE, INCIDENT COUNTY, and INCIDENT CITY
9. REVISE – Update definition of PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE and PREMATURITY
10. REVISE – Update definition of ACUTE KIDNEY INJURY and PRESSURE ULCER
11. REVISE – Update definition of DATE ADMINISTRATIVELY DISCHARGED FROM ED and TIME ADMINISTRATIVELY DISCHARGED FROM ED

POLICY AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE



Board Committee Chair: Jo Ann Miller, MSN, FNP-C, CCRN, TCRN

PTSF Staff Liaison: [Courtney Moraites](#), MPA

The Policy and Procedure Committee and the PTSF Board of Directors voted to modify [Accreditation Policy AC-132: Media Notification Regarding Trauma Center Status](#). The policy is now inclusive of various changes in trauma center accreditation status. The policy's process and procedures are also revised for further clarification. The Policy and Procedure Committee and the PTSF Board of Directors also voted to modify Accreditation Policy AC - 138: Process for Elevating Trauma Center Accreditation Level, which is now [Accreditation Policy AC - 138: Process for Trauma Center Accreditation Change](#). The updated policy addresses changes in trauma center accreditation level status, which include trauma center accreditation level elevation, trauma center accreditation level decrease, and withdrawal of accreditation. The policy's process and procedures are also revised for further clarification.

PTSF STAFF NEWS

STAFF INVOLVEMENT AT PANAMERICAN TRAUMA SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Congratulations to PTSF Accreditation Specialist Matt Mowry on his involvement as a presenter at the 36th Pan-American Congress on Trauma, Critical Care and Emergency Surgery. Matt's lecture and panel discussion focused on the methods and importance of gathering data on injured patients in the critical care setting. The conference was held in Lima, Peru, there were over a thousand attendees, and the Panamerican Trauma Society were the sponsor. [The Panamerican Trauma Society aims to foster knowledge exchange and collaboration among healthcare professionals—physicians, nurses, pre-hospital providers, and others—who care for injured patients across North, Central, and South America.](#)



EDUCATION

JOIN US AT THE PTSF ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 15 AND 16, 2024!

Location: Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey, 4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA.

Learn more at: <https://ptsf.knowledgeconnex.com/>

- **Special Features:**
 - Day One
 - PTSF and Pina Templeton Injury Prevention Competitions
 - Research and Standards Committee Meetings
 - Assorted Trauma Education — Topics Include: Performance Improvement, American College of Surgeons Updates, Cyber Attack Response, and Implementation Science
 - PATNAC and PACOT Meetings
 - Reception
 - Day Two
 - 15th Annual Major John P. Pryor Memorial Lecture featuring John Holcomb, MD, FACS. This session can be registered for by itself.
 - PaCOT Resident Paper Competition: The top two winners of the competition will go on to compete in the Region III Competition, which is usually the first or second week of December. Questions should be directed to Denise Torres dmtorres@geisinger.edu and her assistant Danielle Parker dparker2@geisinger.edu with your abstract.
 - TraumaHQ Software Transition Education
 - Pediatric Readiness
 - Promoting Firearm Safety Inside and Outside the Trauma Center. Lunch Session Hosted by CeaseFirePA. **This session can be registered for by itself and includes lunch.**
- Sponsors and Exhibitors may Register at: [PTSF Annual Conference Exhibitor Registration](#) — Questions? — Contact Courtney Moraites at cmoraites@ptsf.org

2024 STATE AND NATIONAL CONFERENCES

- **October 15 and 16** — [PTSF Annual Statewide Conference](#): Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey — Harrisburg, PA.
- **October 19-22** — [ACS Clinical Congress with COT Meetings](#) — San Francisco, CA.
- **November 12-14** — [ACS TQIP Annual Conference](#) — Denver, CO.

COMMUNICATIONS

PTSF DIRECTORY

PTSF maintains a directory for Accredited Trauma Centers and hospitals pursuing accreditation. The directory is distributed twice each year to all trauma program managers in January and July. Please submit any changes for your hospital's directory page as soon as they occur to [Courtney Moraites](#), PTSF Accreditation Coordinator.

COMMUNICATIONS TO PTSF

In lieu of paper mail, we encourage emailing all communications to the appropriate PTSF staff. Exceptions include payments which should be mailed to: **Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation, 275 Cumberland Parkway, #234, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.**