

The INside TRAC

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STATEWIDE TRAUMA TOUR

Katie Hokanson and Ramzi Nimry from the ISDH presented information as part of their statewide tour.

1– The National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) serves as centralized registry for vital records, law enforcement records and coroner reports.

2– Injury prevention initiatives from ISDH include reducing falls in older adults and child passenger safety.

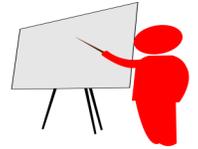
3– The Statewide Trauma Registry continues to grow. For Q3 2018, 108 (of 121 acute care hospitals) submitted data to the

trauma registry, marking a high mark. There is a particular interest in identifying inter-hospital delays, factors contributing to those delays, and the potential impact of delays on patient outcomes.



Key Points “Pearls”

from case reviews:



1– Despite difficulty in communicating with Dispatch Center, coordinated hand-offs from the first responder to dispatched EMS providers and the flight crew expedited transport to the trauma center.

2- The level of trauma team activation should consider prehospital events (i.e., low GCS and hypotension), even if resolved in the prehospital setting.

3- Automated BP readings which seem erroneous should be validated with manual BP readings.

4– Due to hypotension, a negative FAST was followed by a CT scan which confirmed a severely disrupted spleen. The patient was transported to OR for emergent splenectomy.

5- Once the severity of injuries exceeds a hospital’s capabilities, additional diagnostic testing should be deferred and transfer arrangements made.

Rural Trauma Team Development Course

The Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC), a one-day course, emphasizes a team approach to the initial evaluation and resuscitation of the trauma patient at a rural facility. The course assists health care professionals in determining the need to transfer the patient to a higher level of care. The intended audience includes physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, prehospital personnel and technicians who are involved in the care of injured patients. For information about hosting a RTTDC course, please contact LeAnne Young at lyoung@beaconhealthsystem.org.



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