

The INside TRAC

2021 - Quarter 2

May is Trauma Awareness Month



Several educational offerings are scheduled:

May 14: Adult Trauma Academy: Plymouth EMS and Hospital
May 17: Stop the Bleed: Benton Township Fire/EMS
May 18: Stop the Bleed/First Aid: World Missionary Press



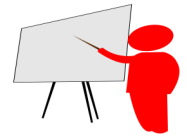
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May 20: National Stop the Bleed Day
May 21: Stop the Bleed Blitz at Memorial
May 24: Community Stop the Bleed event at the Beacon Community Center.



Key Points "Pearls"

From three cases presented by Drs. Benavente, Sherry and Thomas:



Case 1: MVC with front intrusion and steering column impact to chest. Prolonged extrication.

- 1500 ml can be lost from femur fractures and 750 ml blood loss from tibia/fibula fractures.
- EMS transport to nearest facility for stabilization and subsequent transfer were appropriate.
- Consider TXA for blunt trauma patients who remain hypotensive with MTP.
- Organ donation can provide a positive outcome despite tragic death.

Case 2: Unrestrained driver with ejection. Extensive vehicle damage and death of two occupants.

- Pelvic binding with ankles/feet wrapped should be considered by EMS pre hospital for pelvic fractures.
- FAST exam was negative despite extensive intra-abdominal blood found in the OR.

Case 3: Driver injured in MVC vs. light pole collision, airbag deployment, unknown whether ejected vs. self-extrication.

- Hare traction splint should be considered by pre-hospital providers for femur fractures.
- Kudos to Elkhart Fire Department for placing 2 large bore IVs and transporting the patient directly



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