

STATE TRAUMA COMMITTEES & CONTACTS

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North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS)

The North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services is the lead agency in North Carolina for trauma. It provides technical assistance in trauma and oversees trauma system development and monitoring, which includes the trauma center designation process, state trauma registry and its related research, trauma Regional Advisory Committees (RACs) and trauma performance improvement. It is also involved extensively in Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness activities that include preparation for any disaster (natural or terrorist in nature) resulting in traumatic injuries. See website: <http://www.ncems.org/trauma.htm>

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OEMS also contracts with the UNC Department of Surgery to serve as the Central Data Collection Agency (CDCA) for the state trauma registry. OEMS and UNC work together to make sure valid trauma patient data is entered into the state trauma registry from hospitals across the state in a timely manner. They also work to ensure that individuals and institutions interested in conducting research off the trauma registry receive appropriate guidance, follow proper research approval procedures, and receive appropriate data for research purposes.

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Trauma System Leaders Committee

The purpose of the Trauma Systems Leaders Committee is to promote optimal trauma care in North Carolina through the development and maintenance of a regionalized trauma care system. This is accomplished through clinical programs, administrative functions, professional and public education, research and quality management activities. This committee is comprised of all Trauma (Nurse) Program Managers and RAC Coordinators as well as others who are interested in trauma care in North Carolina. This group meets quarterly in conjunction with the North Carolina Committee on Trauma and the Office of Emergency Medical Services to ensure that optimal trauma care is accessible for all people. See website: www.nctraumacenters.org

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Trauma Registrars Committee

The purpose of the Trauma Registrars Committee is threefold: (1) to promote trauma systems development through excellence in trauma registry data collection with input that is accurate and consistent statewide and meets validation standards set forth by the registry group; (2) to strive to facilitate research requests by physicians and other parties as well as to conduct research and publication by the registrars themselves; (3) to educate registrars by providing ongoing educational opportunities and information to promote efficient and effective execution of duties and responsibilities with the trauma registry; and (4) to encourage and promote respect and professionalism within the profession through attitude, pride, education, and publication; as well as being active on a local, state and national level. This group meets as needed and is comprised of the trauma registrars from each hospital utilizing the statewide trauma registry. See website: www.nctrauma.org

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RAC Coordinator Committee

Composed of the RAC Coordinators for each of the seven RACS in North Carolina, the RAC Committee has a five-fold purpose: (1) to increase community trauma system awareness; (2) to increase trauma continuing education to regional providers; (3) to evaluate the effectiveness of the trauma system; (4) to establish an effective quality improvement process for the trauma system; and (5) to establish an organized injury prevention program in each RAC. The committee meets as needed, but usually at least quarterly.

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North Carolina Division of the American Trauma Society (NCATS)

The mission of the NCATS is (1) to increase public awareness of the term “trauma” and the American Trauma Society so that its impact is commonly understood; (2) to initiate, promote and/or coordinate (national research) prevention programs and activities aimed at reducing the incidence and severity of trauma; (3) to advance trauma care throughout the nation through advocacy for development of comprehensive trauma systems; (4) and to assure necessary resources to achieve these goals through member participation and philanthropy. Its members, who meet quarterly, consist of any individuals (physicians, consumers, nurses, healthcare administrators, etc.) who join the Division. See website: www.ncats.org

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North Carolina Committee on Trauma (NCCOT)

The mission of the North Carolina COT is to develop and implement meaningful programs for trauma care in local, regional, national, and international arenas. These meaningful programs must include standards of care, assessment of outcome, and financial accountability. The NC COT will serve as a resource to the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medicine Services for trauma-related matters.

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State Trauma Advisory Committee (STAC)

The STAC meets quarterly and provides a forum to facilitate trauma system development and coordination of trauma activities. Progress reports are usually provided from each of the above groups at each meeting. The STAC is comprised of all trauma center medical directors and trauma program managers, representatives from the trauma registry group, an OEMS representative, and a number of stakeholders (such as the NC Air Medical Association, NC Division of the American Trauma Society, NC College of Emergency Physicians, EMS for Children, NC Paramedic Association, etc.).

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