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From the CEO: Keeping Uvalde in Our Thoughts

Last week, many of us were at the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) meetings in Austin, preparing to conclude a very busy month,

and looking ahead to summer. We met in-person and life felt more like it did in early 2020. As we heard the news of the shooting in Uvalde, our thoughts immediately shifted to our health care partners, their families, and the community in Uvalde. We work in trauma and no matter what is experienced each day in our hospitals, this tragedy weighs heavy on our hearts and is incomprehensible.

First responders, our hospital partners, and members of the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) faced this horrific incident with remarkable strength, as they have during other emergency response incidents.

We can never say it enough how much we appreciate your dedication to the role you have in trauma care and emergency response. Our thoughts are with all of you and to all in Uvalde.

Thoughtfully,

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TETAF News

SPACES FILLING UP: Early Bird Registration Continues for the TETAF Hospital Data Management Course (HDMC) - June 27-28



Early bird registration continues through June 10 with a \$50 savings for the TETAF Hospital Data Management Course (HDMC) on **June 27-28**.

The HDMC will be offered virtually and is designed to improve the skill sets of the data entry specialist specific to data input, data abstraction and statistical reporting.

Learn more about the course and register by clicking the link below.

[Register to Attend](#)

"Development in Collaboration:
Memorial Hermann Perinatal & Trauma Working
Together for Program Implementation."



June 8 - 10:00-11:30 a.m.



Leadership Series Continues: "Development in Collaboration: Memorial Hermann Perinatal & Trauma Working Together for Program Implementation."

TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services continues its leadership series on **June 8 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.** with, "Development in Collaboration: Memorial Hermann Perinatal & Trauma Working Together for Program Implementation."

The presenters are Kendra Fohl, MSN, RNC-OB, C-ONQS, CPHQ, CLSSBB, Audrey Barnett, MSN, RNC-NIC, CPHQ, CLSSGB, Kate Drone, MJ, BSN, LSSGB, RNC-OB, C-EFM, C-ONQS, and Sheila Lopez, BSN.

We hope all of our hospital partners can join us on June 8 for our Texas Perinatal Forum and we look forward to once again having our trauma and stroke hospital partners join us.

Please register to attend the forum by clicking the button below.

[Register for the June 8 Texas Perinatal Forum](#)

Texas Trauma and Acute Care News

Senate Health and Human Services Committee to Meet in June Regarding Public Health Data and Pandemic Response



The Senate Health and Human Services Committee will meet on **Monday, June 27 at 10:00 a.m.** to discuss public health data and the pandemic response.

The TETAF Advocacy team will provide both invited and public testimony at the hearing. It can be watched live from the [Texas Senate website](#).

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council to Meet in Austin in August

The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) will meet in Austin on August 17-19 at the Holiday Inn Midtown. This will be the same location where the council and committees met for the meetings in May.

During the meeting, Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, director of the EMS/ Trauma Systems section of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) provided an update on the rules. Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 157.133, the stroke rules, will go into effect on September 1, 2022.

TETAF will provide a Zoom webinar regarding the rules this summer. More details will be announced soon.



Current and past members of the TETAF Board of Directors serve on the RAC PCR Alliance leadership team. Board members include Dr. David Weisoly, Eric Epley (founding and long-time board member, not currently serving), Wanda Helgesen, Dr. Joseph Petty, and Christine Reeves.

Photo courtesy: Dr. Joseph Petty

Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum to Meet in Austin on August 16



The Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum (TTCF) will meet in August for its General Assembly meeting on August 16. The location will be announced soon on the [TTCF website](#).

TETAF staff and surveyors participated in the May meeting of the TTCF. Shown in the picture to the left are Jennifer Carr, Danielle Sherar, Terri Rowden, and Jacky Betts.

TOPIC Course: Rural Trauma Outcomes and Performance Improvement Course



The Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) now offers the "Rural Trauma Outcomes and Performance Improvement" course virtually.

The course provides a better understanding of the Performance Improvement process in trauma care to Level III and Level IV trauma care centers. It is

intended for any members of the trauma team who participate in the ongoing assessment, evaluation, and improvement of trauma care.

The first class is July 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Learn more on the [STN website](#).

In the News



Trauma and Acute Care News

[Trauma Surgeon recalls high emotions while treating Texas shooting victims](#)

Mark Your Calendar



National Safety Month

June 8 - Texas Perinatal Forum

June 14 - World Blood Donor Day

