



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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TEXAS EMS TRAUMA &
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A Message From Our President/CEO



Reflecting on the past 17 years, it is remarkable to see how much our organization has accomplished. Each year, the Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation (TETAF) continues to evolve and 2025 was no exception. This year demonstrated what is possible when dedicated experts across the continuum of our service lines believe in our mission to, "...strengthen regional health care delivery systems through collaboration, advocacy, and education."

I am proud to highlight several of the many milestones achieved by TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services in 2025:

- In 2025, TETAF surveyed a record 20 trauma facilities just in the month of August.
- TETAF monitored more than **100 bills** and advocated in support of, or advocated for change, on dozens of those bills during the 89th Texas Legislative Session.
 - TETAF also advocated at the federal level to strengthen rural health care in Texas and expand federal funding to support trauma centers.
- TETAF awarded **3,676 continuing education hours** through 19 course offerings and the Texas Pediatric Readiness Project.
- TETAF continued its focus to strengthen rural trauma care by launching the first scholarship applications from the TETAF Rural Trauma System Development Fund.
- TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services proudly sponsored conferences for organizations such as the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH) and Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies (TCHMB).
- TETAF supported the 22 Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) by publishing a Legislative Tool Kit and a new Leadership Guide to assist in advocacy and training.
- TETAF supported the Texas Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) Collaborative to grow to **more than 30 trauma hospital members** and begin the initial steps to launch a pediatric collaborative.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the dedication of our staff, TETAF Board of Directors, and surveyors. Their collaboration and commitment are the organization's greatest strengths and play a critical role in ensuring strong trauma, stroke, maternal, neonatal, and emergency health care systems for Texans.

I am proud of the impact TETAF makes each year, and I invite you to explore this annual report to learn more about our many accomplishments and the work still ahead.

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Our Mission, Our Story

Our Mission

The Texas EMS Trauma & Acute Care Foundation's mission is to strengthen regional health care delivery systems through collaboration, advocacy, and education.

Our Story

In the early 2000s, the need for survey services in Texas was expanding significantly. Funding was limited due to the Texas Legislature needing to streamline the state's budget. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) was no longer able to provide survey services due to a reduction in funds. The American College of Surgeons (ACS) was the only option for Level III trauma surveys and there was not an option for Level IVs, plus hospitals voiced concerns regarding the cost of surveys from ACS. Additionally, there was a strong desire to have a community of trauma, EMS, and acute care advocates to speak louder with a centralized voice for advocacy. These concerns and needs led the 22 Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) across the Texas trauma community to support the launch of the Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation (TETAF).

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, TETAF fills the gap where federal, state, and local governments, and private entities cannot provide statewide services. In 2008, DSHS granted TETAF the authority to provide verification surveys for Level III and Level IV designated trauma facilities. The first TETAF staff members were hired in 2009 to fully implement TETAF's mission. The following year, TETAF's role grew to provide Level III stroke verification surveys. In 2015, TETAF further expanded its reach and was approved to provide neonatal verification surveys. In August 2016, TETAF launched neonatal leveling surveys in Texas and provided more than 100 surveys in the first 3-year cycle.

Following closely behind neonatal, in August 2018 TETAF launched maternal leveling verification surveys along with the creation of TETAF's Texas Perinatal Services division. Texas Perinatal Services continues to lead the state in perinatal verification surveys. Today, with more than 150 credentialed surveyors, TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services provide verification surveys for trauma, stroke, neonatal, and maternal in more hospitals than any other surveying entity.

Driven by our mission, TETAF continues to ensure comprehensive, quality care is provided to patients in Texas.

2025: A Year of Mission



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A photograph of a medical team in blue scrubs and gloves performing a procedure on a patient lying on a gurney. The patient is wearing an oxygen mask and has various medical sensors attached to their chest and arm. The team consists of several individuals, including a woman with a stethoscope and a man using a handheld device. The scene is set in a clinical environment with medical equipment visible in the background.

TRAUMA

www.tetaf.org/trauma

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A New Chapter in Trauma Designation

A new chapter in the history of the Texas Trauma System was written as a new rule, Section §157.126, concerning Requirements for Trauma Facility Designation, was implemented on September 1, 2025. It was the final step in a lengthy process consisting of years of discussion, drafts, meetings, and revisions. Additionally, the Texas Department of State Health Services released the Trauma Designation Survey Guidelines on September 2. The guidelines were developed in accordance with the new rule and the American College of Surgeons verification standards.

With an understanding that new requirements in the rule would have an impact on certain trauma facilities, TETAF conducted a survey of Level IV trauma facilities in January to develop a greater perspective of their needs and how the changes would impact them. The survey results helped TETAF as it began to survey under the new rule and to implement TETAF's first scholarship application through the TETAF Rural Trauma System Development Fund, designed to support rural trauma care in Texas.

One month prior to the implementation of the new trauma rule, TETAF has its busiest month in history for trauma surveys with a record number of 20 trauma facilities surveyed in August. TETAF also worked with surveyors to ensure they are trained to survey to the new rule.

As TETAF surveys more trauma facilities to the new rule in 2026, the goal for TETAF remains – to ensure that the Texas Trauma System continues to be a robust system for all patients in rural and urban areas of the state.

Supporting Rural Trauma Care

When the Texas Trauma System marked its 35th year, TETAF not only celebrated the many accomplishments of the system with a celebration fundraiser, but it also launched the TETAF Rural Trauma System Development Fund. This fund focuses specifically on supporting rural trauma care in Texas.

In 2025, TETAF formed a workgroup to determine the best way to begin using the more than \$74,000 that was contributed to the fund during the celebration. The workgroup planned to use a portion of the funds to provide a limited number of scholarships that will reimburse rural trauma facilities for necessary education to meet trauma designation requirements. Applications opened in late 2025 and scholarships will be awarded in 2026.

In December 2025, TETAF held a small fundraiser to continue to supplement the fund. An in-store and online shopping opportunity with Kendra Scott Jewelry was held in which 20 percent of the proceeds were donated to the fund.

TETAF will continue to host various opportunities to maintain the fund and support rural trauma facilities in Texas. The support of stakeholders and sponsors will make a difference as scholarships are awarded and ultimately, the fund grows to provide more support for rural trauma care.



STROKE

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A Steadfast Focus on Stroke Care

The major causes of mortality and morbidity in Texas are stroke and cardiac disease. Since 2010, TETAF has been approved to provide stroke verification surveys; currently for Acute Stroke Ready, or Level IV, stroke facilities in Texas. While the stroke service line is the smallest of TETAF's four survey service lines, it is equally important. TETAF has been committed for the past 15 years ensuring the processes result in optimal care for stroke patients in Texas.

Ensuring access to high-quality, nationally aligned stroke care remains critical, and these verification surveys play a vital role in supporting stroke readiness across rural and urban hospitals statewide.

NEONATAL

www.texasperinatalservices.org/surveys/neonatal-surveys/



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A Sustained Commitment to Excellence in Neonatal Care

As the three-year neonatal designation cycle slowed down, TETAF's perinatal division, Texas Perinatal Services, kept its focus on strengthening neonatal care for the newest Texans. While 2025 was not the height of the three-year designation cycle, TETAF/Texas Perinatal Services surveyed 21 neonatal facilities.

Meaningful collaboration with organizations at the local, state, and national levels is critical to gaining a comprehensive understanding of how care delivery varies throughout the United States. Perinatal program director, Jessica Phillips, MAS, BSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM, C-ONQS, C-OBE, once again attended the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) Convention and perinatal program manager, Jorge Castañon, MSN, RN, and Phillips attended the National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN) Conference, where Castañon served as a conference ambassador. He also attended the 2025 Synova NICU Leadership forum.

Additionally, Castañon was selected from a large pool of applicants to be part of the NANN 2025 Emerging Leader Fellowship. The five-month long, virtual program is designed to help health care leaders improve outcomes in various settings.



MATERNAL

www.texasperinatalservices.org/surveys/maternal-care-surveys/



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Preparing for the Next Cycle of Maternal Levels of Care Designations

The maternal levels of care designation three-year cycle also slowed down in 2025, due to the cycle concluding in 2024. With each designation cycle, Texas Perinatal Services works with its hospital partners before, during, and after a survey to provide ongoing support. Since Texas Perinatal Services was launched in 2018, our survey team has completed two maternal levels of care designation cycles with our hospital partners under the original rule and the revised rule.

In 2025, Texas Perinatal Services surveyed 15 maternal facilities requiring a survey in Texas. Additionally, the Texas Perinatal Services team worked with hospital partners through personalized meetings and education provided through the Mighty Networks platform to help maternal facilities prepare for their next survey.

ADVOCACY

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89th Texas Legislative Session: Advocating the Needs

The 89th Texas Legislative Session was another historic session, bringing on the tremendous challenge of highlighting significant legislation with a record number of 8,719 bills filed. Advocating face-to-face with legislators at the Capitol and providing testimony was critical. TETAF's advocacy team monitored more than 100 bills, met with legislators, and provided testimony on anything that can have an impact to the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs), trauma, stroke, maternal, neonatal, and acute care, as well as EMS. TETAF also monitored the state budget to see how the dollars are allocated and what opportunities there may be for funding for the RACs, trauma, rural health, perinatal, EMTF, and whole blood. Additionally, the TETAF Advocacy Committee met every other week to discuss legislative priorities and actions. TETAF also hosted Legislative Work Group meetings, also held bi-weekly, to keep stakeholders informed and engaged.

Among the TETAF advocacy team's successes during the legislative session were:

- \$6.6 million in funding for the RACs that was appropriated during the 88th Texas Legislative Session was included in the base budget during the 89th legislative session and should continue to be part of the budget
- Increased funding generated for the designated trauma facility and emergency medical services Account 5111
- Advocated to support legislation providing perinatal bereavement care and perinatal bereavement devices, including working with Representative Mihaela Plesa (D-Plano) on House Bill (HB) 37 and her legislative staff to provide perinatal expertise

TETAF also advocated for the RACs to provide perinatal bereavement education and distributing the perinatal bereavement devices as mentioned in House Bill (HB) 37. As part of the implementation of this bill, perinatal program director, Jessica Phillips, MAS, BSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM, C-ONQS, C-OBE was asked to participate and is participating as one of the leads in the deployment of the education.

Beyond the Legislative Session

TETAF advocates for needs all year long and outside of the legislative session in Texas. In 2025, TETAF submitted a letter to all congressional members from Texas urging them to

oppose a proposed elimination of the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) 2026 budget. The HPP is the only federal funding source for the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) to ensure that hospitals and regional emergency operations can communicate effectively, manage surges in patient care, and maintain critical services under the most challenging conditions. Also at the federal level, Dinah Welsh, TETAF president and CEO and lead advocate, is a member of the Trauma Center Association of America (TCAA) Advocacy Committee and attended the TCAA Advocacy and Lobby Day in Washington, D.C. Perinatal program director, Jessica Phillips, MAS, BSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM, C-ONQS, C-OBE also went to Washington, D.C. and attended the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) on Capitol Hill.

Additionally, TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services actively participate in statewide meetings throughout the year with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC), the Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum (TTCF), and the Perinatal Advisory Council (PAC), among many other organizations.

This collaboration ensures continued focus on quality trauma, emergency, and perinatal care for Texans.



EDUCATION

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Setting Records With Continuing Education

TETAF continued to set records with the continuing education provided to stakeholders. The educational offerings provided by TETAF are led by an effort from Courtney Edwards, DNP, MPH, RN, CCRN, CEN, TCRN, NEA-BC, education coordinator, and the TETAF Education Committee.

In 2025, TETAF proudly awarded a total of 3,676 continuing professional development hours. This was offered through general education courses and the Texas Pediatric Readiness Project. In total, 2,720 learners benefitted from the education TETAF provided and there were participants in all 22 of the Regional Advisory Councils.

TETAF provided its general education courses through its Texas Quality Care Forum and stakeholder organizations including the Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum, Texas Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) Collaborative, Regional Advisory Councils, and the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council.

Additionally, TETAF worked with the Texas Department of State Health Services to ensure that the TETAF Hospital Data Management Course (HDMC) met trauma registry education requirements under the new trauma designation rules.

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS

www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/regional-advisory-councils



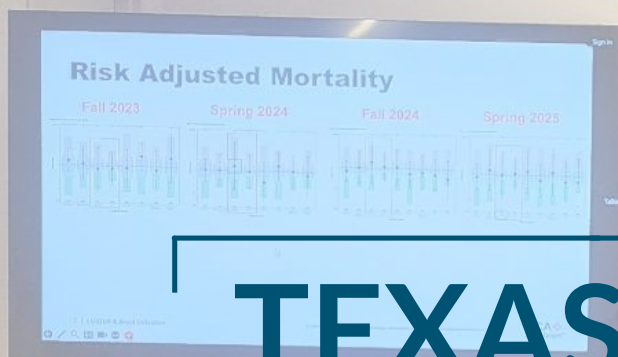
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Supporting the Regional Advisory Councils Through Advocacy and Development

The Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) and TETAF have held a valuable partnership since the inception of TETAF. The RACs are the original founders of TETAF, helping to form the organization in 2007. Since then, TETAF has supported the 22 RACs primarily through advocacy and education. TETAF and the RACs also frequently work together to strengthen regional trauma, stroke, maternal, neonatal, and acute care needs.

In 2025, TETAF advocated for the RACs during the 89th Texas Legislative Session to secure the \$6.6 million in funding appropriated during the previous session for the upcoming biennium and advocated for the RACs to provide perinatal bereavement education and receive funding. At the federal level, TETAF submitted a letter to all congressional members from Texas urging them to oppose a proposed elimination of the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) 2026 budget. The HPP is the only federal funding source for the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) to ensure that hospitals and regional emergency operations can maintain critical services under the most challenging conditions.

TETAF also formed a volunteer group of RAC leaders to develop a RAC Leadership Guide that will help new executive directors and chairs in their roles. TETAF also hosted the annual RAC Summit in December to bring RAC leaders together for strategic planning, best practice sharing, and development discussions.



TEXAS TQIP

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Growth of the Texas Trauma Quality Improvement Program Collaborative

After one year of new leadership and regular quarterly meetings, the Texas Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) Collaborative experienced growth in membership and program initiatives in 2025. TETAF continued to provide administrative support and expertise to the collaborative.

The collaborative grew to 33 trauma hospitals as members and submitted data to the American College of Surgeons for its Trauma Quality Data Project with 14 hospitals participating. Additionally, Texas TQIP took initial steps to form a pediatric collaborative with the goal of growing this group in 2026.

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Stronger Together

In 2025, TETAF continued to be a committed partner to organizations that also have an important role in trauma, stroke, maternal, neonatal, and acute care systems at state and national levels. TETAF actively contributed expertise, leadership, and support through engagement at meetings and sponsored initiatives.

TETAF's president and CEO, Dinah Welsh, provided updates during all the quarterly Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) meetings. TETAF's survey services senior director, Terri Rowden, provided updates during the Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum (TTCF) meetings. Jessica Phillips, perinatal program director; Jorge Castañon, perinatal program manager, and Dinah Welsh have provided input and attended the Perinatal Advisory Council (PAC) meetings.

In January at the Texas Capitol, TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services participated in the Texas Women's Health Caucus, in which TETAF Board of Directors member, Dr. Jessica Ehrig, was a guest speaker.

Additionally, TETAF proudly sponsored the Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies Summit and the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals Conferences in the spring.

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FY 2024-2025 Total Operating/Direct Expense Budget

\$2,113,489

Salary and Benefits (Operating Expenses/Direct)	\$1,102,669
Survey Direct Expenses	\$675,452
Program Related	\$61,966
Administrative & Professional	\$178,193
General Operating Expenses	\$69,871
Actual Total Operating Expenses	\$2,088,152

FY 2024-2025 Revenue

Trauma/Stroke Survey	\$1,079,850
Maternal Care Survey	\$368,500
Neonatal Care Survey	\$491,500
Education	\$4,365
Subscription	\$60,000
Other	\$77,369
Actual Total Revenue	\$2,081,584

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Ben Taub Hospital



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South Texas Health
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UT Health San
Antonio



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Practice Medical
Director at Pediatrix
and Obstetrix
Specialists of
Houston

Six Elected to the TETAF Board of Directors

In December 2025, the TETAF General Assembly elected six leaders to the 2026 TETAF Board of Directors with terms that will expire in 2028.

The individuals elected to the Board of Directors are:

- John Baker, NREMT-P - Paramedic at Idalou EMS, RAC B
- Jennifer Carr, MSN, RN, CPEN, TCRN - Trauma Program Director at CHRISTUS Spohn Shoreline/Regional Director of Trauma at CHRISTUS Spohn Health System, RAC U
- Christina Chan, M.D. - Medical Director of NICU and Special Care Nursery and Associate Division Chief of Perinatal Medicine at UT Southwestern, RAC E
- Jessica Ehrig, M.D., FACOG (incumbent) - Maternal Medical Director and Maternal Transport Director at Baylor Scott & White Temple, RAC L
- Kelly Galloway, RN, CEN, BCM - Emergency Department Director and Trauma Program Manager at Moore County Hospital, RAC A
- Terri Major-Kincade, M.D., MPH - Neonatologist, Perinatal Palliative Care Medical Director, and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at UT McGovern School of Medicine, RAC Q

Additionally, TETAF thanked board members whose terms have expired for their many years of service to TETAF/Texas Perinatal Services. They are Wanda Helgesen, RN, MSN; Danny Updike, RN, CCRN, EMT-LP; Scott Christopher, BBA, BSN, RN, LP; Kate Schaefer, RN, CEN, NREMT; Kenneth Mattox, M.D., FACS, and David Weisoly, D.O. TETAF also thanked Ernest Gonzalez, M.D., FACS for his years of service on the board.

Our Committees

Advocacy

The Advocacy Committee works with TETAF and its Board of Directors on legislative issues relating to trauma, stroke, maternal, and neonatal care, plus disaster, emergency, and cardiac health care issues.

Wanda Helgesen, Chair
Jeri Ames
Dr. Jacqueline Brock
Suzanne Curran
Jordan Ghawi
Paula Green

Douglas Havron
Dr. Christopher Joyal
Dr. Carlos Palacio
Dr. Elizabeth Scherer
Dudley Wait
Dr. David Weisoly

Education

This committee works with TETAF and its Board of Directors on issues relating to educational opportunities for TETAF to provide to stakeholders.

Cherish Brodbeck, Chair
Crystal Bassham
Valeria Blair
Jennifer Carr
Krista Easley
Jose Gonzalez

Rhonda Manor-Coombes
Michael Marshall
Dr. Kenneth Mattox
Chelsea Schmidt
Paula Schneider

Finance

The Finance/Audit Committee works with TETAF, its treasurer, and the Board of Directors to provide an independent review of TETAF's finances.

Kate Schaefer, Chair
Bill Bonny
Scott Christopher

Melinda Griffin
Dr. Craig Rhyne
Traceee Rose

Our Committees - Continued

Governance

The Governance Committee works with TETAF and its Board of Directors on issues relating to board governance, including providing board member nominations to the Board of Directors.

Danny Updike, Chair
John Baker
Gretchen Clark
Eric Epley

Dr. Ernest Gonzalez
Dr. Scott Sagraves
Sally Snow
Gilberto "Gil" Torres

Survey Verification

This committee works with TETAF and its Board of Directors on matters relating to the survey verification process and how TETAF conducts surveys.

Dr. Dan Little, Chair
Jacky Betts
Amy Coats
Kate Drone
Dr. Jessica Ehrig
Dr. Stephen Flaherty
Diana Grimm-Mapp

Joy Henry
Dwayne Howerton
Lisa Hutchison
Dr. Christopher Joyal
Jon-Michael Parker
Kathy Rodgers

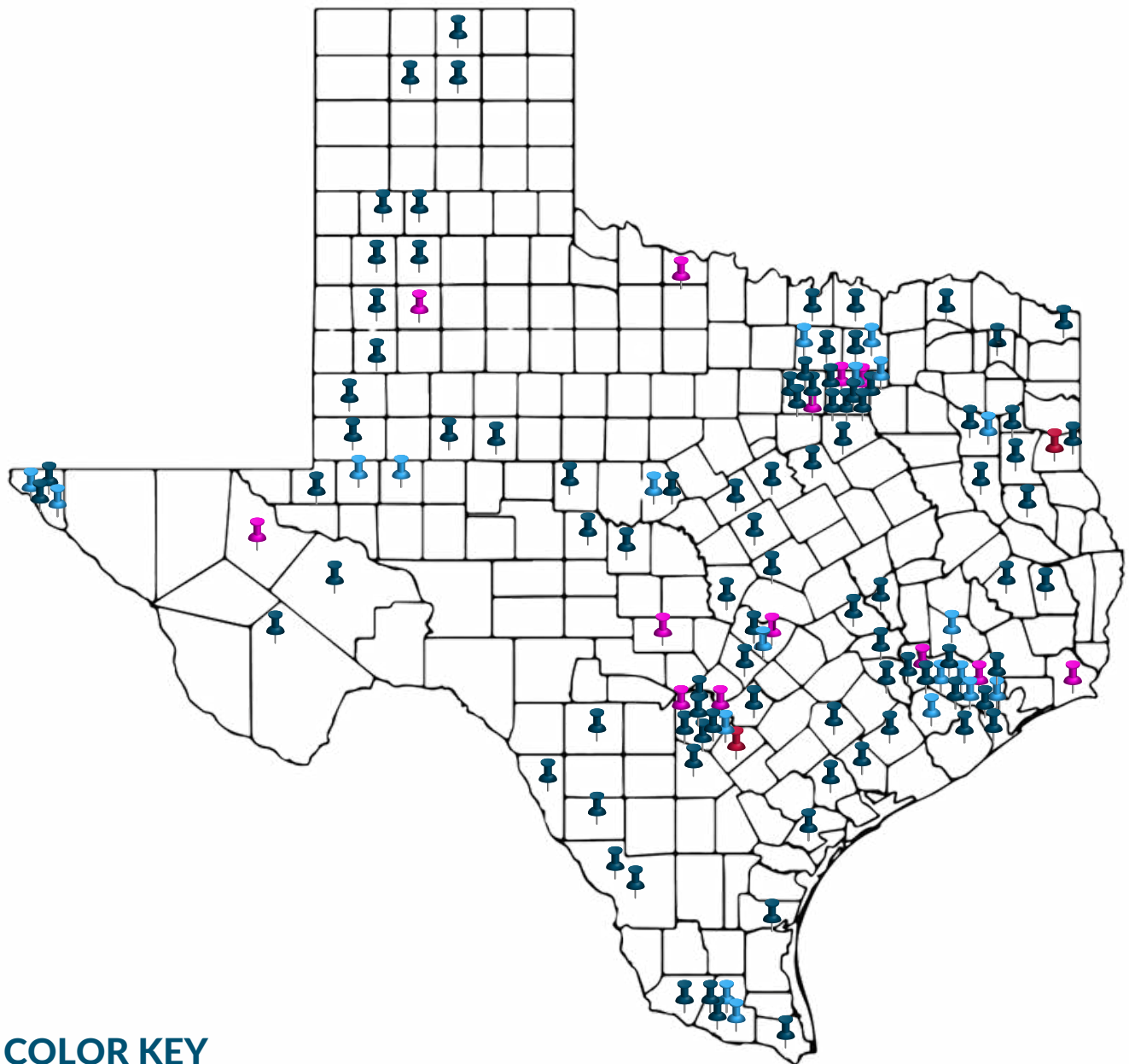
Our Surveyors

TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services are proud to have 139 outstanding health care leaders who generously give their time and expertise as trauma, stroke, maternal, and neonatal surveyors. These physicians and nurses represent a wide range of clinical backgrounds and share our steadfast commitment to strengthen the quality of care delivered to patients across Texas.

Our surveyors are carefully selected through a rigorous screening process and receive training grounded in TETAF's coach-to-success methodology. TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services staff continuously monitor surveyor performance and conduct ongoing quality assurance reviews to ensure the highest standards are upheld throughout every survey. In 2025, TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services trained new surveyors and worked with our trauma surveyors to ensure they were prepared to survey according to the new trauma designation rules.

TETAF and Texas Perinatal Services sincerely value the dedication and professionalism of our surveyors. Their commitment is essential to conducting high-quality surveys that drive continuous improvement toward quality care for Texans.

Our Hospital Partners in 2025



COLOR KEY

-  Trauma
-  Stroke
-  Neonatal
-  Maternal

Our Hospital Partners in 2025

Trauma

AdventHealth Central Texas
Ascension Seton Hays
Ballinger Memorial Hospital
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - Brenham
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - Centennial
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - College Station
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - Lake Pointe
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center - Marble Falls
Big Bend Regional Medical Center
Brownfield Regional Medical Center
CHI St. Joseph Health Burleson Hospital
CHI St. Luke's Memorial Hospital - Livingston
CHRISTUS Children's Hospital
CHRISTUS Good Shepherd Medical Center Longview
CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Hospital - Westover Hills
CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital - Kleberg
CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System (Texarkana)
Concho County Hospital
Coryell Memorial Healthcare System
Covenant Hospital Levelland
Covenant Hospital Plainview
Dallas Medical Center
Dallas Regional Medical Center
DeTar Hospital Navarro
Dimmit Regional Hospital
Doctors Hospital of Laredo
El Campo Memorial Hospital
Ennis Regional Medical Center
Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center
Golden Plains Community Hospital
Goodall-Witcher Hospital
Guadalupe Regional Medical Center
Hamilton General Hospital
Hansford County Hospital District
Harlingen Medical Center
HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress
HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast

Trauma Continued

HCA Houston Healthcare West
Heart of Texas Healthcare System
Hendrick Medical Center Brownwood
Hill Regional Hospital
Jackson County Hospital District
Knapp Medical Center
Lamb Healthcare Center
Laredo Medical Center
Lavaca Medical Center
Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center
Memorial Hermann Pearland
Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital
Memorial Hospital Dumas
Methodist Charlton Medical Center
Methodist Hospital
Methodist Hospital - Atascosa
Methodist Metropolitan
Methodist Northeast
Methodist Richardson Medical Center
Mid Coast Medical Center - Bellville
Mitchell County Hospital
Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital
North Texas Medical Center
Paris Regional Medical Center
Pecos County Memorial Hospital District
Permian Regional Medical Center
Plains Memorial Hospital
Refugio County Memorial Hospital
Rio Grande Regional Hospital
Scenic Mountain Medical Center
Seminole Memorial Hospital
Sherman Medical Center (Wilson N. Jones)
St. David's North Austin Medical Center
Starr County Memorial Hospital
Swisher Memorial Hospital
Texas Children's Hospital - West Campus
Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital
Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital
Southwest Fort Worth
Texas Health Hospital Mansfield

Our Hospital Partners in 2025 - Continued

Trauma

Texas Health Huguley Hospital
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton
The Hospitals of Providence Memorial Campus
The Hospitals of Providence Sierra Campus
Titus Regional Medical Center
Tyler County Hospital
UT Health East Texas Carthage
UT Health East Texas Henderson
UT Health East Texas Jacksonville
UT Health North Campus Tyler
UTMB Health League City Campus
Uvalde Memorial Hospital
Ward Memorial Hospital
William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital

Maternal

Ascension Seton Medical Center Austin
CHRISTUS Southeast Texas St. Elizabeth Hospital
John Peter Smith Hospital
Methodist Hospital
Methodist Hospital - Hill Country
Methodist Metropolitan
Reeves Regional Health
St. Joseph Medical Center
Texas Health Huguley Hospital
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas
The Woman's Hospital of Texas
United Regional Health Care System
University Medical Center of Lubbock

Stroke

Connally Memorial Medical Center
UT Health East Texas Carthage

Neonatal

Children's Medical Center of Dallas
Driscoll Children's Hospital Rio Grande Valley
HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest
Hendrick Medical Center Brownwood
Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Houston Methodist The Woodlands
Houston Methodist West
Methodist Children's Hospital
Midland Memorial Hospital
Odessa Regional Medical Center
Rio Grande Regional Hospital
St. David's North Austin Medical Center
St. Joseph Medical Center
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Plano
Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall
The Hospitals of Providence East Campus
The Hospitals of Providence Memorial Campus
University of Texas Medical Branch - Clear Lake
Campus
UT Health East Texas Tyler

A Look Ahead to 2026

The 18th year for TETAF will be filled with more milestones and making a difference in trauma, stroke, maternal, neonatal, and acute care in Texas:

- Strategically develop the TETAF Legislative Priorities, prepare for the 90th Texas Legislative Session, and provide strengthening recommendations during the Sunset Advisory Commission's review of the Texas Department of State Health Services
- Provide scholarships through the TETAF Rural Trauma System Development Fund and continue to raise money to support the fund
- Continue work toward the goal of improving outcomes for mothers and babies in Texas by making a perinatal database in Texas a reality
- Provide continuing education opportunities for learners across Texas
- Provide two TETAF Hospital Data Management Courses
- Support the Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies as a sponsor for the 2026 Summit

This list is just a glimpse of what TETAF has planned in 2026.

We look forward to working with our TETAF Board of Directors, TETAF committees, hospital partners, Regional Advisory Councils, and stakeholders in 2026.



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