



## e-Trauma Update

### July 2023

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#### STAC Meetings Moving to New Venue in September; 2024 Dates Released

The State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC) will meet at the Best Western hotel in Shoreview beginning in September 2023. Meetings have been held at the Shoreview Community Center since 2014, but the space no longer suits the STAC's needs.

The STAC's 2024 meeting dates have been announced. They are March 5, June 4, September 10, and December 3. Visit the [trauma system website](#) for more information about STAC meetings.

#### STAC Approve New EMS Trauma Field Triage Guideline, EMSRB is Next to Weigh-In

The STAC adopted a new EMS Trauma Field Triage Guideline proposed by the Joint Policy



Committee, which is made up of members from both the STAC and the EMS Regulatory Board. The committee developed its proposal based on the *National guideline for the field triage of injured patients: Recommendations of the National Expert Panel on Field Triage, 2021*.

Their proposal incorporates some of the helpful descriptions of major trauma provided in the national recommendation

while retaining the current philosophy of providing broad guidance that offers local medical directors the flexibility to adapt the guideline to their service areas.

The new guideline now travels to the EMS Regulatory Board for their consideration. If approved, the Board will develop an implementation plan. [Download your copy](#) of the *Proposed EMS Trauma Field Triage Guideline*.

## STAC Updates Level 4 Criteria, Adopts New Temporary Criteria

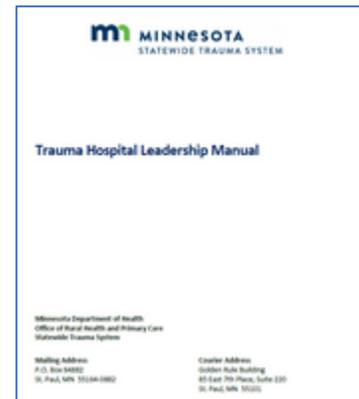
Following a public comment period, the STAC adopted some changes to the Level 4 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria at their June meeting. The changes, proposed by a work group, updated the admission criteria, expanding the types of patients that can safely be admitted by a Level 4 Trauma Hospital.

The STAC also extended the temporary Level 4 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria through December 2024. The temporary criteria accommodate hospitals' need to admit trauma patients that they are unable to transfer to a higher level of care.

Download the Level 4 Trauma Hospital Designation Criteria and the temporary criteria from the [trauma system website](#).

## New Trauma Hospital Leadership Manual Published

A new resource has recently become available for trauma program managers, medical directors, and other leaders at Minnesota's Level 3 and 4 Trauma Hospitals. The [Trauma Hospital Leadership Manual](#) explains the steps to becoming a designated trauma hospital, what to expect at the site visit, and how to organize a hospital trauma program and its various components like education, admission, transfer, and performance improvement. The manual contains numerous links to resources and was a collaborative effort between the trauma system designation coordinators and trauma program managers.



## Trauma System Launches "Coffee with the Coordinators"

Do you have a question about trauma hospital designation requirements, performance improvement, or anything related to trauma hospitals? The trauma system designation coordinators are excited to announce casual, quarterly rap sessions where they will answer all your questions.



*Coffee with the Coordinators* is one of many developing opportunities to improve access to the designation coordinators. Visit the [trauma system website](#) for more information and to view upcoming sessions.

## Dr. Daryl Carter Recognized



Dr. Michael McGonigal, Chair of the State Trauma Advisory Council, recognized Dr. Daryl Carter for his dedication to emergency care and his years of service to the citizens of Minnesota as the co-founder of Comprehensive Advanced Life Support and as a site reviewer for the statewide trauma system since its inception. Dr. Carter is a family medicine and emergency physician in Granite Falls. Congratulations, Dr. Carter!

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