

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING



 **Crested Butte 2009**
Western Trauma
Association

February 22 – February 28, 2009

Crested Butte, Colorado



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Premier Lodging at Crested Butte Mountain Resort

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James Davis, M.D.	2008	Squaw Valley
Grace S. Rozycki, M.D.	2009	Crested Butte

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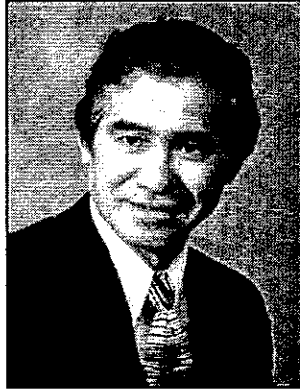
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**Earl G. Young, M.D.
(1928-1989)**



RESIDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Dr. Earl G. Young of Minneapolis was a founding member of the Western Trauma Association and President. He died of a myocardial infarction, Monday, February 27, 1989, while skiing at Snowbird during Annual Meeting of the Association.

Dr. Young received his medical degree from the University of Rochester, N.Y. and Ph.D. in surgery from the University of Minnesota. He completed advanced training in cancer research at Harvard, a fellow in cardiovascular surgery at Baylor University in Houston and studied microvascular surgery at the University of California–San Diego.

He was a clinical professor of surgery at the University of Minnesota Medical School, and a practicing general vascular surgeon at the Park-Nicollet Clinic in Minneapolis from 1960. He was nationally known and was involved in research and education throughout his career. In 1988, one year before his untimely death, he received the Owen H. Wangensteen Award for Academic Excellence from the University of Minnesota Medical Science Center. It was awarded by an unprecedented unanimous vote of all 72 surgical residents.

The Residents Paper competition was begun in 1991 as a tribute to Dr. Young's memory and his "spirit of love of learning ... and commitment in service to mankind." The award is given to the best resident presented at the Annual Meeting.

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- Dr. John Najarian characterizing Earl at a memorial service in his honor at the University of Minnesota

EARL G. YOUNG AWARD RECIPIENTS

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Year</u>
John Schmoker, MD	University of Vermont	1991
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WESTERN TRAUMA ASSOCIATION
Schedule of Events
February 22 – February 28, 2009

Sunday, February 22

4:30pm – 7:30pm	Registration	Room Elko/Floresta Foyer, LMS
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Welcome Reception	Elko/Floresta Room, LMS
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Children's Reception	Alpine Room, LMS
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Past President's Meeting	Al Johnson Boardroom, L

Monday, February 23

6:30am – 8:00am	Attendee Breakfast	Alpine Room, LMS
7:00am – 9:00am	Scientific Session	Elko/Floresta Room, LMS
7:30am – 9:00am	Friends & Family Breakfast	9380 Prime, Elevation Hc
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Scientific Session	Elko/Floresta Room, LMS
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Capitol Room, Elevation

Tuesday, February 24

6:30am – 8:00am	Attendee Breakfast	Alpine Room, LMS
7:00am – 9:00am	Scientific Session	Elko/Floresta Room, LMS
7:30am – 9:00am	Friends & Family Breakfast	9380 Prime, Elevation Hc
10:00am – 12:00pm	NASTAR Ski Race	Smith Hill
12:00pm – 1:30pm	BBQ	Deck
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Scientific Session & Presidential Address	Elko/Floresta Room, LMS
6:00pm – 7:00pm	WTA Multi-Center Trials Meeting	Elko/Floresta Room, LMS

Wednesday, February 25

6:30am – 8:00am	Attendee Breakfast	Alpine Room, LMS
7:00am – 9:00am	Scientific Session	Elko/Floresta Room, LMS
7:30am – 9:00am	Friends & Family Breakfast	9380 Prime, Elevation Hc
4:00pm – 5:00pm	"Paint the Ceiling" Lecture	Elko/Floresta Room, LMS
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Business Meeting	Elko/Floresta Room, LMS
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Book Club	Woodstone Grill Alcove, L

Thursday, February 26

6:30am – 8:00am	Attendee Breakfast	Alpine Room, LMS
7:00am – 9:00am	Scientific Session	Elko/Floresta Room, LMS
7:30am – 9:00am	Friends & Family Breakfast	9380 Prime, Elevation Hc
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Scientific Session	Elko/Floresta Room, LMS
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Panel of Experts	Elko/Floresta Room, LMS
6:30pm – 10:00pm	Children's Party	Alpine Room, LMS
7:00pm – 10:00pm	Adult Banquet & Dance	Elko/Floresta Room, LMS

Friday, February 27

6:30am – 8:00am	Attendee Breakfast	Alpine Room, LMS
7:00am – 9:00am	Scientific Session	Elko/Floresta Room, LMS
7:30am – 9:00am	Friends & Family Breakfast	9380 Prime, Elevation Hc
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Scientific Session	Elko/Floresta Room, LMS

LMS: Lodge at Mountaineer Square

GL: Grand Lodge

PROGRAM



Scientific Session 1

Monday AM, February 23, 2009

Lecturer: Grace S. Rozycki, MD

Location: Elko/Floresta Room, Lodge at Mountaineer Square

Order	Time	Title/Authors	Page
	7:00AM	Welcome to the 39th Annual Meeting of the WTA Grace S. Rozycki, MD President, WTA 2009	
1	7:20 AM	Facial Trauma: Can We Reduce Variability in Management? AJ Kaye, AE Kaye, P Kim, V Gracias, S Bartlett, J Serletti	27
2	7:40 AM	¶ Antibiotic Duration and Post Operative Infection Rates in Mandibular Fractures Y Hindawi, G Oakley, K Lindsay, A Scifres	29
3	8:00 AM	¶¶ A Statewide, Multi-Center Analysis of Surgeon's Response Time at Level III Trauma Centers and the Impact on Patient Care: It's All About Commitment A. Ingraham, MD, J.Riebe, BA CSTR, R.Shukla, PhD, M. M.Knudson, MD, J.Johannigman, MD, and the Ohio Level III Trauma Center Consortium	31
4	8:20 AM	¶¶ Traffic Camera Enforcement at High Crash Volume Intersections: Sustained Effects on Driver Behavior G.M. Wahl, MD; T. Islam, MD, MPH; L. Stukes, MD, MPH; A. Marr, MD; J. Hunt, MD, MPH; C. Baker, MD; N.E. McSwain MD; J. Duchesne, MD	33
5	8:40 AM	¶¶ Randomized Double-Blinded Placebo Control Trial Using Lidoderm Patch in Traumatic Rib Fractures N. Ingalls MD, Z. Horton MD, M. Bettendorf MD, S. Frye MD, C. Rodriguez MD	35

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Scientific Session 2

Monday PM, February 23, 2009

Moderator: Herbert J. Thomas, III

Location: Elko/Floresta Room, Lodge at Mountaineer Square

Paper	Time	Title/Authors	Pa
6	4:00 PM	Early and Late Propranolol Dosing Improve Cerebral Perfusion After Traumatic Brain Injury in Vivo E Ley, J Schenet, R Park, G Dagliyan, D Margolies, A Salim	
7	4:20 PM	¶ The Transfusion Trigger in Traumatic Brain Injury: Is a Higher Hemoglobin Advantageous? L.M.Sakai, E.C.Omi, MD, H.H.Ton-That, MD, C.R.Schermer*, MD MPH	
8	4:40 PM	The Cervicothoracic Seatbelt Sign as an Easily Identifiable Marker for Occult Cervical Vascular Injury: A Prospective Study A. Wyrzykowski, G. Rozycki, A. Fountain, C. Dente, J. Nicholas, D. Feliciano	
	5:00 PM	Critical Decisions in Trauma Moderator: Robert McIntyre	
		Blunt Cerebrovascular Injury: Walter Biffel, MD	
		Liver Injury: Rosemary A. Kozar, MD	
	6:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	

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Scientific Session 3
 Friday AM, February 24, 2008
 Moderator: C. Clay Cothren, MD
 Location: Eiko/Floresta Room, Lodge at Mountaineer Square

Order	Time	Title/Authors	Page
9	7:00 AM	¶ Exogenous Sex Hormones Modulate the Inflammatory Response to Endotoxin C. Allison, M.D., A. Gee, M.D., PhD., J. Differding, M.P.H., S. Underwood, M.S., S. Rowell, M.D., M. Schreiber, M.D	49
10	7:20 AM	¶ SIGA Abrogates Inflammatory Responses and Improves Mortality Following Pseudomonas Pneumonia Amin PB, Diebel LN, Liberati DM	51
11	7:40 AM	Colonic Discontinuity After Damage Control Laparotomy: What Next? T.R. Kopelman, M.D., P.J. O'Neill, Ph.D. M.D., C. Justiniano, M.D., J Cox, M.D., M Matthews, M.D., SJ Vail, M.D	53
	8:00 AM	Point : Counterpoint I Colostomy vs Primary Repair after Damage Control Surgery M. Schreiber, MD and S. Brundage, MD	55
	8:30 AM	Point : Counterpoint II Acute Care Surgery: Real or Imagined Threat to the General Surgeon T. Cogbill, MD and GJ Jurkovich, MD	57

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Scientific Session 4

Tuesday PM, February 24, 2009

Moderator: Dennis Vane, MD

Location: Elko/Floresta Room, Lodge at Mountaineer Square

Paper	Time	Title/Authors	P:
12	4:00 PM	¶ Blunt Trauma Induced Splenic Blushes are Not Created Equal LE Zumwinkle BA, CC Cothren MD, EE Moore MD, JL Kashuk MD, JL Johnson MD, WL Biffi MD	
13	4:20 PM	¶ Long-Term Follow Up of Non-Operative Management for Blunt Splenic Injuries in Children H.Moore, D. Vane	
14	4:40 PM	¶ Combined Splenectomy and Left Nephrectomy for Trauma: Have Outcomes Improved Over the Last 30 Years? CG Ball, DV Feliciano	
15	5:00 PM	Family abstract: Autism: A Cup Half-Full S. Karmy-Jones, L. Thomas, PhD, T.N. Karmy-Jones, T.R. Karmy-Jones, R. Karmy-Jones	
	5:05 PM	Presidential Address “The Gift” Grace S. Rozycki, MD	
	6:00 PM	Multi-Institutional Trials Committee	

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Scientific Session 5

Thursday AM, February 25, 2009

Facilitator: Carol R. Schermer, MD

Location: Elko/Floresta Room, Lodge at Mountaineer Square

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16	7:00 AM	¶ Genomic Expression Analysis is Dependent Upon Method of PMN Isolation E Warner, K Kotz, C Tannahill, R Ungaro, C Lopez, A Cuenca, K Kelly-Scumpia, M Delano, H Baker, L Martin, S Armen, M Toner, L Moldawer	69
17	7:20 AM	¶ Burns, Inflammation, and Intestinal Injury: Protective Effects of an Anti-Inflammatory Resuscitation Strategy TW Costantini, MD, CY Peterson, MD, LM Kroll, WH Loomis, BS, JG Putnam, BS, BP Eliceiri, PhD, A Baird, PhD, V Bansal, MD, R Coimbra, MD, PhD	71
18	7:40 AM	¶ Low Peripheral Leukocyte Apoptosis Levels are Associated with Increased Risk of Infection in Trauma Patients with Hemorrhagic Shock C Morrison, A Moran, M Carrick	73
19	8:00 AM	A Trauma Outreach Program Provided by a Level One Trauma Center is an Effective Way to Initiate Peer Review at Referring Hospitals and Foster Process Improvements M Byrnes, MD; E Irwin, MD; J Chipman, MD; G Beilman, MD; M Thorson, MS; Paul Harrison, MD; K Croston, MD	75
20	8:20 AM	¶ Operative Intervention for Complete Pancreatic Transection after Blunt Abdominal Trauma in Children: Revisiting an Organ Salvage Technique MJ Borkon MD, SE Morrow MD, EA Koehler MS, Y Shyr PHD, MA Hilmes MD, RS Miller MD, WW Neblett MD, HN Lovvorn III MD	77
21	8:40 AM	¶ Shoots and Ladders: A Review of Hunting Related Injuries A Crockett, P Beery, Y Thomas, D Lindsey, S Stawicki, M Whitmill, S Steinberg, A Jarvis, C Wang, C Cook	79

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Scientific Session 6

Wednesday PM, February 25, 2009

Moderator: Christine Cocanour, MD

Location: Elko/Floresta Room, Lodge at Mountaineer Square

Paper	Time	Title/Authors	Pa
22	4:00 PM	Family abstract: Cold Steel: Cure for What Ails You Study and Pursuit of the Steelhead Trout Mark T. Metzdorff, MD	
	4:05 PM	Paint the Ceiling Lecture “The Journey is the Destination” Dr. Sylvia Campbell	
	5:00 PM	Business Meeting	
	5:00 PM	Book Club – Woodstone Grill Alcove, Grand Lodge	

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uesday AM, February 26, 2009

erator: R. Stephen Smith, MD

ation: Elko/Floresta Room, Lodge at Mountaineer Square

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!4	7:20 AM	Increased Platelet:RBC Ratios are Associated with Improved Survival After Massive Transfusion Holcomb JB*, Zarzabal LA, Michalek JE, Kozar RA*, Gonzalez EA, Spinella PC, Perkins JG, Wade CE	87
!5	7:40 AM	Improved Survival after Hemostatic Resuscitation: Does the Emperor Have No Clothes? L.J. Magnotti, M.D., B.L. Zarzaur, M.D.,MPH, M.A. Croce, M.D., P.E. Fischer, M.D.,MS, R. Williams, M.D., T.C. Fabian, M.D.	89
!6	8:00 AM	Older Age and Blood Transfusion are Co-Conspirators in the Development of Post Injury Multiple Organ Failure and Subsequent Death W Biffl, J Johnson, E Moore, C Cothren, J Kashuk, A Banerjee, A Sauaia.	91
	8:20 AM	Invited Basic Science Lecture “Injury and Intestinal Barrier Dysfunction: Past, Present, and Future” Dr. Raul Coimbra	93

Scientific Session 8

Thursday PM, February 26, 2009

Moderator: Peggy M. Knudson, MD

Location: Elko/Floresta Room, Lodge at Mountaineer Square

Paper	Time	Title/Authors	P:
27	4:00 PM	A Randomized Prospective Trial of Airway Pressure Release Ventilation and Lung Protective Ventilation in Adult Trauma Patients with Acute Respiratory Failure RA Maxwell MD, J Waldrop MD, JM Green MD, BW Dart MD, PW Smith MD, PL Lewis RN, D Brooks RT, DE Barker MD	
28	4:20 PM	Pulmonary Hypertension After Injury is Associated with Left Heart Dysfunction A.Driggs MD, N.Bir MD, K.Bullard MD	
29	4:40 PM	Cholesterol Repletion Corrects Effete Neutrophil Signaling after Major Trauma via Lipid Raft Trafficking C Hauser	
	5:00 PM	Panel of Experts Roxie Albrecht, MD. Fred Moore, MD, and David Livingston, MD Moderator: Peggy Knudson	

Scientific Session 9

Day AM, February 27, 2009

Facilitator: Riyadh Karmy-Jones, MD

Location: Elko/Floresta Room, Lodge at Mountaineer Square

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31	7:20 AM	Hypertonic Saline Solution for Resuscitation in Trauma R,Smith V,Choudhry S,Helmer	105
32	7:40 AM	Prospective Study of Continuous Non-Invasive Tissue Oximetry in the Early Evaluation of the Combat Casualty A Beekley, M Martin, T Nelson, K Grathwohl, M Griffith, G Beilman, J Holcomb	107
33	8:00 AM	Pulseless Electrical Activity, The Focused Abdominal Sonogram for Trauma, and Cardiac Contractile Activity as Predictors of Survival after Trauma KM Schuster MD, R Lofthouse RN, LJ Kaplan MD, DC Johnson MD, FY Lui MD, LM Maerz MD, A Maung MD, KA Davis MD	109
34	8:20 AM	Hemostatic Foam for First Responders in the Treatment of Severe Intracavitary Non-Compressible Hemorrhage M. Kilbourne, MD K. Keledjian, MD G. Falus, PhD B. Ginevan, BS T. Scalea, MD G. Bochicchio, MD, MPH	111
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Scientific Session 10

Friday PM, February 27, 2009

Moderator: Christine Cocanour, MD

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ABSTRACTS



MAXILLOFACIAL TRAUMA: CAN WE REDUCE VARIABILITY IN MANAGEMENT?

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Objective: At our institution, maxillofacial trauma is cared for on a rotating basis by three clinical subspecialties: plastic surgery (PRS), otorhinolaryngology (ORL), and oral-maxillofacial surgery (OMFS). As a result, no formalized interdisciplinary trauma protocols for the management of facial fractures exist. The goal of this research is to determine the similarities and differences in management strategies among surgical subspecialties at our institution with respect to operative timing, operative approaches, perioperative care, and outcomes. **Methods:** A retrospective review of the trauma database to identify all head and neck-related trauma patients admitted from 2001 – 2005 was made. 1143 patients were identified with one or more facial bone fractures. A chart review identified patient demographics and mechanism and patterns of injury. For each of the services fracture management details including surgical timing, operative approach, antibiotic usage, hospitalization rates, and complications were recorded. **Results:** We review the first 15 months of our in-depth patient data analysis, representing 5 months of trauma call coverage for each service. From Oct '04 to Dec '05 a total of 351 facial fracture patients were evaluated and treated (PRS = 115, ORL = 114, OMFS = 122). Patients included 275 males and 76 females aged 15 to 94 years. Mechanisms of injuries included: falls (N=77), motor vehicle trauma assaults (N=80), MVC (N=95), GSW (N=29), pedestrian accidents (N=18), and other (N=52). Fractures (either isolated or in combination) included frontal bone (N=66), orbital (N=629), zygoma (N=319), ethmoid (N=68), nasal (N=606), maxilla (N=104), and mandible (N=303) injuries. Operative treatment was performed in 97 patients. Although patient injury data was evenly split amongst each service, operative management was lower for ORL than for PRS and OMFS. Mandible fracture reductions were the most frequent operations (N=37), not including those associated with pan-facial trauma. Time to operative management was highly variable within and between each group, ranging from 0 to 27 days. 19 patients underwent surgeries related to other trauma. 15 patients (16%) who received a tracheostomy and/or gastrostomy tube had either an anterior mandible or Le Fort fracture. Antibiotic use data showed a large number of different drugs being utilized. The most common antibiotics used were clindamycin (43%) and a multi-drug regimen (30%). 14% of patients were not treated with antibiotics. **Conclusions:** At our institution PRS, ORL, and OMFS share a near equal number and variety of facial trauma consults on a rotating basis. Our introductory look at the management of these patients demonstrates numerous strategies related to timing of operative repair, operative approach, and perioperative care for all types of facial fractures. Conducting this study to incorporate additional years of patient data will provide for a comprehensive review of these patients treatment and their outcomes which will help evaluate the best combined practices of the three facial trauma services. Ultimately we will define a multidisciplinary trauma protocol for the future care of maxillofacial trauma patients.

ANTIBIOTIC DURATION AND POST OPERATIVE INFECTION RATES IN MANDIBULAR FRACTURES

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Introduction: The optimal duration of systemic antibiotic use following mandibular fracture repair remains uncertain. Though surgical site infection is a feared complication after these procedures, excessive antibiotic use can lead to higher costs, microbial resistance and antibiotic related complications. We hypothesize prolonged courses of antibiotics after mandibular fracture repair do not reduce surgical site infection rates.

Materials and Methods: This is a retrospective cohort study of all patients presenting to an urban trauma center between December 2001 and July 2006 with diagnosis of mandibular fracture. A total of 199 patients were identified. Clinical demographic information collected included patient age, gender, injury severity score, total duration of hospitalization, type of antibiotic therapy, duration of antibiotic therapy, location of fracture, whether or not the fracture was open or closed, and time from injury to surgery. Statistical analysis was conducted using Student's t test, chi squared analysis and Fisher's exact test.

Results: Of the 199 patients studied, 9 (4.5 percent) patients acquired post operative infections. There were no statistical differences among the collected variables when comparing patients receiving 3 or fewer days of therapy to those receiving 7 or more days. Patients receiving shorter duration antibiotics had an infection rate of 4.6 percent, whereas patients who received the longer duration had an infection rate of 4.2 percent (RR 0.9, 95% CI 0.15-9.5, p = 0.9).

Conclusion: Prolonged courses of antibiotics following mandibular fracture repair do not reduce the incidence of surgical site infection.

'ATEWIDE, MULTI-CENTER ANALYSIS OF SURGEONS' RESPONSE TIME AT EL III TRAUMA CENTERS AND THE IMPACT ON PATIENT CARE: IT'S ALL UT COMMITMENT

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ground: The American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma guidelines
ing the resources needed to provide optimal care for the injured patient has rarely
subjected to rigorous scientific investigation regarding their effect on patient
mes. The guideline requiring the presence of the surgeon in the emergency room
n 15 minutes of arrival for critically injured patients has recently been extended to 30
tes at Level III trauma centers. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the potential
ct of this guideline change on the delivery of care at Level III trauma centers in our
. We hypothesized that there would be no measurable difference in the quality of care,
idity or mortality after enactment of this change in response time.

ods: Data was collected from the trauma registries of thirteen ACS COT verified Level
uma centers beginning two years before and ending two years after June 30, 2004,
ay the response time was extended to thirty minutes. Statistical analyses were
leted comparing the two groups in terms of demographic and clinical characteristics,
/ severity score, surgeon response time, disposition, length of stay in the emergency
rtment, and mortality.

lts: A total of 1,076 patients were treated over the four-year period. The cause and
of trauma, age, and ISS were similar between the two groups. The surgeon response
s before and after the rule change were 14.7 minutes and 15.5 minutes, respectively.
two groups also demonstrated similar lengths of stay in the Emergency Department,
of transfer to higher level centers, and mortality rates.

clusion: This study represents the largest aggregate analysis of activity and
ormance characteristics at ACS verified Level III trauma centers within a single state
m. The extension of the surgeon response time from fifteen to thirty minutes did not
ar to adversely affect the outcomes of trauma patients at the level III trauma centers in
tate. Furthermore, the surgeon response times were similar before and after the rule
ge, demonstrating that the commitment of the general surgeon to being readily
able for seriously injured patients remains a critical element in a comprehensive
na system.

FFIC CAMERA ENFORCEMENT AT HIGH CRASH VOLUME INTERSECTIONS: SUSTAINED EFFECTS ON DRIVER BEHAVIOR

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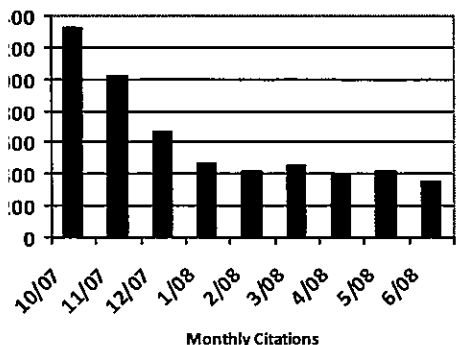
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Introduction: Installation of red light enforcement cameras (RLC) at intersections associated with a high number of traffic accidents are currently in use in order to reduce the number of traffic collisions. Primary objective of study was to evaluate the sustained effect of RLC on driver behavior. Secondary objective was to evaluate the number of collisions before and after RLC implementation. **Methods:** For the primary objective an eight month prospective observational study after installation of RLC was undertaken at the intersection with the highest incidence of traffic accidents in the state of Louisiana. For the secondary objective collision occurrences were collected ten months pre and post RLC implementation. Mean number of citations was calculated by month and statistical significance of trend was determined from a linear regression model. **Results:** Average number of citations started to drop significantly from October 2007 and continued to drop in the subsequent months. In a linear regression model the average number of citations dropped from October 2007 to June 2008 from 1018 to

356; $p < 0.001$. Although there was a trend in reduction of collisions from 122 to 97 pre and post RLC, this did not reach statistical significance; $p = 0.18$.

Conclusion: A significant reduction in the number of issued citations occurred as driving behavior was modified, without a significant reduction in number of accidents. Despite the proven benefit of reducing the number of cars entering the intersection during a red light,

RLC do not prevent traffic collisions at monitored intersections. Alternative means of injury prevention must be investigated.



BLINDED DOUBLE-BLINDED PLACEBO CONTROL TRIAL USING LIDODERM PATCH IN TRAUMATIC RIB FRACTURES

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INTRODUCTION: The Lidoderm® (5% lidocaine) patch was originally developed to treat pain related to postherpetic neuralgia. Anecdotal experience at our institution suggests the Lidoderm® patch decreases narcotic use in patients with traumatic rib fractures. Pain associated with these injuries can be debilitating and lead to increased pulmonary complications and length of hospital stay. A double-blinded placebo control trial was developed to define the patch's efficacy.

METHODS: Patients with rib fractures admitted to the trauma service at our Level I trauma center were enrolled and randomized to receive Lidoderm® patch or placebo patch. Fifty-eight patients who met the inclusion criteria were enrolled from January 2007 to August 2008. Demographic information including gender, age, mechanism of trauma, number of rib fractures, chest tube placement, associated injuries, history of lung disease or smoking were recorded. The patients' narcotic use (IV and oral), non-narcotic pain medication use, maximum pain score, pulmonary complications, and length of stay were recorded. Our institution's IRB approved the study. Statistics used included t-test, Mann-Whitney U test, chi-squared test, Fisher's exact test, 2-way ANOVA, and Kruskal-Wallis ANOVA. Statistical significance was assessed at $p < 0.05$.

RESULTS: Thirty-three subjects received the Lidoderm® patch and 25 received the placebo patch. There were no significant differences for age (54.8, 49.7 years, $p=0.31$), number of rib fractures (5.3, 4.9, $p=0.5$), gender (%male 72.7%, 76%, $p=0.78$), pre-injury lung disease (9.1%, 20%, $p=0.27$), smoking history (39.4%, 24%, $p=0.22$), percent of current smokers (24.2%, 20%, $p=0.7$), and need for placement of chest tube (36.4%, 24%, $p=0.31$), between the Lidoderm® and placebo groups, respectively. Also, each group had a similar number of patients in the following categories of injury mechanism: motor vehicle accident, motorcycle accident, all-terrain vehicle accident, pedestrian versus auto, fall, and other. There was no difference between the Lidoderm® and placebo group, respectively, with regard to: total IV narcotic use ($p=0.88$), total oral narcotics ($p=0.22$), total oral non-narcotic pain medications ($p=0.51$), pain score ($p=0.39$), percentage of patients with pulmonary complications ($p=0.95$), or length of stay (7.8, 6.2 days, $p=0.28$). Subgroup analysis demonstrated gender differences in length of stay (reduced in men), less non-narcotic pain medication in patients less than 65 years of age, and less pain (lower pain score) observed in patients who were current smokers.

CONCLUSIONS: Lidoderm® patch does not significantly improve pain control of trauma patients with traumatic rib fractures. It may be useful in certain subpopulations of severely injured patients. The Lidoderm® patch might be useful in isolated rib fractures and requires further study.

LY AND LATE PROPRANOLOL DOSING IMPROVE CEREBRAL PERFUSION ER TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY IN VIVO

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Background: In vivo models of traumatic brain injury (TBI) demonstrate increased cerebral perfusion, decreased cerebral hypoxia, reduced cerebral edema and improved neurological recovery with propranolol treatment. We recently demonstrated that higher doses of propranolol in vivo improved cerebral perfusion compared to lower doses using micro PET imaging. The effect of delayed treatment on cerebral perfusion is clinically important; the delay between injury and medical evaluation in the real world frequently exceeds the timing of treatment in vivo. The purpose of this study was to determine the effect of early versus late propranolol administration on cerebral perfusion after TBI in vivo.

Methods: Sixteen 12-week old BALB-C mice underwent TBI as previously described. Mice were randomized in a blinded fashion to receive intravenous injections of 120 μ l PBS alone or 120 μ l of PBS with 4mg/kg propranolol (120 μ g for a 30g mouse) 15 minutes or 60 minutes after traumatic brain injury. Mice then received intravenous Cu64 and cerebral perfusion was imaged by micro PET imaging.

Results: On micro PET imaging, the normal mouse cerebral perfusion after injection with ^{64}Cu as measured by standard uptake value (SUV) was 0.71 ± 0.02 . After traumatic brain injury and treatment with placebo, SUV was 0.40 ± 0.01 at 15 minutes and 0.26 ± 0.01 at 60 minutes. With propranolol treatment the SUV was 0.52 ± 0.04 at 15 minutes (130% of placebo at 15 minutes) and 0.43 ± 0.02 at 60 minutes (165% of placebo at 60 minutes).

Conclusion: In a murine model of TBI, cerebral perfusion on micro PET imaging decreased from 15 minutes to 60 minutes regardless of treatment. Propranolol improved cerebral perfusion early (15 minutes) and late (60 minutes) compared to treatment with placebo. This research indicates that treatment with propranolol after traumatic brain injury improves cerebral perfusion when administered up to one hour after initial injury.

TRANSFUSION TRIGGER IN TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY: IS A HIGHER HEMOGLOBIN ADVANTAGEOUS?

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Background: The role of anemia and blood transfusion in traumatic brain injury (TBI) patients has not been well studied. Many neurosurgeons recommend maintaining a hemoglobin (Hgb) of 10 g/dL, but transfusion in trauma patients has been associated with increased complications. The objective of the study was to examine the impact of the level of anemia in patients with TBI. The hypothesis was that a Hgb < 9 g/dL would not adversely affect short term outcomes.

Methods: Data were collected from a review of medical records. Inclusion criteria were patients with TBI, GCS < 12 at 48 hours, whose initial resuscitation was limited to ≤ 6 units of blood and survived to discharge. Average low Hgb values were calculated for the first 10 days. Patients were stratified into *high* and *low* Hgb groups by their average Hgb ≥ 9 g/dL and < 9 g/dL, respectively. Baseline demographics and outcome measures during hospitalization were examined.

Results: Eighty-two patients met inclusion criteria. More than 90% of patients had neurosurgical recommendations to maintain Hgb ≥ 10 g/dl. Males were 79.3% of the population. The average age of patients was 45.2 years and 49 patients (59.8%) received at least one unit of blood. Subdural hemorrhage was described in 53 (64.6%), intracranial hemorrhage in 48 (58.5%), epidural hemorrhage in 12 (14.6%), and intraventricular hemorrhage in 13 (15.9%) of patients. Fifty-six (69.3%) had intracranial pressure monitoring and 19 (23.2%) patients underwent craniotomy/craniectomy. On average, patients in the *low* Hgb stratum (< 9 g/dL, $n=10$) received 4.7 units versus 2.4 units in the *high* Hgb stratum (Hgb ≥ 9 , $n=72$; $p=.02$) but had no difference in pneumonia 40% vs 35% (*high*), $p=.74$. Admission Hgb, and lowest Hgb were lower in the *low* stratum ($p=.02$) but, there were no differences in the admission or 48 hour APACHE II scores, largest Hgb, GCS score on admission, GCS at 48 hours, or discharge GCS. There were no differences in tracheostomy status or discharge disposition. Multivariate analysis revealed that 48 hour GCS predicted discharge GCS independently of anemia strata.

Conclusion: Maintenance of a lower Hgb in TBI patients for the first 10 days of hospitalization did not adversely impact short term outcomes. It is not clear that maintenance of a particular Hgb confers any advantage. Given the overwhelming data supporting liberal transfusion in the ICU and the lack of human data supporting transfusion to a particular Hgb in TBI patients, we strongly recommend holding off on liberal transfusion until more convincing data are elucidated.

Cervicothoracic Seatbelt Sign as an Easily Identifiable Marker for Occult Cervical Vascular Injury: A Prospective Study

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INTRODUCTION: A missed cervicothoracic injury has potentially devastating consequences, but current indications for screening to detect these injuries remain broad. With improved technology (32 slice CTA), we sought to determine if the cervicothoracic seatbelt sign (CSS) was a valid marker of occult cervical vascular injury.

METHODS: Adult and pediatric patients who sustained a CSS underwent a CTA of the cervicothorax and neck regions. Demographic data, Injury Severity Score (ISS), Glasgow Coma Score (GCS), CTA results, treatments and outcomes, especially cerebrovascular accidents (CVA) were recorded. Patients were followed throughout hospitalization and discharge.

RESULTS: From 2003 through 2007, 250 patients (age range 4-82, mean 37±13; 97 female, 153 male) underwent a CTA of the neck following a motor vehicle crash. In 179 patients (72%), a CSS was noted, and 12 (6.7%) occult injuries to the carotid arteries were detected (10 dissections, 2 carotid cavernous fistulae). In 6 patients with CSS, 7 vertebral artery injuries were identified. Of these 6, 3 were associated with a cervical spine fracture and 3 were an incidental finding. There was no statistically significant relationship between the presence of a carotid or vertebral vascular injury and either admission GCS or ISS in patients with a CSS. Two patients with carotid injuries who were not candidates for platelet therapy because of associated injuries suffered a CVA, and both died. There were no adverse neurologic events in the 167 patients with a restraint sign and a negative CTA. In 71 patients (28%) undergoing CTA for either a basilar skull fracture or a cervical spine fracture, there were no injuries to the cervical carotid artery identified and no adverse neurologic events.

CONCLUSIONS: 1. Any patient, who has a CSS, regardless of admission GCS or ISS, should undergo CTA of the neck to exclude an injury to the carotid artery. 2. The combination of CSS and cervical spine fracture may increase the likelihood of vertebral artery injury.

Critical Decisions in Trauma

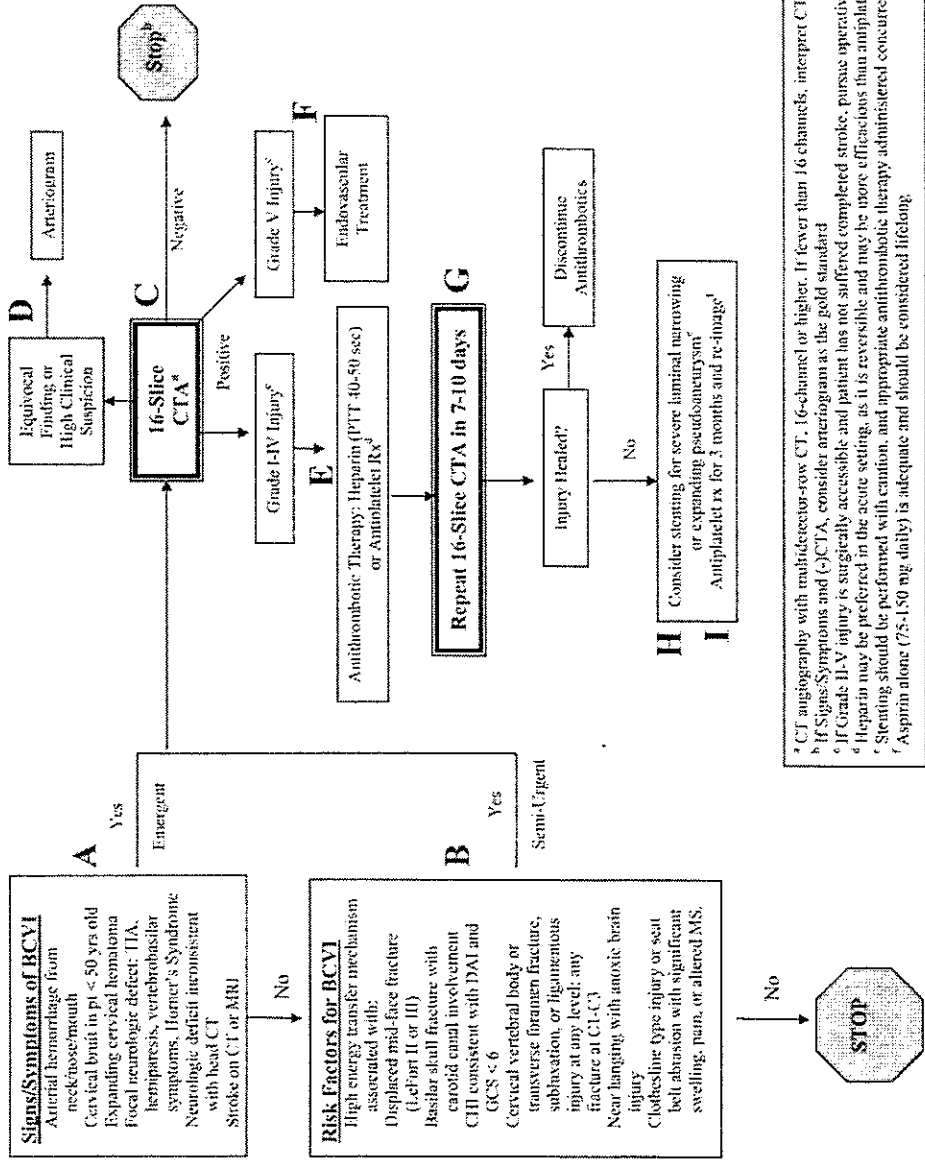
Blunt Cerebrovascular Injury

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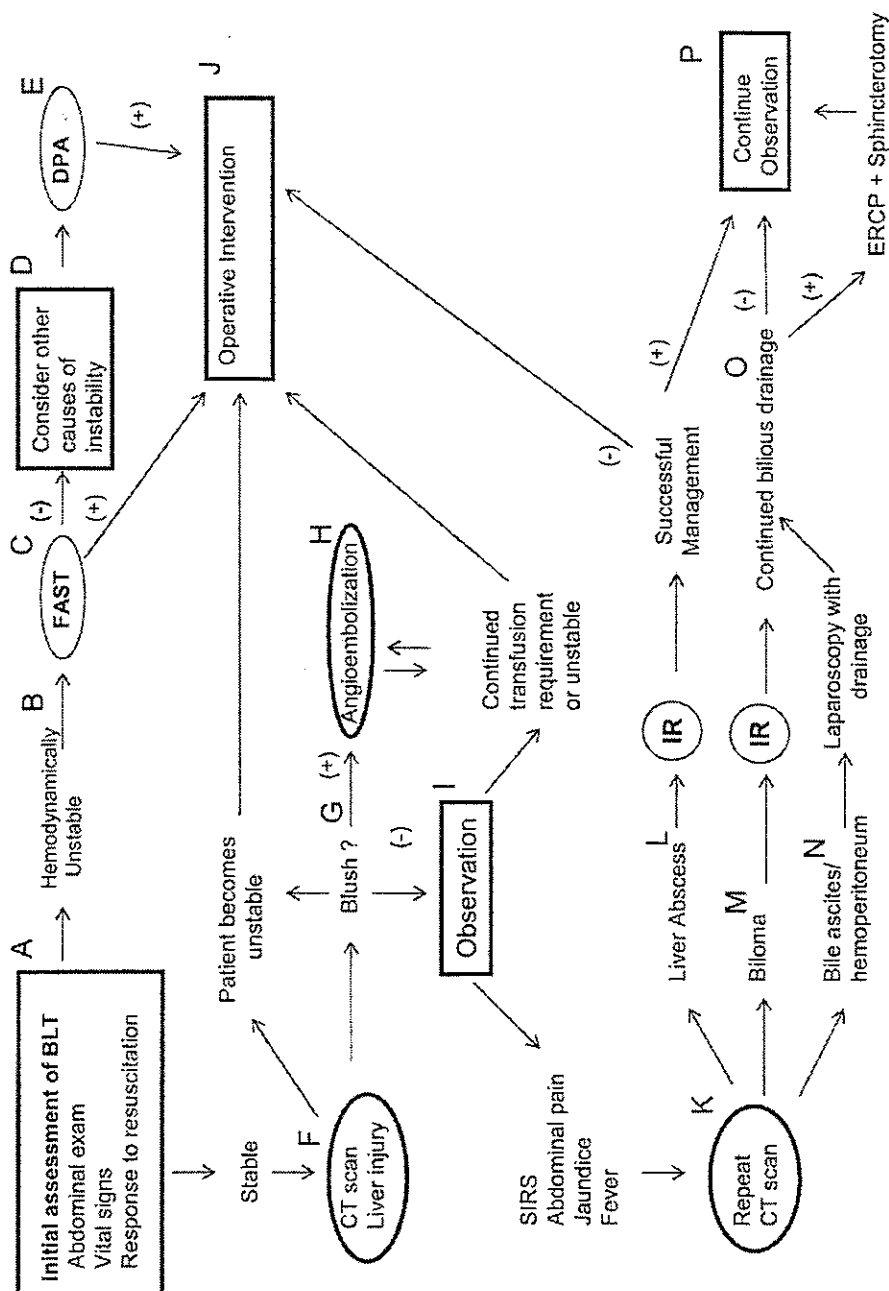
Diagnosis and Management of Blunt Cerebrovascular Injuries



Signs/Symptoms of BCVI
 Atrial hemorrhage from neck/nose/mouth
 Cervical bruit in pt < 50 yrs old
 Expanding cervical hematoma
 Focal neurologic deficit: TIA, hemiparesis, vertebrobasilar symptoms, Horner's Syndrome
 Neurologic deficit inconsistent with head CT
 Stroke on C/T or MRI

Risk Factors for BCVI
 High energy transfer mechanism associated with:
 Displaced mid-face fracture (LeFort II or III)
 Basilar skull fracture with carotid canal involvement
 C/H consistent with DAI and GCS < 6
 Cervical vertebral body or transverse foramen fracture, subluxation, or ligamentous injury at any level; any fracture at C1-C3
 Near hanging with anoxic brain injury
 Chasteline type injury or seat belt abrasion with significant swelling, pain, or altered MS.

* CT angiography with multi-detector-row CT, 16-channel or higher. If fewer than 16 channels, interpret CTA with caution.
 † If Signs/Symptoms and (-)CTA, consider arteriogram as the gold standard
 ‡ Heparin may be preferred in the acute setting, as it is reversible and may be more efficacious than antiplatelet drugs
 § Stenting should be performed with caution, and appropriate antithrombotic therapy administered concurrently
 ¶ Aspirin alone (75-150 mg daily) is adequate and should be considered lifelong



GENOUS SEX HORMONES MODULATE THE INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE TO OTOXIN

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jectives: *In vitro* and animal studies have demonstrated gender dimorphism in sepsis

le sex conferring protection. In this study, we evaluated whether exogenous sex
ones would modulate the human cytokine response to endotoxin stimulation *in vitro*
whether baseline hormonal status affects this response. We hypothesized that
enous female sex hormones would attenuate the inflammatory response to endotoxin.

ethods: Leukocytes from 30 healthy volunteers were isolated and incubated in cell
re overnight with estradiol, progesterone, or testosterone. Sterile *E. coli* endotoxin
then added, and after 6 hours the cytokine response was quantified using ELISA.
ects' baseline hormone levels were quantified with ELISA, and linear regression was
rmed to determine whether a correlation existed between baseline hormone levels
he subsequent cytokine response to endotoxin. $P < 0.05$ was considered significant.

ults: Exogenous estrogen and progesterone amplified the inflammatory response to
toxin in women by increasing pro-inflammatory TNF-alpha and decreasing anti-
nflammatory IL-10. Testosterone produced a similar but attenuated pattern. Men were not
ted by exogenous hormones. Baseline estrogen levels in post-menopausal women
lated weakly with cytokine response (r^2 0.41-0.62) but did not correlate in any other
p.

Alteration of Cytokine Response Due to Exogenous Hormone*

	Pre-Menopausal		Post-Menopausal		Men	
	TNF	IL-10	TNF	IL-10	TNF	IL-10
Estrogen	1.9**	0.7	1.8**	0.5**	1.4	0.8
Progesterone	1.2	0.6**	1.6**	0.5**	1.0	0.7
Testosterone	1.2**	0.8**	1.1**	0.8	1.1	0.8

*Median fold change in cytokine concentration (hormone + endotoxin
stimulated cells): (endotoxin stimulated cells) ** $p < 0.05$ Wilcoxon

onclusion: Exogenous estrogen and progesterone amplify the inflammatory response
idotoxin in women but not in men. These data do not support the therapeutic use of
enous hormones in sepsis and suggest instead that sex hormone antagonism may
esent a potential target to decrease the inflammatory response in women with sepsis.
line estrogen levels in post-menopausal women also may play a role in their
equent response to sepsis.

SLIG A ABROGATES INFLAMMATORY RESPONSES AND IMPROVES MORTALITY FOLLOWING PSEUDOMONAS PNEUMONIA

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Introduction: Post-traumatic pneumonia (Pn) and other infectious complications are exacerbated by enteral nutritional support. Proposed mechanism(s) for this include preservation of mucosal integrity and immune function. Secretory immunoglobulin A (SlgA) is the principle antibody at respiratory and other mucosal sites. Its concentration in mucosal secretions is influenced by route of nutrition and insults common to the trauma patient. SlgA has anti-inflammatory effects which may protect against exaggerated inflammatory responses following infection. SlgA is transported to mucosal surfaces via a specific secretory immunoglobulin receptor (plgR). PlgR knockout (KO) mice, which do not have SlgA in mucosal secretions but are otherwise immunologically intact, were used to study the importance of SlgA in respiratory secretions following bacterial pneumonia.

Methods: *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (9×10^7) was administered intratracheally to plgR-KO and conventional mice. Mortality was noted at 72 hours. Surviving animals were sacrificed and blood, lung and bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) fluid samples were obtained and analyzed for myeloperoxidase (MPO), cytokine and IgG levels.

Results: (mean \pm SD)

	Conventional-Sham (N=6)	Conventional + Pn (N=10)	plgR-KO + Pn (N=10)
Concentration of TNF (pg/ml)	8.0 \pm 1.0	19.1 \pm 0.5*	20.3 \pm 3.9*
Concentration of IL-6 (pg/ml)	3.2 \pm 0.7	16.8 \pm 1.5*	35.5 \pm 4.3*#
Concentration of MPO (μ g/ml)	5.9 \pm 2.1	10.6 \pm 2.3*	22.8 \pm 2.6*#
Concentration of TNF (pg/ml)	4.2 \pm 3.7	16.6 \pm 1.7*	30.6 \pm 6.4*#
Concentration of IL-6 (pg/ml)	3.9 \pm 1.0	12.9 \pm 1.2*	28.6 \pm 6.7*#
Concentration of IgG (ng/ml)	135.7 \pm 4.1	129.3 \pm 8.2	159.4 \pm 6.6#

* p < 0.001 vs. Conventional, # p < 0.001 vs. Conventional + Pn

Mortality rates were 13% vs. 36% for Conventional + Pn vs. plgR-KO + Pn mice, respectively (p < 0.005).

Conclusions: SlgA deficiency led to increased mortality and an exaggerated local and systemic inflammatory response to *Pseudomonas* pneumonia. This study supports clinical efforts to preserve mucosal immunity in the trauma patient. Monitoring SlgA levels in mucosal secretions may predict infection risk and subsequent outcome.

COLIC DISCONTINUITY AFTER DAMAGE CONTROL LAPAROTOMY: WHAT T?

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duction: Damage control laparotomy (DCL) represents a crucial advance in trauma
citation practice. For patients who are left in colonic discontinuity after DCL, questions still
in regarding what constitutes the best surgical option. The purpose of this study was to compare
nts undergoing colonic resections and immediate anastomosis (IA) with those undergoing DCL
elayed anastomosis (DA) or delayed ostomy (DO) to determine potential risk factors for the
opment of bowel-related complications.

ods: Following expedited IRB approval, a retrospective review was performed at an urban Level
ima center of patients with destructive colonic injuries requiring resection who presented over a
ear time period. Patients were stratified into non-DCL with IA, DCL with DA or DCL with DO
ition. Patient demographics, injury scoring and colon-related complications were collected.
rsis was performed to identify the factors associated with an increased risk of anastomotic
ge in the face of DCL colon resection. Statistical significance was calculated for each variable
the student's t-test for independent means. For proportions, a Chi-square test with Yates'
ction for continuity was applied. All p-values reported are two tailed.

lts: Over the study period, 35 patients met inclusion criteria. Demographic data revealed
nts undergoing DCL with DA and DO to have statistically increased injury severity score (ISS),
minal trauma index (ATI), and transfusion of packed red blood cells (PRBC) when compared to
all groups, there were no significant differences in either the rate of abscess formation or colon-
d mortality; however, there was a significantly higher anastomotic leak rate in the DA group.

	ISS	ATI	PRBC (units)	Abscess Rate (%)	Anastomotic Leak Rate (%)	Colon-Related Mortality (%)
n=17)	13.4	24.2	0.9	29	6	0
(n=8)	25.0*	36.7*	6.9*	25	62.5*	11
n=10	29.6*	33.0*	17.1*	30	N/A	0

* <0.05 in relation to IA; N/A= not applicable)

riate analysis of previously described risk factors for anastomotic leak (i.e., ISS > 25, ATI > 25,
ransfusion > 4 units PRBC) failed to reveal any statistical significance in this patient population.
dition, the inability to close the abdomen at the time of anastomosis was not identified as a risk
r in the development of anastomotic complications. Of note, the average time to diagnosis of an
stomotic leak was 7.0 days.

lusion: Our study indicates that patients undergoing DA after DCL have a significantly higher
f anastomotic complications but not colon-related mortality versus those patients undergoing IA.
a creation should therefore be strongly considered in patients left in colonic discontinuity after
until risk factors for anastomotic leak may be better defined.

NT : COUNTERPOINT I

**COLOSTOMY VS PRIMARY REPAIR AFTER DAMAGE
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ACUTE CARE SURGERY:

AL OR IMAGINED THREAT TO THE GENERAL SURGEON

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BLUNT TRAUMA INDUCED SPLENIC BLUSHES ARE NOT CREATED EQUAL

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Background: Currently, evidence of contrast extravasation on computed tomography (CT) is regarded as an indication for angioembolization or operation. In our recent experience, patients transferred from other institutions for angioembolization have often avoided the "blush" upon repeat imaging at our hospital. We *hypothesized* that not all splenic blushes require intervention and that patients may be selectively observed based on physiologic status.

Methods: During a 10 year period, all patients transferred with blunt splenic injuries and evidence of active contrast extravasation on initial postinjury CT scan were evaluated. Patients undergoing intervention (angioembolization or splenectomy) were compared to those managed without intervention.

Results: During the study period, 241 patients with splenic injuries were transferred from outside hospital, of which 16 had a contrast blush on CT imaging. The majority (88%) of patients were men with a mean age of 35 ± 5 and mean ISS of 26 ± 3 . Eight (50%) of 16 patients were managed without angioembolization or operation. There was a significant difference in admission heart rate and decline in hematocrit following transfer in patients undergoing intervention, but not in injury grade:

	Injury Grade	Age	SBP	HR	Decline in Hct after transfer
Nonoperative Management (N=8)	3.5 ± 0.3	30.9 ± 4.7	115 ± 6	83 ± 6	1.0 ± 0.3
Intervention (N=8)	3.9 ± 0.2	38.5 ± 8.2	125 ± 10	$106 \pm 9^*$	$5.3 \pm 2.0^*$

† = systolic blood pressure; HR = heart rate; Hct = hematocrit *p -value < 0.05

Of 8 patients managed with observation, 3 underwent repeat imaging immediately after transfer; CT scan revealed the blush had resolved. In the intervention group, 4 patients with ongoing extravasation on repeat imaging underwent intervention, 2 patients underwent empiric embolization, and 2 patients underwent immediate splenectomy for high injury indices.

Conclusions: For blunt splenic trauma, evidence of contrast extravasation on initial CT imaging is not an absolute indication for intervention. A period of close observation and repeat imaging may be considered and could avoid costly, invasive interventions and their associated sequelae.

G-TERM FOLLOW UP OF NON-OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT FOR BLUNT SPLENIC INJURIES IN CHILDREN

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Objective: Debate no longer involves the initial effectiveness of non-operative care of blunt splenic injuries in children but revolves around safe recovery time and long term complications. To date no long term follow up for non-operative management of these injuries has been carried out. The purpose of this study was to assess the safety of the non-operative management used by our institution for blunt splenic injury and evaluate long term outcomes in children managed in this fashion.

Objective: Present protocols are safe and effective and no significant long term complications arise in children undergoing our non operative management algorithm.

Methods: From 1993 to 2008 153 children (age 1-17yrs, mean=12) with blunt splenic injuries were admitted. Patients were contacted by telephone and answered a standardized questionnaire. Medical records were reviewed to validate injury grade, hospital stay, and complications.

Results: 80 patients were contacted (52%). 16 were excluded (8 Splenectomies, 3 lost to follow-up, 2 Language issues and 3 whose medical records were not available). Follow-up on the remaining cohort ranged from 5 to 165 months post discharge (mean 74). There were 19 grade I, 9 grade II, 22 grade III, 20 grade IV, and 3 grade V injuries. The most common mechanism of injury was from MVC's (14) followed by falls (11), ATV crashes snow related (14), misc. recreation (13). All children were seen in follow-up 2 wks post discharge. Two were readmitted for spleen specific complications. Neither required additional medical treatment. (CT diagnosed cyst and residual hematoma) Radiographic follow-up showed both abnormalities resolved after 6 months. 8 patients reported complications: 5 immunologic (asthma, rashes, and increased frequency of minor infections), 1 fatigue, 2 occasional abdominal pain, and 2 psychiatric related to fear of losing their spleen. One patient with a grade V splenic injury, and a salvaged spleen, sustained major medical complications resulting in multiple hospitalizations for infections (no splenectomy sepsis and Spleen intact on follow-up). 3 sustained second blunt splenic injuries. One reported a pale complexion, however, all had successful non-operative management of their second injury with no long term complications.

Conclusions: Long term follow-up indicates that non-operative management of blunt splenic injuries is safe and without long term morbidity or mortality. Patients report some complications after injury but none out of proportion from occurrence in non-injured populations. Secondary splenic injury appears also to be safely managed with non-operative management.

COMBINED SPLENECTOMY AND LEFT NEPHRECTOMY FOR TRAUMA: HAVE OUTCOMES IMPROVED OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS?

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Background: Injury to the spleen or kidney is associated with an individual mortality rate reaching 23%-26%. When the magnitude of the injury mandates simultaneous splenectomy and left nephrectomy, mortality rates greater than 40-45% have been reported. The goals of this study were to: 1) document current morbidity and mortality in patients with combined injuries, and 2) compare these outcomes to those from the era preceding "damage control" trauma operations in shock patients.

Methods: A retrospective chart review of all injured patients who underwent a concurrent splenectomy and left nephrectomy at Grady Memorial Hospital (GMH) (Atlanta) from 1995-2007 was performed. The results were then compared to patients with similar injuries who were treated at Ben Taub (BT) General Hospital (Houston) from 1978 to 1987.

Results: Concurrent splenectomy and left nephrectomy after trauma was performed in 48 patients at BT and in 30 patients at GMH during the defined time periods. Patient demographics were similar in both groups (male = 94% and 80%; mean age = 31 and 29 years; $p > 0.05$). More patients at GMH had a blunt mechanism of injury (34% vs. 12%; $p < 0.05$). The pattern of associated injuries was the same in both series, but more associated injuries occurred at GMH (4.1 vs. 2.0/patient; $p < 0.05$). Postoperative complications occurred in 81% of patients in both series. In both groups, 33% of patients surviving beyond 5 days of injury developed a left subphrenic abscess. The mortality rates (84% (BT) and 53% (GMH)) were similar as well, and were most commonly due to refractory hemorrhagic shock within 24 hours (84% (BT) and 56% (GMH); $p < 0.05$).

Conclusions: Despite advances in operative management ("damage control") and postoperative critical care over the past 30 years, the complication rate, incidence of left subphrenic abscesses, and mortality rate are unchanged when a modern group of patients (GMH) is compared to another series (BT) treated 20 years earlier. The combination of massive blood loss from organs receiving 15% of the circulating volume/minute, presence of associated injuries, and failure of current damage control techniques, contribute to the unchanged morbidity/mortality of these combined injuries.

ISM: A CUP HALF FULL?

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ism is a spectrum of disorders defined behaviorally. Incidence of classic autism is now 1 in 100, but in some geographical areas the incidence is as high as 1/82. Common features include: isolating and perseverating on parts of a whole object (spinning wheels on a toy or rotating blades of a fan, etc.); atypical repetitive and dysfunctional body movements (rocking, spinning, etc); difficulty with language (syntax or expressive); difficulty making eye contact; difficulties navigating social situations; difficulty seeing situations from different perspectives of view (theory of mind). Many children have associated disorders including anxiety disorders, severe motor delays, and/or cognitive delays. Often children on the spectrum have a significant processing sensory input. The etiology is not clearly defined, but there is a strong genetic component. There may be environmental triggers, which may differ for different children. Classically, there are two patterns; children who appear to have a normal pattern of development who begin to regress and those who have a pattern of delay from birth. Treatment and diagnosis can be difficult, prevention is unknown and treatment and prognosis uncertain. Treatment and diagnosis has been hindered by designation as a psychiatric disorder, which has limited medical coverage to 60 hours a year. The primary treatment method, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) requires that every step of socialization, adaptive care and independence be broken down into simple steps, taught in a hierarchical fashion, and individualized to each child. Treatment must include home, therapy and school and requires integration of both developmental and social skills. Unfortunately, the volume of children has precluded any reliable measure of support outside of the home, and the after school costs can range from 40-100K/annum to the family. Our own personal experiences have resulted in significant job and family changes. Many of these changes have been positive. Our daughters have benefited from their exposure both to children of differing abilities as well as from what we have learned in teaching techniques. Although our son's future is uncertain, there has been significant progress such that far from being institutionalized we can now see him as an independent young man with his own assessed hopes and ambitions. Although he has faced prejudice, fear, and frustration, all as we have taken a team approach and grown as a family.

Presidential Address

“The Gift”

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OMIC EXPRESSION ANALYSIS IS DEPENDENT UPON METHOD OF PMN ISOLATION

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Background: Contemporary trauma research involves gene expression profiling to predict patient outcomes and identify patients who may benefit from targeted therapies. The diagnostic ability of expression analysis can be dramatically reduced by artifacts introduced during cell isolation. We compared the current gold standard method for isolating polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMNs) from whole blood (WB), Dextran-sulfate (DF) gradients, to a novel microfluidic (MF) technique that isolates PMNs by capturing CD66b+

Methods: WB from three healthy volunteers was isolated ex vivo with LPS for 2 hours as a model of toxemia. Following stimulation, PMNs were isolated by either: A) DF gradient, B) MF, or C) DF gradient followed by MF (Fig 1). RNA was extracted and gene expression was inferred using Affymetrix GeneChips™ with statistical analysis using R and BRB ArrayTools software.

Results: An unsupervised analysis (CoV 0.5) and hierarchical clustering revealed 2318 probes that divided the samples into two broad categories based on the presence of DF processing. Thus, samples that were exposed to DF had a similar gene expression pattern regardless of whether they were further enriched by MF. A supervised analysis (Fig 2) identified 239 probe sets significantly different among the three groups (F - $p < 0.001$) while maintaining the same overarching cluster pattern into 2 distinct categories: groups A and C, which clustered together while group B samples clustered separately.

Conclusion: These findings suggest that DF processing alters gene expression patterns and appears to suppress apparent in vivo gene expression. Although expression profiling is a powerful diagnostic tool, the current findings suggest that the genomic results are highly dependent upon the technical methods used to isolate PMNs.

Figure 1

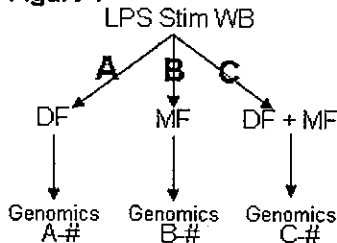
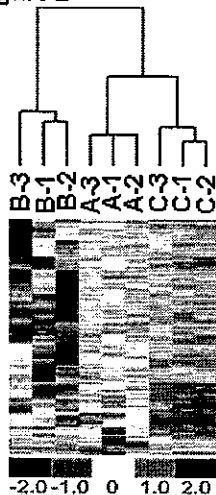


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NS, INFLAMMATION, AND INTESTINAL INJURY: PROTECTIVE EFFECTS OF AN ANTI-INFLAMMATORY RESUSCITATION STRATEGY

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Background: Intestinal barrier breakdown following severe burn can lead to intestinal inflammation which may act as the source of the systemic inflammatory response. In vitro animal cell studies have shown that mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) signaling plays a role in regulating barrier function. Pentoxifylline (PTX), a non-specific phosphodiesterase inhibitor, has been shown to inhibit MAPK inflammatory signaling. We have previously observed that PTX attenuates burn-induced intestinal permeability and junction breakdown. We hypothesize that PTX may prevent burn-induced intestinal injury by preventing activation of p38 MAPK and extracellular-regulated kinase (ERK).

Methods: Male balb/c mice underwent 30% total body surface area (TBSA) full thickness burn. Immediately following burn, animals received an intraperitoneal injection of PTX (12.5mg/kg) in normal saline (NS) or NS alone. Distal ileum was harvested at multiple points following burn. Intestinal injury was assessed by histology and by intestinal IL-6 levels using ELISA. Intestinal extracts were obtained to analyze phosphorylated p38 MAPK, p38 MAPK, phosphorylated ERK, and ERK by immunoblotting.

Results: Increased phosphorylation of intestinal p38 MAPK and ERK is seen at 2 hours following severe burn. Treatment with PTX attenuated the burn-induced phosphorylation of p38 MAPK (12-fold vs. 3-fold increase over sham, $p=0.01$) and decreased phosphorylation of ERK (9-fold vs. 3-fold increase over sham, $p<0.01$) at 2 hours. Phosphorylation of p38 MAPK and ERK remained lower in PTX treated animals at 24 hours. Animals given PTX had decreased histologic intestinal injury and decreased intestinal IL-6 levels (121.8 pg/ml vs. 55.0 pg/ml, $p<0.005$) compared with animals given NS alone.

Conclusion: PTX prevents the burn-induced phosphorylation of p38 MAPK and ERK. This provides insight into the mechanism by which PTX modulates intestinal permeability and subsequent intestinal inflammation. Therefore, PTX may be a beneficial immunomodulatory adjunct to resuscitation fluid following severe injury.

PERIPHERAL LEUKOCYTE APOPTOSIS LEVELS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED RISK OF INFECTION IN TRAUMA PATIENTS WITH HEMORRHAGIC SHOCK

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Introduction: Previous studies have been conflicting with regards to the effects of peripheral leukocyte apoptosis on clinical outcomes in hemorrhagic and septic shock. No studies have examined the correlation between peripheral leukocyte apoptosis and outcomes in trauma patients following resuscitation from hemorrhagic shock in-vivo.

Methods: Pre-operative, post-operative, and 24-hour venous samples were drawn from trauma patients requiring emergent laparotomy or thoracotomy. All patients were in hemorrhagic shock and were resuscitated intra-operatively. Leukocyte apoptosis was measured pre-operatively, post-operatively and at 24 hours via nucleosome ELISA, and patient records were examined for 30-day mortality, organ failure and infection rates.

Results: Patients who developed infection had significantly lower post-operative nucleosome levels than those who did not develop any infections (17.7 mu/mg protein vs 49.7 mu/mg protein, $p < 0.01$). This trend persisted when analyzing by specific type of infection and by organ failure, although these differences did not reach statistical significance. There were no statistically significant correlations between nucleosome levels and survival.

Conclusions: In patients with hemorrhagic shock, post-operative leukocyte apoptosis is positively correlated with development of subsequent infection. Previous research has shown that high levels of apoptosis in circulating neutrophils following shock may have a protective effect by preventing neutrophil migration and limiting release of harmful oxygen radicals in the tissues. Thus neutrophil apoptosis may render tissues less susceptible to injury and subsequent infection. Our findings support this hypothesis and suggest that elevated levels of apoptosis in the immediate post-operative period are associated with a poorer outcome, particularly with regards to infection.

	Not Present			Present			p-value
	n	Mean Nucleosome Level (mu/mg protein)	SD	n	Mean Nucleosome Level (mu/mg protein)	SD	
Any Infection	9	49.7	38.1	14	17.7	15.4	0.00
Respiratory Infection	13	37.3	36.8	10	21.1	16.9	0.21
Septic Infection	18	30.8	33.6	5	28.2	16.7	0.86
GI Tract Infection	19	33.0	32.3	4	17.1	14.6	0.31
Wound Abscess	16	34.7	34.3	7	19.9	16.0	0.29
Septicemia	18	34.5	32.6	5	14.7	13.0	0.20
Multiple Infections	14	37.2	35.7	9	19.4	15.9	0.17
Organ Failure	18	35.9	40.1	9	25.5	17.5	0.46

Figure 1: Post-operative nucleosome levels (mu/mg protein) in peripheral leukocytes, by outcome

**TRAUMA OUTREACH PROGRAM PROVIDED BY A LEVEL ONE TRAUMA CENTER
 AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO INITIATE PEER REVIEW AT REFERRING HOSPITALS
 FOSTER PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS**

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Introduction: The initial care of critically injured patients has profound effects upon
 patient outcomes. The “golden hour” of trauma care is often provided by rural hospitals
 before definitive transfer. There are, however, no standardized methods for providing
 educational feedback to these hospitals for purposes of performance improvement.

Hypothesis: We hypothesized that an outreach program would stimulate peer review
 to identify systematic deficiencies in the care of injured patients.

Methods: We developed a quality improvement program aimed at providing educational
 feedback to hospitals that refer patients to our American College of Surgeons-verified level
 I trauma center. We travelled to each referral center to provide feedback on the initial
 assessment and ultimate outcome of patients that were transferred to us. These feedback
 sessions were presented in the format of case presentations and case discussions.
 Quantitative data was analyzed with t-tests and categorical data was analyzed with chi-
 square tests.

Results: The outreach program was presented at each hospital every three to six
 months. Nine hospitals were included in our program. We received 334 patients in transfer
 from these hospitals during the study period. The mortality rate of patients treated before
 and after institution of the program was similar (5.7% vs. 3.8%, $p=0.41$). Only 14% of
 hospitals had a formal peer review program that focused on trauma patients prior to
 initiation of our program. This increased to 100% of hospitals after institution of
 the program ($p<0.05$). 85% of hospitals felt the care of injured patients was improved as a
 result of the program. 85% of hospitals developed process improvement initiatives as a
 result of the program. Insertion of two large bore intravenous catheters was more common
 after the program was initiated. Additionally, formal radiologic reporting time was reduced
 by 30%.

Conclusions: A formal outreach program can stimulate peer review at rural hospitals,
 provide continuing education in the care of injured patients, and foster process
 improvements at referring hospitals.

MINIMALLY INVASIVE INTERVENTION FOR COMPLETE PANCREATIC TRANSECTION AFTER BLUNT ABDOMINAL TRAUMA IN CHILDREN: REVISITING AN ORGAN SALVAGE PROCEDURE

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Background

Complete pancreatic transection (CPT) in children is commonly managed with distal pancreatectomy (DP), which may require concomitant splenectomy. Alternatively, resection and sewing of the proximal pancreatic stump, with Roux-en-Y pancreaticojejunostomy (RYPJ) to drain internally the distal pancreas, may be performed to preserve glandular tissue and the spleen. The purpose of this study was to review our experience using either procedure in the management of children sustaining CPT.

Methods

After IRB approval, we reviewed retrospectively the records of all children who were referred to our institution during the last 15 years and were confirmed by computed tomography (CT) and operation to have CPT after blunt mechanisms. Summary statistics of demographic data were performed to describe children receiving either DP or RYPJ. Time to full enteral feeds were analyzed using the Kaplan-Meier method and log-rank test. A Cox proportional hazards model was used to control for demographical differences between the two study populations.

Results

CPT occurred in 29 children: 15 had DP (6 splenectomy), 10 RYPJ (1 splenectomy), 3 gastrostomy, and 1 external drain only. RYPJ children, compared to DP, were younger ($p < 0.001$), had higher ISS (22.5 v. 19.8, $p < 0.001$) and sustained more severe IV pancreatic injuries (70% v. 13%, $p < 0.009$). Time to full enteral feeds was not statistically different between procedures ($p = 0.1022$). However, when comparing children of the same age, ISS, and pancreatic injury grade, DP children were 3.11 times longer to reach full enteral feeds ($p < 0.034$); nevertheless, procedure type did not affect length of stay or drain duration. Postoperative complications were not different between the two study groups ($p = 0.667$). Pancreatic volumes distal to the transection measured 52% for RYPJ and 57% DP ($p < 0.001$).

Conclusions

In the management of children sustaining CPT, DP affords a slightly earlier return to full enteral feeds. RYPJ appears otherwise equivalent to DP and may preserve significant pancreatic glandular tissue.

OTS AND LADDERS: A REVIEW OF HUNTING RELATED INJURIES.

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ABSTRACT: Hunting is a popular outdoor activity throughout the United States. Despite implementation of hunter's safety courses and use of high visibility clothing, hunting related injuries remain a source of morbidity and mortality amongst outdoor enthusiasts. Although the prevailing opinion is that most hunting injuries are gunshot wounds inflicted by drunk hunting buddies (AKA "Cheney" type injuries), our experience led us to hypothesize that falls comprise a significant portion of hunting related injuries.

METHODS: Trauma databases of two ACS Level 1 trauma centers in our city were queried for all hunting related injuries from Jan. 98 – Dec. 07, and data were acquired from chart reviews.

RESULTS: One hundred thirty patients were identified with hunting related injuries, 90% of whom were male (mean age 41.0 yrs, range 17-76). Median injury severity score was 9 (range 1-31). 50% of injuries were from falls, 92.8% of which were falls from tree-stands. Gunshot wounds accounted for 15%, ATV crashes represented 7.7% of injuries, and only 1.5% of injuries were considered to be self-inflicted (1 bite, 1 goring). Of records including species hunted, 76.5% were hunting deer, 8.8% were hunting mushrooms, and 8.8% mushrooms. Very few were hunting snakes (2.9%) or squirrels (2.9%). Alcohol was involved in only 6.2%, and drugs of abuse in 9.5%. Amongst gunshot victims with an identified perpetrator, 57.6% were self-inflicted (~17% of all injuries), while 42.4% were shot by another hunter (16% of all injuries). Of patients with fall injuries, 50.0% had spine fractures, 42.9% lower extremity fractures, 10.7% upper extremity fractures and 14.3% had closed head injuries. Operative intervention was required for 67.9% of these injuries, and 14.3% had permanent neurological deficits (1 paraplegic, 1 quadriplegic). Disposition for surviving patients was 85.8% discharged home, 6.3% to long-term care facilities, 5.5% nursing homes, and 2.4% transferred to acute care hospitals. Overall mortality from hunting related injuries was only 2.3%.

CONCLUSIONS: Counter to prevailing beliefs, in our geographic area falls are the most common mechanism of hunting related injury requiring admission to a Level 1 trauma center. The vast majority of these falls are sustained by deer-hunters using tree-stands. Significant numbers of those requiring admission to trauma centers required surgical care including orthopedic and neurosurgical interventions with rehabilitation follow-up. Gunshot wounds occurred far less frequently than falls, and were nearly evenly split between self-inflicted injuries and those sustained from another hunter. In addition to other trauma mechanisms, alcohol appears to play a much less frequent role in hunting related injuries, and may relate to the early hour in which hunting typically occurs. While all hunters in our area are required to pass a hunter's safety course prior to being licensed, these courses focus primarily on hunting regulations and firearm safety, with sparse coverage of situational dangers associated with tree-stands. Broadening the scope of hunter's education to include tree-stand safety and fall prevention might decrease the incidence of hunting related injuries in our area.

STEEL: CURE FOR WHAT AILS YOU STUDY AND PURSUIT OF THE LHEAD TROUT

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Surgery can be a stressful practice, and surgeons find relief from stress in varying ways. This presentation will describe one man's journey toward serenity in pursuit of one of the West's most magnificent species: *Onchorynchis mykiss*, the steelhead trout, also known simply as *the steelhead*. The incredible anadromous life cycle of the steelhead, like all salmonid species, involves time in both fresh and salt water and a migration of thousands of miles from their natal stream, to the ocean and back again. Steelhead fish overcome tremendous obstacles, both natural and manmade, to fulfill their destiny to reproduce; a destiny which is ever more endangered as old threats persist and new threats emerge. As an indicator species of ecosystem health, steelhead have drawn attention to the scientific study which has shed light on their life cycle and on the factors which threaten them at each stage of their existence. The urgent threat of fish farming as practiced in the near-shore saltwater where salmonids migrate is the latest manmade example of unforeseen consequences to affect the species. As the steelhead and steelheading declines in the states, provinces and communities where steelhead are found, anglers have gained a new appreciation of the impact of recreational fishing on their lives. Although the challenges are many, there are opportunities for improvement. Anyone who appreciates wild creatures and their habitats, even non-anglers, can participate in.

The appeal of angling for these fish ("steelheading") will be apparent from the presentation. Steelhead are found in the wildest, most beautiful areas of the Pacific Northwest, along with other rare, beautiful and endangered species. Steelheading is a solitary activity which requires skill, patience, persistence, and tolerance for adverse conditions. The sport has a rich literary tradition that nurtures its practitioners in the off-season. The rewards of the pursuit go far beyond the mere act of catching, and releasing, a trophy. The act of angling for these fish gives ample opportunity for reflection, for appreciation of the profoundly beautiful environment in which it is practiced, and for camaraderie with anglers both contemporary and long gone. Like many avocations favored by individuals in stressful occupations, steelheading allows one the opportunity to lose himself in the pursuit, to meet and hopefully overcome the challenges inherent in the sport, to recharge his batteries and return to the daily grind a rested, rejuvenated person.



Paint the Ceiling Lecture

1997, Dr. Gregory “Jerry” Jurkovich delivered his Presidential Address entitled “Paint the Ceiling: Reflections on Illness”. This was a personal account of his battle with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. His deep insights were shared from a patient’s perspective, even that of a stained ceiling that he observed while lying on his back. He proposed that future WTA Scientific Programs have some time “dedicated to our patients and to the Art of Medicine”.

“The Journey is the Destination”

Dr. Sylvia Campbell



OXAMER 188 PROLONGS SURVIVAL OF HYPOTENSIVE RESUSCITATION AND REASES VITAL TISSUE EDEMA AFTER FULL RESUSCITATION

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duction: Damage control resuscitation (DCR) prolongs survival so that patients with severe live long enough to undergo hemorrhage control. Hypotensive resuscitation is a DCR ct to limit ongoing bleeding but may result in deleterious gut ischemia/reperfusion (I/R) with full citation which sets the stage for acute lung injury (ALI) and the abdominal compartment ome (ACS). In our gut I/R ALI model, Poloxamer (P) 188 (a nonionic, block copolymer ctant) was quite protective. We, therefore, hypothesized that P188 would likewise be protective odel of hypotensive resuscitation of lethal hemorrhagic shock.

iods: Previously instrumented, unanesthetized rats (n=8 per group) were observed (sham) or l (6 groups) over 15 minutes to a mean arterial pressure (MAP) of 30 mmHg and this was ained for 30 min. Two bleed groups had hypotensive resuscitation with Hextend (Hex) or Hex + g/ml P188 to maintain a MAP of 60 mm Hg and observed until death. The remained four bleed s had the same hypotensive resuscitation (2 Hex and 2 Hex-P188) maintained for 40 min, then ull resuscitation with lactated Ringers (LR) or LR + 20 mg/ml P188 respectively to a MAP of 80 g. One treatment group each was then observed for survival to 24 hr. The remaining two groups injected with Evan's Blue dye and then sacrificed at 5 hrs. Tissues were harvested for mination % H₂O content (wet - dry weight/wet weight) and Evan's Blue extravasation (quantitated electroscopic absorption). Data are expressed as mean ± SEM. Differences were compared by n-Breslow, P<0.05 was considered significant.

lts: The hypotensive resuscitation alone Hex group compared to hypotensive alone Hex + P188) required more fluid to maintain MAP till death (11.17 ± 1.37 vs 4.72 ± 0.81 ml/kg/hr, $p < 0.05$) and uch sooner (288 ± 37 vs 598 ± 100 min, $p < 0.05$). One (12.5%) full resuscitation Hex/LR rat ved 24 hours compared to 4 (50%) full resuscitation Hex/LR + P188 ($p < 0.05$) rats. Full :cuscitation Hex/LR rats compared to full resuscitation Hex/LR + P188 rats who were sacrificed at 5 ; required more fluid during full resuscitation (35.5 ± 6.6 vs 13.8 ± 3.32 ml/kg/hr, $p < 0.05$), had ased vascular permeability as quantitated by Evan Blue extravasation into the lung (sham = 89.7 1 vs Hex/LR = 261.5 ± 49.5 vs Hex/LR + P188 = 133.6 ± 28.0 ug Evans Blue/100 g tissue, $p <$ and ileum (58.8 ± 9.6 vs 122.5 ± 26.0 vs 60.5 ± 15.2 , $p < 0.05$) which corresponded to ased tissue water in the lung (sham = 78.16 ± 0.22 % vs Hex/LR = 80.78 ± 0.77 % vs Hex/LR + = 78.85 ± 0.32 %, $p < 0.05$), and ileum (74.88 ± 0.48 % vs 77.82 ± 0.84 % vs 75.14 ± 1.02 %, 15).

usion: Poloxamer 188 prolonged survival and decreased fluid requirements in a model of ensive resuscitation of lethal hemorrhagic shock. With full resuscitation, more Poloxamer 188 d rats survived and they had less tissue edema in the lungs and the gut. Poloxamer 188 may e important adjunct in DCR of patients with severe bleeding by prolonging survival of hypotensive :uscitation and decreasing the incidence of ALI and ACS in those who survive long enough to go effective hemorrhage control followed by successful full resuscitation.

CREASED PLATELET:RBC RATIOS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVED SURVIVAL AFTER MASSIVE TRANSFUSION

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Introduction: Several recent military and civilian trauma studies demonstrate improved outcomes are associated with early and increased use of plasma and resuscitation strategies. However, outcomes associated with platelet transfusions are poorly characterized. We hypothesized that increased platelet:RBC ratios would decrease hemorrhagic death and improve survival after massive transfusion.

Methods: A transfusion database of patients transported from the scene to 22 Level 1 Trauma Centers over 12 months in 2005-2006 was reviewed. Two patients died within 30 minutes of arrival and were excluded from analysis. Massive transfusion (MT) was defined as receiving ≥ 10 RBC units within 24 hours of admission. Admission and outcome data associated with average low (1:20), medium (1:2.5) and high (1:1) platelet:RBC ratios were examined.

Results: Six hundred forty five patients received MT. Admission vital signs, INR, temperature, pH, GCS, ISS and age were similar between groups. Patients were severely injured, with a mean (\pm SD) ISS of 33 ± 16 and received 22 ± 15 RBC units. Increased platelet ratios were associated with improved survival at 6 hours, 30 days and 30 days ($p < 0.001$). Median time to death increased (Low: 7 days, High: 30 days, $p < 0.001$), while truncal hemorrhage as a cause of death decreased (Low: 67%, High: 47%, $p < 0.001$). Although MOF mortality increased (Low: 7%, High: 27%, $p < 0.05$), 30 day survival improved (Low: 53%, High: 75%, $p < 0.001$).

Conclusion: Similar to recently presented military data, transfusion of platelet:RBC in a ratio of 1:1 is associated with improved early and late survival, decreased hemorrhagic death and a concomitant increase in MOF related mortality. Based on this large retrospective study, increased and early use of platelets may be justified.

IMPROVED SURVIVAL AFTER HEMOSTATIC RESUSCITATION: DOES THE SEVERITY OF SHOCK HAVE NO EFFECT?

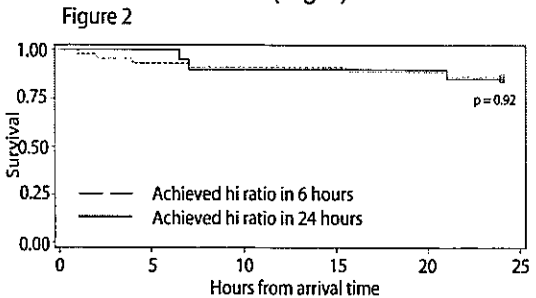
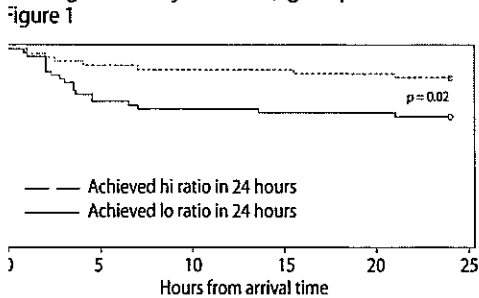
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Despite the recently published and presented data, controversy surrounds the apparent 30-day survival benefit of patients achieving a fresh frozen plasma (FFP):red cell (PRBC) ratio at least 1:2 in the face of massive transfusions (MT) (≥ 10 units of PRBC within 24 hours of admission). We hypothesized that initial studies suffer from survival bias since they do not consider early deaths secondary to uncontrolled exsanguinating hemorrhage. To help resolve this controversy, we evaluated the temporal relationship (at 6 hour intervals) between blood product administration and mortality in civilian trauma patients receiving MT. **Study Design:** Patients requiring MT over a 22-month period were identified from the trauma registry of a level I trauma center. Shock severity at admission as well as timing of shock-trauma admission, blood product administration and death were determined. Patients were divided into **hi** and **lo** ratio groups ($\geq 1:2$ and $< 1:2$ FFP:PRBC, respectively) and compared. Kaplan Meier analysis and log-rank test was used to examine our survival.

Results: 103 patients (63% blunt) were identified (66 **hi**, 37 **lo**). Those patients who achieved a **hi** ratio in 24 hours had improved survival (Fig 1). However, severity of shock was less in the **hi** group (BE: -8.0 vs. -11.2, $p=0.028$; LA: 6.3 vs. 8.4, $p=0.03$). 75 patients received MT within 6 hours. Of these, 29 received a **hi** ratio in 6 hours. Again, severity of shock was less in the **hi** ratio group (BE: -7.6 vs. -12.7, $p=0.008$; LA: 6.7 vs. 9.4, $p=0.02$). In these patients, 6 hour mortality was less in the **hi** group (10% vs. 48%, $p<0.002$). After adjusting for early deaths, groups were similar from 6 to 24 hours (Fig 2).



Conclusions: Improved survival was observed in patients receiving a higher plasma ratio the first 24 hours. However, temporal analysis of mortality using shorter time periods (6 hours) revealed those who achieve early **hi** ratio are in less shock and less likely to die from uncontrolled hemorrhage compared to those who never achieve a **hi** ratio. Thus, the proposed survival advantage of **hi** ratio may be due to selection of those not likely to die in the first place; that is, patients die *with* a **lo** ratio not because of a **lo** ratio.

AGE AND BLOOD TRANSFUSION ARE CO-CONSPIRATORS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POSTINJURY MULTIPLE ORGAN FAILURE AND SUBSEQUENT MORTALITY

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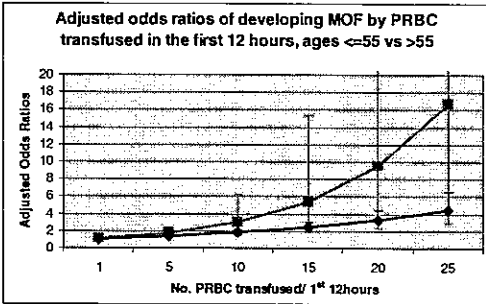
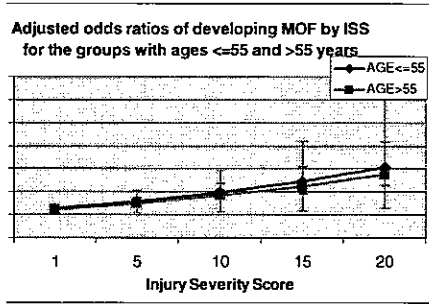
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Age is an independent predictor of postinjury morbidity and mortality. Blood transfusion is a critical risk factor for postinjury multiple organ failure (MOF), the major cause of late mortality following trauma. The age/transfusion interaction as it relates to MOF has not been examined. The purpose of this study was to characterize the relationship between age, transfusion, and postinjury MOF.

Methods: 1415 high-risk patients, excluding isolated head injured patients, were enrolled in a Level I Trauma Center's prospective database over a 13-year period. Multiple logistic regression evaluated the association between age, other risk factors, and MOF.

Results: 346 (24%) patients developed MOF; 98 (28%) died. The incidence of MOF began to rise at age 45 (35% for age ≥ 45 , vs 20% for age < 45 , $p < .0001$) and mortality increased after age 55 (44% for age ≥ 55 , vs 23% for age < 55 , $p = .0005$).

Timing (early vs. late), pattern of organ dysfunction, and incidence of infectious and non-infectious complications were no different across age strata. The effect of injury severity on MOF was independent of age (left figure). However, the risk conferred by early blood transfusion was exacerbated by age ($p = 0.01$) (right figure; age ≥ 55 , squares; < 55 , diamonds)



Conclusions: Age becomes a risk factor for postinjury MOF at 45 years. Blood transfusion has a profound adverse effect among older (age > 55) patients. These data support current recommendations for a restrictive transfusion strategy (eg, target hemoglobin > 7 g/dL) for all trauma patients, irrespective of age and medical comorbidities.

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Injury and Intestinal Barrier Dysfunction: Past, Present, and Future”

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RANDOMIZED PROSPECTIVE TRIAL OF AIRWAY PRESSURE RELEASE VENTILATION AND LUNG PROTECTIVE VENTILATION IN ADULT TRAUMA PATIENTS WITH ACUTE RESPIRATORY FAILURE

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Purpose: Airway Pressure Release Ventilation (APRV) is a relatively new form of mechanical ventilation which has demonstrated potential benefits in trauma patients. We therefore sought to compare relevant safety outcomes of this modality with the recommendations of the ARDS Network.

Methods: Patients admitted following traumatic injury requiring mechanical ventilation were randomized under a 72 hr waiver of consent to a respiratory protocol for APRV or lung protective ventilation (CONVEN). Data were collected regarding demographics, ISS, oxygenation, ventilation, airway pressure, failure of extubation (Failure), tracheostomy (Trach), pneumonia (VAPS), vent days, length of stay (LOS), pneumothorax (PTX) and mortality (Mort).

Results: 63 patients were enrolled during the 16 month study period beginning in 2004 with 31 being assigned to APRV and 32 being assigned to CONVEN. 74 were males, 56% smoked, 98% had a blunt mechanism, with a mean age 45 ± 15.0 yrs, ISS 29.5 ± 8.2 , GCS 6.3 ± 4.6 , Lung Injury Score 1.73 ± 1.22 without differences between groups. Mean APACHE2 was worse for APRV patients 25.35 ± 5.35 than CONVEN 16.9 ± 7.17 with a p-value = .027. Outcome variables are presented as means \pm SD or rates per group in the following table:

Group	Vent Days	ICU LOS	PTX	VAPS	Trach	Failure	Mort
APRV	10.49 \pm 7.23	16.47 \pm 12.83	0	1.00 \pm .86	61.3%	12.9%	6.45%
CONVEN	8.00 \pm 4.01	14.18 \pm 13.26	3.1%	.56 \pm .67	65.6%	15.6%	6.25%

There were no statistical differences between groups.

Conclusion: For patients sustaining significant trauma requiring mechanical ventilation for greater than 72 hrs, APRV appears to have a similar safety profile as lung protective strategy put forward by the ARDS Network. Slight trends for APRV patients to have increased vent days, ICU LOS and VAPS may be explained by their initial worse physiologic derangement demonstrated by higher APACHE2 scores.

MONARY HYPERTENSION AFTER INJURY IS ASSOCIATED WITH LEFT HEART DYSFUNCTION

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Background: Pulmonary hypertension can manifest acutely in injured patients. Hypoxia has been implicated as the cause of pulmonary vasoconstriction, however not all hypoxic patients have increased pulmonary artery pressures. The purpose of this study is to determine the association between pulmonary hypertension, hypoxia, and left heart dysfunction in critically injured patients.

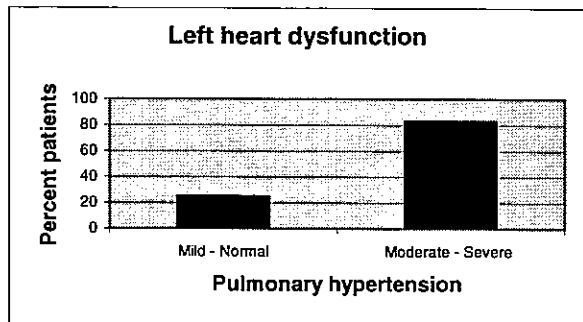
Hypothesis: Pulmonary hypertension after injury is secondary to left heart dysfunction not to hypoxia.

Methods: Over 24 months, 113 patients admitted to the surgical intensive care unit of an urban trauma center underwent transthoracic echocardiograms with color flow doppler before the endpoints of resuscitation. Pulmonary hypertension was estimated from Doppler flow measurements by a board certified cardiologist. Moderate pulmonary hypertension was defined as a pulmonary artery pressure 45-75 mmHg and severe pulmonary hypertension was defined as > 75mmHg. Degree of hypoxemia at time of echocardiogram and left ventricular dysfunction was determined for each patient.

Results: 41 out of 113 patients were found to have moderate to severe pulmonary hypertension. 83% of these patients had left heart dysfunction, in the form of moderate to severe concentric hypertrophy (diastolic dysfunction), wall motion abnormality, decreased

ejection fraction (systolic dysfunction), or aortic stenosis (outflow obstruction). Only 25% of patients with mild to normal pulmonary hypertension showed signs of left ventricular dysfunction. Median PaO₂ for the two groups at time of echocardiography, were not significantly different.

Conclusion: Patients with left heart dysfunction are at an increased risk for pulmonary hypertension that may contribute to prolonged ventilation following injury. Echocardiography can identify patients at risk for pulmonary hypertension and these patients can then be targeted with cardioprotective strategies such as prudent fluid resuscitation and inotropic support. Selective pulmonary vasodilators may offer additional benefits for patients with severe pulmonary hypertension. Serial echocardiograms can be used to monitor progress with resuscitation strategies in these complex patients.



CHOLESTEROL REPLETION CORRECTS DEFECTIVE NEUTROPHIL SIGNALING AFTER TRAUMA VIA LIPID RAFT TRAFFICKING

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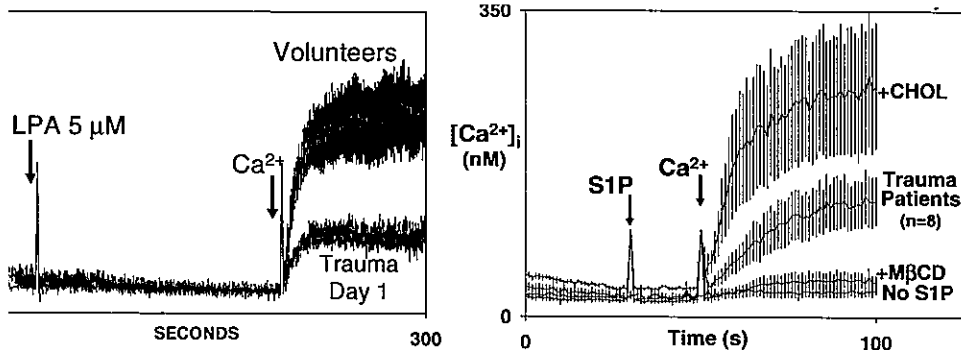
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Background: PMNs are dysfunctional in the post-injury period, predisposing to sepsis. Underlying mechanisms are poorly understood, but Ca^{2+} influx in response to G-protein coupled receptor (GPCR) activation is critical for PMN function. GPCRs mobilize Ca^{2+} via lipid (LyL) second messengers. Lipid rafts are composed of LyL and cholesterol (Chol) but plasma Chol levels are suppressed in trauma and critical illness.

Methods: We prospectively, serially studied PMN Ca^{2+} mobilization in major trauma patients (ISS > 25) and their matched controls to the LyL sphingosine 1-phosphate (S1P), lysophosphorylcholine (SPPC) and lysophosphatidic acid (LPA) using Fura-2AM. Dependence of signaling on raft trafficking was assessed by response to M β CD. All responses were assessed with and without Chol supplementation.

Results: PMN Ca^{2+} entry responses to all the LyL are profoundly suppressed by injury. Suppression begins on Day 1, peaks on Day 3 and returns toward normal at Day 7. Chol supplementation restored normal and even supra-normal Ca^{2+} influx. Destruction of rafts by M β CD abolished all Ca^{2+} responses to the LyL.



PMN responses ($n=8$) to LPA are suppressed immediately after trauma. **Right:** Trauma patients show suppression (>50%) of response to 5 μM S1P on Day 3. M β CD abolishes Ca^{2+} entry response to S1P but CHOL restores it to above normal.

Conclusions: LyL as a class are potent PMN activators that probably function by mobilizing Ca^{2+} entry through channels that traffic to forming lipid rafts. PMNs become acutely refractory to LyL in the week after trauma but their responses can be restored by Chol. These findings suggest micro-nutrient dependent alterations in lipid raft composition and signaling function contribute to PMN dysfunction after injury. The same principles might be applied in modulating PMN function after injury and in critical illness.

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IS THE RTTDC® (RURAL TRAUMA TEAM DEVELOPMENT COURSE®) SHORTEN THE INTERVAL FROM TRAUMA PATIENT ARRIVAL TO DECISION TO TRANSFER?

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BACKGROUND: The Rural Trauma Team Development Course® (RTTDC®) was developed by the ad hoc Rural Trauma Committee of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma to address the increased mortality of the rural trauma patient. In the course, multiple potential delays are identified and addressed including delay in the decision to transfer to an appropriate level of care. The effectiveness of the RTTDC® in shortening the interval from patient arrival to decision to transfer and the effect on the transfer process of communication including emphasizing team building is the focus of this study.

METHODS: Rural Level III and Level IV trauma centers (N = 18), participating in the national trauma registry were enrolled in a multi-institutional three month longitudinal study of transferred trauma patients. Time of arrival, time of decision to transfer, transporting ambulance arrival time, number of receiving facilities contacted, time of acceptance by receiving facility, and number of transporting units contacted were data points collected. Results were compared for institutions having hosted RTTDC® versus those institutions not yet exposed to the course. Eighteen facilities submitted data. Three facilities were excluded for incomplete data. Facilities without RTTDC® experience submitted 191 patients. RTTDC® trained facilities provided data on 117 patients and of those, two facilities had experienced communication training in the RTTDC® and submitted 36 of the 117 patients.

RESULTS: One - Way Analyses Of Variance (ANOVA's) were conducted. Results indicated that RTTDC® training including communication training, resulted in statistically significantly shorter ($p < .05$) time for decision to transfer. Transporting squad arrival time was also significantly reduced ($p < .01$). The number of transferring squads contacted was also reduced ($p = .01$). No differences were observed among the trauma facilities and the number of receiving facilities contacted, ($p = .69$) or in the time required to find an accepting facility ($p =$

CONCLUSION: The RTTDC® with the embedded communication module significantly reduces delays in the transfer process of the rural trauma patient.

SAFETY OF HYPERTONIC SALINE SOLUTION FOR RESUSCITATION IN UMA

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ground : The optimal fluid for resuscitation of injured remains controversial. The standard fluid resuscitation remains isotonic crystalloid solution. Mounting experimental and clinical evidence supports the use of hypertonic saline solutions (HTS) in resuscitation. However, there continues to be concern regarding the efficacy and safety of HTS. Herein, we report our initial experience with HTS resuscitation in the trauma setting.

ods : After obtaining IRB approval, a retrospective review of seriously injured (ISS>15) patients admitted to an ACS verified Level 1 trauma center between 01/2006 and 01/2008 was performed. Patients received either HTS, normal saline (NS) or Ringers lactate (RL) during initial resuscitation. The choice of initial resuscitation fluid was determined by the attending trauma surgeon. The severity of injury was determined by ISS, initial Glasgow Coma Scale score (GCS), and the calculated survival probability. The safety of HTS was determined by evidence of adverse outcomes (coagulopathy, neurologic dysfunction, cardiac dysfunction, renal failure, phlebitis) associated with HTS administration. The efficacy of HTS was determined by comparing the primary outcome of all-cause 30-day mortality between the two groups. Secondary outcomes included CHF, respiratory failure, mechanical ventilation, ICU length of stay (LOS), and overall hospital LOS. A subgroup analysis (n=105) was performed in patients with traumatic brain injury (TBI).

ts : A total of 324 patients met study criteria. Of these, 183 received HTS. Patients that received HTS were more severely injured. The mean ISS of the HTS group was higher than for the standard resuscitation group (29.2 vs. 28.0; $p = 0.02$). The initial GCS was significantly lower in the HTS group than in the standard group (5.3 vs. 7.0; $p = 0.0008$). The calculated survival probability was lower in the HTS group (45.4% vs. 52.2%; $p = 0.12$). Patients with HTS required longer periods of mechanical ventilation and ICU care and were more likely to develop nosocomial infections. There was no difference in the number of transfusions given to the HTS and standard groups (7.2 vs. 6.6; $p = 0.4$). There was no significant difference in the INR, PTT, or fresh frozen plasma (FFP) requirements of the two groups (1.3 vs. 1.5 with $p = 0.94$, 35.0 vs. 47.5 with $p = 0.67$, and 5.1 vs. 4.3, $p = 0.821$). There were 2 episodes each of paralysis and paraparesis and 1 episode of dysarthria, all in the standard therapy group. The incidence of arrhythmias (6.0% vs. 11.4%; $p = 0.11$) and renal failure (9.3% vs. 10.6%; $p = 0.71$) were lower in the HTS group. The 30-day all-cause mortality was lower in the HTS group (33.3% vs. 36.8%; $p = 0.56$). In patients with TBI, 61 patients with TBI received HTS and 44 patients received isotonic fluids. The initial GCS was lower (3.9 vs. 5.0, $p = 0.05$), the ISS was higher (29.3 vs. 28.0, $p = 0.28$), and the survival probability was lower (36.3% vs. 42.2%, $p = 0.32$) in the HTS group. However, the 30-day mortality was lower in the HTS group (33.3% vs. 40.9%, $p = 0.21$). There was no increase in adverse outcomes in the HTS group when compared to the standard group.

usions : The administration of HTS during resuscitation is safe. There were no adverse events associated with HTS resuscitation. There was a trend towards a lower incidence of coagulopathy, arrhythmias, and renal failure in the HTS group, although, this did not reach statistical significance. The HTS group was more severely injured, as indicated by the ISS, initial GCS, and calculated survival probability. Thirty day survival was higher in the HTS group, although not statistically significant. In the 30-day subgroup analysis, patients who received HTS were more severely injured, but showed a trend towards improved survival.

SPECTIVE STUDY OF CONTINUOUS NON-INVASIVE TISSUE OXIMETRY IN THE LY EVALUATION OF THE COMBAT CASUALTY

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Introduction: Near-Infrared Spectroscopy (NIRS) has been previously evaluated in intensive trauma patients and found useful for predicting MODS and death. We hypothesized that (NIRS)-derived tissue oxygenation (StO₂) could assist in identifying perfusion in combat casualties arriving to a combat support hospital and predict need for life-saving interventions (LSI) and blood transfusion.

Methods: We performed an IRB-approved, prospective observational trial at a single U.S. combat support hospital in Iraq from August to December 2007. Arriving casualties had StO₂ (Inspectra 650TM, Hutchinson Technology, Inc) recorded for a 43 second to 54 second period on arrival, using a sensor applied to the thenar eminence or a pre-designated alternative site if both hands were injured. Minimum (StO₂ min) over the entire monitoring period and 2 minute averaged StO₂ and Tissue Hemoglobin Index (THI) readings at the beginning of the file were used as endpoints. Outcomes measured were requirement for life-saving interventions (LSI), any blood transfusion, massive transfusion (≥ 10 units in 24 hours), and early mortality. Univariate and multivariate logistic regression modeling was used to estimate the area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC) for individual or combinations of variables using a stepwise backward elimination technique.

Results: We enrolled 147 combat casualties. 72 (49%) required an LSI, 42 (29%) a blood transfusion, and 10 (7%) a massive transfusion. On multivariate logistic regression analysis of the whole study group, SBP, INR, Tissue Hemoglobin Index (THI), and hematocrit predicted blood transfusion with an AUC of 0.90 (0.84, 0.96). When just the group with SBP > 90 (n = 133, mean SBP 131) were analyzed, independent predictors of patients requiring blood transfusion on logistic regression analysis were StO₂ min (OR 1.35) and hematocrit (OR 2.66).

Conclusions: Previous studies demonstrated that StO₂ differentiates patients with severe hypoperfusion from normal patients and predicted the development of MODS and death in intensive trauma patients. We demonstrated that NIRS-derived StO₂ obtained on arrival predicts the need for blood transfusion in combat casualties who initially appear to be hemodynamically stable (SBP > 90). Further study of this technology for use in the resuscitation of trauma patients is warranted.

PULESS ELECTRICAL ACTIVITY, THE FOCUSED ABDOMINAL SONOGRAM FOR TRAUMA, AND CARDIAC CONTRACTILE ACTIVITY AS PREDICTORS OF SURVIVAL IN BLUNT TRAUMA

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Background: Pulseless electrical activity (PEA) secondary to both blunt and penetrating trauma is associated with minimal survival. There may however be a difference in survival between patients who maintain organized cardiac contractile activity and those who do not. The use of a parasternal view of the focused abdominal sonography for trauma (p-FAST) has the potential to differentiate between these two groups of patients and may assist in the decision to continue ongoing resuscitation.

Methods: A retrospective chart review was performed for all patients presenting to an urban level I trauma center from 1/2006 through 8/2008 who had no pulse or were severely hypotensive. The charts were reviewed for the presence of PEA on arrival or the development of PEA while in the emergency department. Additional data abstracted included the patient outcome, the p-FAST findings, and mechanism of injury. All available p-FAST exams were also re-reviewed by a blinded ultrasound trained physician to confirm documented findings.

Results: Over the study period 22 patients presented with PEA and 2 developed PEA during initial resuscitation. All patients had cardiac ultrasound evaluation. Contractile cardiac activity was present in 6 patients with PEA on presentation and immediately after conversion to PEA in the 2 patients developing PEA in the emergency department. Four patients had a penetrating mechanism and 20 were due to a blunt mechanism. Two patients were present on exam, one after blunt trauma and one after penetrating cardiac injury treated with emergency department thoracotomy. All but one patient died in the emergency department (96% early mortality). The sole survivor had presented in PEA with organized cardiac contractile activity on ultrasound and had a tension pneumothorax treated with tube thoracostomy. This patient was admitted to the ICU before dying on hospital day 6 as a result of severe closed head injury.

Conclusion: The presence of PEA at any time during initial resuscitation is a grave prognostic indicator. p-FAST is a useful test to identify contractile cardiac activity. P-FAST can identify those patients with some potential for survival who may benefit from ongoing resuscitative efforts.

OSTATIC FOAM FOR FIRST RESPONDERS IN THE TREATMENT OF SEVERE ACAVITARY NON-COMPRESSIBLE HEMORRHAGE

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BACKGROUND: Severe intracavitary hemorrhage is the cause of most early trauma deaths. The objective of this study was to evaluate the ability of a novel hemostatic foam (ClotFoam[®]) to control bleeding from lethal intraabdominal vascular injuries when delivered in a closed cavity rodent model.

METHODS: Anesthetized rats (250-300 g) underwent femoral vein and arterial cannulation, followed by midline laparotomy. After gaining proximal and distal control of the infrarenal aorta with vascular clamps, the aorta was pierced twice with a 25 gauge needle on both sides of the vessel. A 16 gauge needle was inserted intraperitoneally in the right lower quadrant remote from the aortic injury. At time 0, the vascular clamps were released, free bleeding ensued for 4 seconds. Animals were randomized into five groups to receive either ClotFoam[®] (CF) formula 1, CF formula 2, CF formula 3, standard chitosan sealant (CLS), or no treatment. Animals were infused with lactated Ringer's to maintain mean arterial pressure at about 70-80% of initial MAP (if possible). Animals were observed for 30 minutes. In one subset of animals, the abdomen was fully closed with clamps during free bleeding. Animals in this subset underwent closed cavity application of the hemostatic agent. Total blood loss (TBL), mean arterial pressure (MAP), and survival were recorded. A second subset of animals underwent open cavity agent application after free bleeding. In this subset, bleeding time (BT) was recorded.

RESULTS: None of the non-treated animals survived for the 30 minute duration of the study (mean survival time 13 ± 3 min). Only 20% of the animals in the CLS group survived (mean survival time 22 ± 4 min). All animals in the three CF groups survived the entire duration of the study.

Outcome	CF 1	CF 2	CF 3	CLS	No Treatment
Total blood loss (ml)	$5.2 \pm 0.5^*$	$5.7 \pm 1.4^*$	$3.8 \pm 1.2^{**}$	7.9 ± 0.9	10.3 ± 0.3
Mean arterial pressure (mmHg)	$73 \pm 22^{**}$	$70 \pm 8^{**}$	$81 \pm 6^{**}$	48 ± 5	27 ± 3
Bleeding time (s)	$12.2 \pm 6^{**}$	$16.0 \pm 2.0^*$	$10.8 \pm 4.1^{**}$	21 ± 2.9	48.7 ± 4.9

$p < 0.01$; * $p < 0.05$ (all p values relative to CLS)

CONCLUSION: Hemostatic ClotFoam[®] demonstrates the ability to effectively stop hemorrhage from a lethal intraabdominal aortic injury in a rodent model, even when applied in a non-directed closed cavity manner. This hemostatic agent has the potential use for first responders in the field to treat non-compressible severe intracavitary hemorrhage.

RIERS TO OBTAINING FAMILY CONSENT FOR POTENTIAL ORGAN DONORS

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duction: Our country suffers from a chronic shortage of organ donors, and the list of duals in desperate need of a life-saving organ transplants is growing every year. Family consent represents the most important limiting factor for successful donation. We hypothesize that specific barriers to obtaining family consent can be identified and addressed upon in order to increase organ donation consent rates. The specific purpose of this study was to compare families who declined organ donation to those who granted consent in an attempt to identify barriers to family consent for successful donation.

ods: We performed a four-year (2004-2007) retrospective study of potential organ donors covered by our regional organ procurement organization (OPO). Variables collected included age, gender, race, cause of brain death (trauma vs. medical) of the potential organ donor and elapsed time from declaration of brain death to family approach by OPO.

Potential organ donors whose family declined organ donation (DECLINE group) were compared to potential organ donors whose family consented to organ donation (CONSENT group). Groups were compared using univariate and multivariate analysis.

lts: There were a total of 827 potential organ donors during the four-year period within the OPO region. Overall, 471 (57%) families consented to organ donation, while 356 (43%) declined. While there was no difference in male gender between the DECLINE and CONSENT groups (59% vs. 53%, $p = 0.12$), the DECLINE group had more medical brain deaths (73% vs. 58%, $p < 0.001$), more potential donors > 50 years of age (43% vs. 34%, $p = 0.01$), as well as more potential organ donors of Hispanic (67% vs. 43%, $p < 0.001$) and African-American (10% vs. 4%, $p < 0.001$) descent. In addition, time from declaration of brain death to family approach by OPO was longer for the DECLINE group (350 minutes vs. 299 minutes, $p = 0.03$). Logistic regression identified three independent risk factors for decline of consent for organ donation:

	Odds Ratio	p-value
African-American Potential Donor	1.8	.041
Medical Brain Death	1.6	.004
Potential Donor > 50 years old	1.4	.050

Conclusion: Several barriers exist to family consent for successful organ donation. Family members of minority populations, medical brain deaths, and older potential donors more often decline consent for organ donation. Family education and resource utilization towards these specific populations of potential organ donors may help to improve organ donation consent rates. Additionally, delayed family approach by OPO appears to be associated with decreased consent rates. System improvements to expedite family approach by OPO may also lead to improved consent rates.

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In February, 2008, I received an email from Air Force Major Raymond Fang was on the General and Trauma Surgery Service at the U. S. Army Landstuhl onal Medical Center near Frankfurt, Germany. He commented that he had an American Red Cross volunteer helping out in the intensive care unit. The teer's name tag had my surname. After discussion with my son Douglas who that volunteer, Dr. Fang's email said "your son made it over here, when are oming?"

Doug is a former Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy (Special Warfare) who has steered at Landstuhl, at Brooke Army Medical Center, and has accompanied led young veterans on skiing vacations. He is a veteran, a patriot, and red me to join the AAST/ACS Senior Visiting Trauma Surgeon Program based ndstuhl Regional Medical Center.

The experiences at Landstuhl have been well-described by numerous or surgeons. The "wounded warrior network", despite the distances involved, is tive in moving soldiers from Iraq or Afghanistan to Landstuhl for secondary IED's create devastating wounds outside of the soldier's body armor, and of the patients I helped care for had severely injured or amputated mities. Operative debridements took hours because of the need to remove aminated fragments of the IED and burned muscle and to repair and cover ed bones, joints, and tendons.

While Doug and I took different paths to Landstuhl to help the wounded, we returned with similar impressions - our soldiers are heroes, they receive state e art care for their devastating wounds, and it was a privilege to participate as teer at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

DECISIONS: CONFLICTS BETWEEN MEDICAL ETHICS AND MEDICAL RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IN CURRENT COMBAT OPERATIONS

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BACKGROUND: Surgeons are on the forefront of dealing with casualties from the many theaters of operations that comprise the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). In select cases, medical and surgical decisions may be impacted by operational conditions and local policies, known as medical rules of engagement (MROE). Many of these policies and judgments are made by non-clinical personnel without the input of surgeons, and can result in the creation of significant ethical dilemmas.

OBJECTIVES: The authors have the perspective of being deployed for a collective 60 months in Iraq and Afghanistan, being assigned to 8 Combat Support Hospitals and 6 Forward Surgical Teams under 6 different Medical Brigades. Case reports of conflicts between medical ethics and MROE were collected and analyzed for common themes. Select cases illustrating these conflicts and potential resolutions will be presented.

RESULTS: Conflicts between medical ethics and MROE were classified into four categories: 1) denying access to needed care due to operational or logistic concerns, 2) rationing aggressive care due to real or expected limitations of personnel/supplies, 3) substandard care provided to patients with survivable injuries or illness (dual standards of care), and 4) transfer of patients to local facilities with inadequate ability to provide care. Examples of cases highlighting each category will be presented and the impact of these conflicts on patient outcomes will be discussed.

CONCLUSIONS: Medical care in combat operations must take into account multiple operational factors, limitations, and policies which can come into conflict with medical ethical principles. It is imperative that clinicians take an active role in the formation and implementation of the MROE to ensure the ethical decisions regarding patient care are consistent with operational goals.

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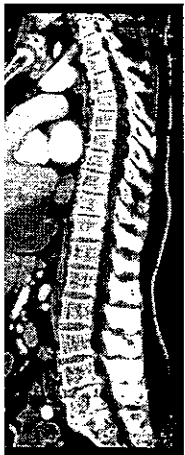
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Background: A 55-year-old man reportedly rolled out of bed and fell onto the
le of his eyeglasses, which impaled him in the anterior chest. He experienced
ssociated hemodynamic or respiratory compromise, and he had a sinus
m without ectopy. He was alert and oriented, GCS 15. A thin metallic object
protruding from his anterior chest just left of midline and cephalad to the
mid. Breath sounds were clear bilaterally, and cardiovascular examination
ngs were normal. No JVD was appreciated. There was no external
orrhage. Lateral chest radiograph demonstrated a linear metallic structure
igh the sternum and into the cardiac silhouette. CT scan confirmed penetration
a right ventricle to a depth of 15-16 mm, with associated moderate pericardial
ion. He was taken to the operating room, where a subxiphoid pericardial
ow was performed with evacuation of approximately 100 cc of bloody fluid.
penetrating object was removed under direct vision with no resultant
orrhage, and a 24-French Blake drain was placed into the pericardial cavity.
atient's postoperative course was unremarkable. The drain was removed and
atient discharged on POD#2.



3BED IN THE AORTA: FIXING IT FROM THE INSIDE OUT

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A 57-year old man was transferred to our Level 1 Trauma center for management of a stab wound to the back. He arrived lying face down on the gurney with the knife still protruding from his back and imaging that confirmed the knife tip in the thoracic aorta just above the level of the diaphragm. He was hemodynamically stable throughout his initial hospitalization and during transfer. The patient had a prior left thoracotomy and exploratory laparotomy both for previous penetrating trauma. Given his hemodynamic stability and the morbidity associated with an open approach to the aorta at this level, particularly given his extensive surgical history, an endovascular approach was chosen.

To place the patient supine, he was positioned on two angiography tables placed side by side, with the knife between them. The trauma surgeons were scrubbed and prepared to provide immediate open control of the injury if the patient developed hemodynamic instability.

A CT arteriogram confirmed blush from the distal thoracic aorta at the level of the blade. Through a right groin approach, an aortic endograft was positioned at the site of injury. Just prior to deployment of the endograft, the knife was removed and the aorta sealed with the endograft. Completion arteriogram confirmed resolution of the blush from the aorta and followup CT Angiogram confirmed no leak and a small hematoma at the site of thoracic spine fracture (where the knife had lodged). The patient tolerated the procedure well and was discharged home on post-operative day four. He has undergone a follow-up CT Scan confirming excellent endograft position and absence of pseudoaneurysm.

Discussion:

Endograft use in trauma has been largely limited to blunt thoracic aortic injury. More recently, reports of endograft repair for penetrating trauma have become available. Most of these reports have involved the treatment of pseudoaneurysms. This is the first case report demonstrating use of the endovascular approach while the injuring object is still impaled. Endovascular repair of penetrating injuries, especially the aorta, is a feasible alternative when presented with complex exposure and a stable patient.

This case demonstrates an alternative to open repair for penetrating vascular injury to the aorta - fixing it from the "inside out".

INVASIVE SURFACE REWARMING OF SEVERE HYPOTHERMIA IS SAFE AND AFFORDABLE

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Background: Hypothermia remains a significant problem in severely injured patients and contributes to excess mortality. Recent unavailability of tubing required for continuous arteriovenous core rewarming, as well as the introduction of warmer devices for temperature management, led us to more frequent use of active external rewarming. The **purpose** of this study was to critically evaluate our experience with the Arctic Sun for active external rewarming of severely hypothermic patients.

Methods: Patients with moderate to severe hypothermia recently admitted to our Level I trauma center were rewarmed with the Arctic Sun. The Arctic Sun is a water-based device that uses unique energy transfer pads to allow efficient, non-invasive active rewarming. The pads are placed on the patient's torso, arms and legs to provide adequate contact surface area for efficient rewarming. Adjunctive measures included maintenance of a warm ambient temperature, infusion of warmed IV fluids and use of warm, humidified oxygen for mechanically-ventilated patients. Patients were monitored closely for cardiac dysrhythmias and for core temperature drop during the rewarming process. Time required to reach safe core body temperature was recorded.

Results: During the winter of 2007, four patients presented with moderate to severe hypothermia and were rewarmed with the Arctic Sun. The ages ranged from 21 to 48 years, with a mean of 34 years. 3 patients were male and one was female. Three were severely intoxicated while the remaining had been using opiates and benzodiazepines. The initial core body temperatures were 34, 30, 29 and 26° C. Three of the patients were hemodynamically stable whereas one presented with atrial fibrillation and mild hypotension. This responded to volume resuscitation and low-dose dopamine. All were rewarmed with the Arctic Sun and reached 35° C within 4 hours. There were no instances of cardiac disturbance or temperature afterdrop noted during the rewarming process.

Conclusions: Active external rewarming of severely hypothermic patients is effective and safe using the Arctic Sun. Advantages include lack of invasiveness and ease of use. Further study is warranted to confirm these findings.

UNSUCCESSFUL RESUSCITATION AND RECOVERY OF A YOUNG COLLEGE STUDENT SUSTAINED CARDIAC ARREST, HYPOTHERMIC AND HEMORRHAGIC SHOCK MULTIPLE INJURIES FOLLOWING IMPACT FROM A 400 POUND BOULDER ON MOUNT ADAMS

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Survivors of cardiac arrest from blunt trauma are rare. Most survivors are injured in urban environments where the resources of a level 1 trauma center are immediately available. Survivors of cardiac arrest from extreme environmental hypothermia are well documented. Survivors of cardiac arrest from blunt trauma occurring in wilderness areas are extremely

A 21-year-old college sophomore was glissading down Mt. Adams when a tumbling 400 lb boulder struck her on the back and left pelvis, propelling her 40 feet down the mountain to land face down in snow.

Aeromedical helicopters are not equipped to do high mountain rescues. The lengthy response for a military medical helicopter to deploy and pick up this patient with an ISS 66 (0.002) took over 4 hours. By the time she arrived at a level 1 trauma center, she had no pulse, no life, no EKG tracing, no CO2 production.

The trauma surgeon on call that day was a cardiac surgeon familiar with rewarming and resuscitating the heart techniques from experience with profoundly hypothermic patients from the Pacific Northwest wilderness areas. Direct to operating room resuscitation, median sternotomy, open heart massage, chest and abdominal cavity irrigations with warm saline, massive transfusion, correction of acid base imbalances and coagulopathies, epicardial massage led to a successful reanimation of the patient's circulatory, respiratory and renal function.

Subsequent multiple organ failures (6) led to a 3-month ICU stay, multiple operations including drainage of abscesses and debridement of contused/infarcted left gluteus muscles and hemodialysis. The patient regained mobility, cognitive, renal, and enteral function, allowing us to repatriate her to another level 1 trauma center close to her home for orthopedic surgery and rehabilitation.

The patient subsequently graduated from college and resumed winter sports activities.

This case raises the question once again; does hypothermia reduce the impact of hemorrhagic shock

MAJOR METROPOLITAN "FIELD AMPUTATION" TEAM: A CALL TO ARMS...AND

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Background: As early as 1979, suggestions were made to establish field amputation teams and protocols in major metropolitan areas. It was recognized that preplanning on such calls would be valuable to carrying out rescues of that nature. Since then, questionnaires and collegial conversations reveal the importance of such teams remains the exception in our nation's cities.

Methods: Our team was formed in 1984 after an EMS request for a surgeon to perform an amputation on a person who had become entrapped with both arms in an industrial candy press was made. In its current form, the team consists of an attending trauma surgeon, a resident surgeon, a registered nurse, and a pilot, all hospital based. Equipment is limited to medications for sedation and pain control, units of un-crossmatched blood, and a pre-bundled duffle bag of bandages, a saw, various saws, and hemostats. Transportation to the scene is provided by helicopter based at our Level II Trauma Center.

Results: Since its inception, the team has been activated three to four times per year, resulting in nine amputation rescues. Three of these cases, presented here, are from an unusually busy five weeks during the spring of 2008. The first involves a tree shredding device, the second an industrial auger, and the third, a forklift and a steel toed boot. In these cases the utilization of the field amputation team resulted in successful patient rescues and outcomes.

Conclusion: A field amputation team can be an integral part of any EMS system, filling an infrequently used but helpful adjunct to emergency care.

BY-LAWS



**BYLAWS OF THE
WESTERN TRAUMA ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE I

Name, Objectives, Organization, and Jurisdiction

SECTION 1: Name

The name of this organization is the Western Trauma Association, henceforth referred to as the Association.

SECTION 2: Objectives, Core Value and Mission Statement

The objectives are to promote the exchange of educational and scientific information and principles, at the highest level, in the diagnosis and management of traumatic conditions and to advance the science and art of medicine.

Core Value:

Providing education by participation in a diverse, multi-disciplinary scientific program with the goal of improving the care of injured patients.

Mission Statement:

The Western Trauma Association is committed to the improvement of trauma care through research, education, sharing of clinical experiences and the development of physicians of all specialties who are involved in the care of trauma patients.

SECTION 3: Organization

The Association is a non-profit membership corporation entity, duly incorporated on the 25th day of January 1971, and by virtue of, the provisions of the laws of the State of Colorado. The Association received determination of its 501(c)(3) status in October 2002.

SECTION 4: Jurisdiction and Territory

The territory in which this Association shall act will be the United States of America. It shall not be required, however, from holding its annual meetings at any designated site.

SECTION 5: Governing Board

All affairs of the Association shall be conducted by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II

Membership

SECTION 1: Membership Limitation

Membership shall be limited to 125 active members. No single specialty shall comprise more than 40% of the total membership of 125.

SECTION 2: Membership and Qualifications

Active members shall be limited to Doctors of Medicine or Doctors of Osteopathy who are Board Certified in their particular medical specialty and are under the age of 55 years. The Board of Directors is hereby given discretionary powers to interpret if foreign physicians who apply for membership have credentials comparable to Board Certification. Active status is conferred by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Active members have the right to vote on any business presented to the organization during the business meeting, serve on, or chair any committee and be elected to any elected position within the organization.

- B. Associate members include qualified members of other (non-M.D.) health care disciplines with a special interest or expertise in trauma. Approval of a majority of the Board of Directors is required. Associate members must satisfy the same requirements for election to and retention of membership as active members. Associate members may not vote, serve on committees or hold office.
- C. Senior membership is automatically conferred on all members in good standing upon reaching the age of 55, assuming the member is in good standing. A senior member enjoys all voting privileges and rights of active members, and must pay dues annually but is exempt from attendance requirements. The senior member is not counted as part of a given specialty's membership quota or membership total.
- D. Retired membership: Members in good standing who retire from practice are, upon notification of the Secretary and/or Treasurer, entitled to continued membership, but exempt from all membership requirements, including the payment of dues. They shall have the right to vote and their membership shall not be counted towards specialty membership quotas. The change to "retired status" is voluntary.
- E. Emeritus membership: Senior members of the Association who have made a significant contribution to the organization may be awarded Emeritus membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- F. Candidates for membership must submit a completed application and a letter of support (sponsorship) from a member of the Association. They must also submit an abstract for consideration by the Program Committee. A prospective member must attend a meeting within three (3) years prior to the meeting in which he/she is voted on for membership.

SECTION 3: Membership Retention

To retain membership in the Association, each member must comply with the following:

- A) Be a physician in good standing before his or her professional specialty board.
- B) Attend at least one out of every three consecutive meetings of the Association.
- C) Agree to be responsible for annual membership dues and any assessments as set by the Board of Directors at a special meeting or the annual meeting. He/she must remain current in the payment of dues and assessments.
- D) Maintain behavior befitting a physician by adhering to the code of ethical and moral standards as described by either the American College of Surgeons or the American Medical Association.

SECTION 4: Termination of Membership

- A) Membership can be terminated for a violation of one or more of the items set forth in Section II, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors.
- B) Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary; however, such resignation shall not relieve the member of the obligation to pay any dues or other charges accrued and unpaid.

ARTICLE III

Meetings

SECTION 1: Annual Meetings

shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the Association held in some suitable location chosen by the President-elect and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and the membership. Funds shall be made available for the conduct of the scientific program at the annual meeting.

SECTION 2: Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Board of Directors or two-thirds of the members in good standing, entitled to vote. The location for a special meeting of the Association shall be chosen by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3: Notice

Notice of the time and place of the annual or special meetings of the Association shall be mailed by the Secretary of the Association to each and every member at his address as it last appears on the records of the Association with postage thereon prepaid. Notice shall be deemed delivered when mailed in the United States Mail, so addressed to the respective member. Notification by electronic mail (e-mail) may be substituted for regular mail.

SECTION 4: Quorum

In accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 3, one-fourth of the membership present at any meeting of the Association shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV
Board of Directors, Meetings, and Responsibilities

SECTION 1: Composition

- A. The President, President-elect, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past President, program committee chairman and six members-at-large shall constitute the Board of Directors.
- B. The President of the Association shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Chair of the Multicenter Trials Committee, the Historian and the President of the West Virginia Trauma Foundation for Education and Research shall serve as ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. The ex-officio members shall not have any vote on matters before the board.
- C. At each annual meeting, two members of the Association in good standing named by the Nominating Committee and elected by the membership, shall replace the two outgoing members-at-large of the Board unless the membership should, by majority vote, elect to retain the then existing at-large Directors.
- D. The tenure of elected members of the Board of Directors shall be for no more than three years unless such member shall be elected to a position as an officer in the Association.

Section 2: Annual Meetings

- A. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held during and in the same geographic location as the annual meeting of the Association, but at least one day in advance of the general business meeting. The agenda will be determined by the President of the Association who will preside at the meeting. Additional agenda items may be proposed for discussion and/or vote by any Board member.
- B. Unless otherwise determined by a majority vote of the Directors, all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be considered executive sessions and, thus, closed to all but Board members and invited guests.

SECTION 3: Special Meetings

- A. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time and place upon the request of the President, or a majority of the Board providing ten days prior written notice shall be given to each Director, stating the time, place and purpose of the special meeting. Notices of special meetings shall be mailed to the Directors by the Secretary of the Association in the same form and manner as provided above for mailing notices of meetings for the membership of the Association.
- B. In lieu of special meetings, the Board of Directors may conduct business by conference telephone call including a quorum of Members of the Board. The same rules for notification of special meetings shall apply to conference calls.

SECTION 4: Quorum

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. (No member of the Board may vote by proxy.)

ION 5: Powers

ct only to the limitations of the provisions of the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Act, all
rate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the affairs and activities of the
iation shall be controlled by, or under the authority of, the Board of Directors.

ION 6: Ex-officio Members of Board of Directors.

resident of the Western Trauma Foundation for Education and Research, Chairman of the
arm Committee, Chair of the Multicenter Trials Committee and the Historian shall be ex-officio
ers of the Board of Directors and may participate in any meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

Registration, Fees, Dues, and Assessments

ION 1: Registration Fees

tration fees for annual meetings shall be paid and used to defray the cost of the functions of the
il meeting. The amount of the registration fee shall be determined by the President, in
litation with the Treasurer, and notice thereof shall be sent to the membership along with the
n notice of the annual meeting.

ION 2: Dues

of the Association shall be set by the Board of Directors. Each member shall pay dues to the
urer of the Association for each fiscal year, beginning with the first new fiscal year after election
nbership. The Treasurer shall notify each member of his/her dues obligation during the first
r of the fiscal year by regular or electronic mail. This notification shall follow the rules for
ation of the annual meeting. Associate members shall be required to pay the same dues
ed of active members. Failure to pay dues for three (3) years shall be considered cause for
iation of membership.

ION 3: Assessments

hirds majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Association can institute a special
sment of the general membership. Special assessments can be voted by the Board of
ors only for the promotion of scientific programs at the annual meetings, research papers or
purposes designed to achieve the exchange of ideas and principles pertaining to the diagnosis
management of traumatic injuries and conditions. Notice of any special assessment of the
ership so voted by the Board of Directors shall be sent, by either regular or electronic mail, to
ive and senior members at the last address on record with the Association, postage pre-paid.

ION 4: Waiver of Dues and Responsibilities

uirements for retention of membership including payment of dues and attendance at meetings
e waived by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors upon petition. Eligibility for such
rs shall include induction into the Armed Forces of the United States on a temporary basis,
al disability, or other reasons that would place unreasonable hardship, physical disability, or
reason upon the petitioner.

ARTICLE VI

Voting

ION 1: Voting Rights

active member or senior member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each matter
tted to a vote of the membership.

ION 2: Majority

A majority of the votes entitled to be cast on a matter at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be deemed necessary for the adoption of such matters unless otherwise noted in the Bylaws.

SECTION 3: Manner of Voting

Each member of the Association is entitled to vote in one of three following manners:

1) In person.

2) With respect to matters described in any notice of meeting, by written instruction or ballot, delivered by United States Mail, postage pre-paid, addressed to the secretary of the Association at the Association's registered office or such other address as specified in any notice of meeting, postmarked and received on or before the date of the meeting of the membership where the vote is to be taken. A member who has voted by such written instruction or ballot shall be counted for purposes of determining whether quorum of members is present at a meeting, but only with respect to the matter voted upon by such Member.

3) By proxy duly executed in writing by the member or his authorized attorney-in-fact. No member in attendance at a meeting shall hold or vote more than one duly executed proxy for other members.

SECTION 4: Amendments

As to the Articles of Incorporation, consolidation or dissolution of the Association shall be passed in the event of a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing.

SECTION 5: Elections

Elections and all other matters raised to a vote of the membership cannot be held unless a quorum is present and shall be by majority vote.

ARTICLE VII **Officers**

SECTION 1: Officers

The officers of the Association shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and such other officers as from time to time may be appointed by the Board of Directors. The President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Historian, and Treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members by simple majority of a quorum.

SECTION 2: Terms and Vacancies

The President, President-Elect, and Vice-President shall hold office for one (1) year. The Secretary and Treasurer shall each hold office for the term of three years. All elected officers, except the Treasurer, shall be automatically inaugurated at the close of the annual meeting at which they were elected. The newly elected treasurer shall assume the responsibilities of his/her office at the beginning of the next fiscal year following his/her election. The Historian shall serve until his/her death, resignation or inability to perform the duties subsequently described in Article VIII. If an officer cannot complete his/her term, his/her successor shall be chosen by the Board of Directors at a special meeting to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of the office. No officer shall serve for more than one term.

SECTION 3: Removal

Any officer may be removed, with or without cause, by a vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors present at any meeting for that purpose.

ION 4: Resignation

Officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors and receiving approval.

ARTICLE VIII **Duties and Authority of Officers**

ION 1: President

The president shall preside at all meetings of the members and shall serve as ex-officio member of committees. The president shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors and shall serve as the representative to the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma.

ION 2: President-Elect

The president-elect shall plan and organize the next annual meeting and assume whatever responsibilities the president or Board of Directors shall assign.

ION 3: Vice President

The vice president shall preside at all business meetings in the absence of the president. The Vice-president shall serve as Chair of the Website Committee and perform such other duties as requested and assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

ION 4: Secretary

The secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the association and the Board of Directors and be responsible for applications for membership, elections and terminations of members and communications to the membership, especially those whose membership is in jeopardy because of violations of the bylaws. Maintain the Membership database, with the help of the Treasurer. Record the reports from the other officers and committees and any bylaw changes. Maintain copies of all corporate documents, including contracts, except for those that specifically relate to financial matters. Prepare a report for the membership at the annual business meeting and for the Board of Directors at each of their annual meetings.

ION 5: Treasurer

The treasurer shall:

- Keep the books of account of the Association.
- Have custody of, and be responsible for all funds, securities, financial documents, and other properties of the Association and shall deposit all such funds in the name of the Association in such banks or other depositories as shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
- Assist the Secretary in keeping the roster of the membership that is current and accurate.
- Engage a certified public accountant, approved by the President, to prepare such tax documents as are required by law and file said documents in a timely manner. He/she will require said certified public accountant to audit the books of the Association upon the request of the Board of Directors and present the report of that audit to the Board.
- Manage all accounts receivable and payable, including such expenses as may be incurred in the name of the Association.
- Send to all active and associate members a statement of dues in the first quarter of the fiscal year, and make all necessary efforts to collect those dues.
- Serve on the Website Committee and prepare the website annually for the meeting registration process.

- 8) Prepare registration packets, including name badges, and other items, for all those at the annual meeting.
- 9) Organize, with assistance from the other Officers and Board Members, the registration process at the annual meeting.

SECTION 6. Historian

The Historian should maintain and safeguard the archives of the Association. The Historian is an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. In case of a vacancy by reason of death, resignation or inability to fulfill the responsibilities of the office, the vacancy may be filled by the Board of Directors until the next annual meeting of the members. The historian shall keep a continuous account of the history of the Association for the use of the membership. This shall include significant information concerning each annual meeting, including the site of the meeting, recipients of honors, invite lecturers, highlights of the scientific program, and important actions arising from the Business Meeting. The historian shall also record significant action of the Board of Directors at its meetings. Each five years the historian shall prepare the history of the Association from the time of the last recorded history to be part of the archives of the Association. Memorabilia of the Association shall be retained by the Historian.

ARTICLE IX **Committees**

SECTION 1: Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of three (3) members of the Association appointed by the President. These individuals should represent General Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, and a specialty. The Chairman of this Committee shall be the immediate Past President. This committee shall submit a slate of nominees for the various offices of the Association to the annual meeting of the members.

SECTION 2: Program Committee

The Program Committee shall consist of a Chairman, appointed by the President, and a Committee including at least one General Surgeon, one Orthopedic Surgeon, another specialist (if available) and as many other members as the Program Chairman and President deem necessary to a maximum of ten (10) members. The Chairman and the President will appoint the committee members. The Chairman and the Chairman of the Publications Committee shall serve as ex-officio members. The Chairman will serve a two year term and is an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors. This Committee will be responsible for the organization and conduct of the program at the annual meeting.

SECTION 3: Membership Committee

The Secretary of the Association shall serve as Chairman of the Membership Committee. The Secretary shall present to the Board of Directors at its annual meeting, a list of candidates who have satisfied the requirements for membership. Upon approval of the Board of Directors, this group will be then presented to the membership for its approval as previously outlined.

SECTION 4: Publications Committee

The Publications Committee will consist of a Chairman and a Committee including at least one General Surgeon, one Orthopedic Surgeon, one Plastic Surgeon and another specialist (if available) and as many other members as the Chairman and President deem necessary and appropriate. The Chairman of the Program Committee shall serve as an ex-officio member of the committee. The Chairman of the Publications Committee will be appointed by the President and serve a two (2) year term. The other members, selected from the membership, will be appointed by the President in consultation with the Chairman, annually. This committee will be responsible for reviewing all manuscripts submitted in association with presentations at the annual meeting and for choosing

will be submitted to The Journal of Trauma. The Chairman will serve as the liaison to The Journal of Trauma. Should the Chairman not be an Editorial Consultant to The Journal of Trauma, the Chairman will consult with a member of the Editorial Board of The Journal of Trauma designated President.

Section 5: Multicenter Trials Committee

The multicenter trial committee shall consist of a Chairman and other interested members of the Association. This committee will be responsible for coordinating and reviewing all the multicenter trials conducted under the aegis of the association. The Chairman will be appointed by the President to a two (2) year term. The Chairman will report to the president and board of directors, and at the annual business meeting and serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors.

Section 6: Website Committee

The Website Committee shall consist of a Chairman and four (4) members. The Vice President shall serve as the Chairman of the Committee. The Treasurer will serve as a member. The two other members, selected from among the Association membership, will be appointed by the Vice President to a two (2) year term. The Committee shall be responsible for development and maintenance of the Association's Website.

Section 7: Other Committees

Ad hoc committees may be established by the Board of Directors. The creation of additional standing committees, proposed by the Board of Directors, requires the approval of a majority of members in good standing.

ARTICLE X
Conduct and Order of Business

Section 1: Business Sessions of the Members

There shall be an annual business meeting of the members during the annual meeting. It shall be presided by a meeting of the Board of Directors also held during the annual meeting of the Association.

Section 2: Order of Business

The President shall set the agenda and where possible should follow Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XI
Indemnification

Section 1. Definitions. For purposes of this Article:

The terms "director or officer" shall include a person who, while serving as a director or officer of the Association, is or was serving at the request of the Association as a director, officer, partner, member, manager, trustee, employee, fiduciary or agent of another foreign or domestic Association. The term "director or officer" shall also include the estate or personal representative of a director or officer, unless the context otherwise requires.

The term "proceeding" shall mean any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, whether formal or informal, any appeal in such an action, suit, or proceeding, and any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such an action, suit, or proceeding.

- C. The term “party” includes an individual who is, was, or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in a proceeding.
- D. The term “liability” shall mean any obligation to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, or reasonable expense incurred with respect to a proceeding.
- E. When used with respect to a director, the phrase “official capacity” shall mean the office of the director in the Association, and, when used with respect to a person other than a director, shall mean the office in the Association held by the officer or the employment, fiduciary, or agency relationship undertaken by the employee or agent on behalf of the Association; in neither case shall include service for any foreign or domestic Association or for any other person.

Section 2 General Provisions.

The Association shall indemnify any person who is or was a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the Association, against expenses (including attorneys’ fees), liability, judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such proceeding if such person:

- (i) acted in good faith;
- (ii) was reasonably believed, in the case of conduct in an official capacity with the Association, that the conduct was in the best interests of the Association, and, in all other cases, that the conduct was at least not opposed to the best interests of the Association; and
- (iii) with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that the conduct was unlawful.

However, no person shall be entitled to indemnification under this Section 2 either:

- (i) in connection with a proceeding brought by or in the right of the Association in which the director or officer was adjudged liable to the Association; or
- (ii) in connection with any other proceeding charging improper personal benefit to the director or officer, whether or not involving action in that person’s official capacity, in which the director or officer is ultimately adjudged liable on the basis that the director or officer improperly received personal benefit.

Indemnification under this Section 2 in connection with a proceeding brought by or in the right of the Association shall be limited to reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the proceeding, including the termination of any action, suit, or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, or conviction or a plea of solo contender or its equivalent shall not of itself be determinative that the person did not meet the standard of conduct set forth in this Section 2.

Section 3 Successful Defense on the Merits: Expenses.

To the extent that a director or officer of the Association has been wholly successful on the merits of the defense of any proceeding to which he was a party, such person shall be indemnified against reasonable expenses (including attorneys’ fees) actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such proceeding.

Section 4 Determination of Right to Indemnification.

Any indemnification under Section 2 of this Article (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Association only as authorized in each specific case upon a determination that indemnification

or officer is permissible under the circumstances because such person met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 2. Such determination shall be made:

- (i) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum of disinterested directors who at the time of the vote are not, were not, and are not threatened to be made parties to the proceeding; or
- (ii) if such a quorum of the Board of Directors cannot be obtained, or even if such a quorum is obtained, but such quorum so directs, then by independent legal counsel selected by the Board of Directors in accordance with the preceding procedures, or by the voting members (other than the voting members who are directors and are, at the time, seeking indemnification). Authorization of indemnification and evaluation as to the reasonableness of expenses shall be made in the same manner as the determination that indemnification is permissible, except that, if the determination that indemnification is permissible is made by independent legal counsel, authorization of indemnification and evaluation of legal expenses shall be made by the body that selected such counsel.

Section 5. Advance Payment of Expenses; Undertaking to Repay.

The Association may pay for or reimburse the reasonable expenses (including attorneys' fees) paid by a director or officer who is a party to a proceeding in advance of the final disposition of the proceeding if:

- (i) the director or officer furnishes the Association a written affirmation of the director's or officer's good faith belief that the person has met the standard of conduct set forth in Section 2;
- (ii) the director or officer furnishes the Association with a written undertaking, executed personally or on the director's or officer's behalf, to repay the advance if it is determined that the person did not meet the standard of conduct set forth in Section 2, which undertaking shall be an unlimited general obligation of the director or officer but which need not be secured and which may be accepted without reference to financial ability to make repayment; and
- (iii) a determination is made by the body authorizing indemnification that the facts then known to such body would not preclude indemnification.

Section 6. Reports to Members.

In the event that the Association indemnifies, or advances the expenses of, a director or officer in accordance with this Article in connection with a proceeding by or on behalf of the Association, a report of that fact shall be made in writing to the member with or before the delivery of the notice of the next meeting of the members.

Section 7. Other Employees and Agents.

The Association shall indemnify such other employees and agents of the Association to the same extent and in the same manner as is provided above in Section 2 with respect to directors and officers, by adopting a resolution by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors specifically naming by name or by position the employees or agents entitled to indemnification.

Section 8. Insurance.

The Board of Directors may exercise the Association's power to purchase and maintain insurance covering without limitation insurance for legal expenses and costs incurred in connection with the filing of any claim, proceeding, or lawsuit) on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, trustee, officer, partner, fiduciary, agent or was serving as a director, officer, partner, member, trustee, employee, or agent of another domestic or foreign corporation, nonprofit corporation against any liability asserted against the person or incurred by the person in any such capacity or arising out of the

person's status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify th person against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

Section 9. Nonexclusivity of Article.

The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights procedures to which one indemnified may be entitled under the Articles of Incorporation, any l agreement, resolution of disinterested directors, or otherwise, both as to action in such person official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall contin a person who has ceased to be a director or officer, and shall inure to the benefit of such pers heirs, executors, and administrators.

Section 10. Notice to Voting Members of Indemnification.

If the Association indemnifies or advances expenses to a director or an officer, the Associatio give written notice of the indemnification in advance to the voting members with or before the of the next voting members' meeting. If the next voting member action is taken without a mee such notice shall be given to the voting members at or before the time the first voting member writing consenting to such action.

ARTICLE XII
Conflicts Of Interest, Loans And Private Inurement

Section 1. Conflicts of Interest.

If any person who is a director or officer of the Association is aware that the Association may about to enter into any business transaction directly or indirectly with himself, any member of person's family, or any entity in which he has any legal, equitable or fiduciary interest or posit including without limitation as a director, officer, shareholder, partner, beneficiary or trustee, s person shall:

- (a) immediately inform those charged with approving the transaction on behalf of the Association of such person's interest or position;
- (b) aid the persons charged with making the decision by disclosing any material facts wi such person's knowledge that bear on the advisability of such transaction from the standpoint Association; and
- (c) not be entitled to vote on the decision to enter into such transaction.

Voting on such transaction shall be conducted as follows:

- (i) Discussion of the matter, with the interested officer or director, shall be held by the b with such person present to provide information and answer any questions.
- (ii) The interested office or director shall withdraw from the meeting.
- (iii) Discussion of the matter outside of the presence of the interested officer or director s held by the Board.
- (iv) The remaining members of the Board shall vote. Such voting shall be by written ball Such ballots shall not reflect the name or identity of the person voting.

Section 2. Loans to Directors and Officers Prohibited.

ns shall be made by the Association to any of its directors or officers. Any director or officer sents to or participates in the making of any such loan shall be liable to the Association for the t of such loan until it is repaid.

n 3. No Private Inurement.

ssociation is not organized for profit and is to be operated exclusively for the promotion of social e in accordance with the purposes stated in the Association's articles of incorporation. The net gs of the Association shall be devoted exclusively to charitable and educational purposes and ot inure to the benefit of any private individual. No director or person from whom the ation may receive any property or funds shall receive or shall be entitled to receive any iary profit from the operation thereof, and in no event shall any part of the funds or assets of the ation be paid as salary or compensation to, or distributed to, or inure to the benefit of any er of the board of directors; provided, however, that:

reasonable compensation may be paid to any director while acting as an agent, contractor, loyee of the Association for services rendered in effecting one or more of the purposes of the ation;

any director may, from time to time, be reimbursed for such director's actual and reasonable ses incurred in connection with the administration of the affairs of the Association; and

the Association may, by resolution of the board of directors, make distributions to persons whom the Association has received contributions previously made to support its activities to the such distributions represent no more than a return of all or a part of the contributor's utions.

ARTICLE XIII
Amendments

Bylaws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association provided that a notice y the purpose of each proposed amendment and the reason therefore, and a copy of the sed amendment is sent to every member in good standing not less than thirty (30) days prior to te of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon. It shall require a two- vote of a quorum of the membership present at the meeting to amend a Bylaw.

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