

**February 23 - 28, 2020**

Sun Valley Resort

Sun Valley, Idaho

An aerial photograph of a snowy mountain slope. The slope is covered in snow and dotted with numerous evergreen trees. Several ski lift towers and cables are visible, extending up the mountain. In the background, more snow-capped mountain peaks rise against a clear blue sky.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**FINAL PROGRAM**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Western Trauma Association**  
**51st Annual Meeting**  
**February 28 - March 5, 2021**

*Location to be announced at the Business Meeting*

The logo for the Western Trauma Association features a stylized red mountain range on the left. To the right, the words "Western Trauma Association" are written in a red, serif font. The letter "W" is significantly larger and partially overlaps the mountain range.

**Western Trauma  
Association**



# **FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING**

**February 23 - 28, 2020  
Sun Valley Resort  
Sun Valley, Idaho**

Dear Members, Friends and Guests:

Welcome to this historic meeting of the Western Trauma Association. In addition to the honor of being this year's president, I have the great pleasure of presiding over the 50th anniversary meeting of the WTA. From a small start-up organization in 1971, the WTA has become an association known not only for its scientific value, but one that is coveted for its attention to collegiality and family. Those of you who are members know exactly what I mean, and I hope that all of those attending for the first time experience the special WTA moments that have made the association so special.

A lot of work has occurred during the year in preparation for this year's meeting, with a special thanks going to the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee members of Tom Cogbill, Barry Esrig, Mark Metzdorff, Chris Cocanour, David Feliciano, David Livingston and Harold Sherman.

Nick Namias and the members of the Program Committee have done an outstanding job selecting the top 39 abstracts from the 187 that were submitted, in addition to the special sessions that I am sure you will enjoy. One of the sessions that I hope you and your family will make a special effort to attend is the Paint the Ceiling lecture. Jerry Jurkovich's presidential address of the same title, and for which the lectureship was created, stressed the human side of medicine. In keeping with the theme and extending it to our canine soldiers, I am honored that U.S. Marine Corps Master Sergeant (retired) Chris Willingham will speak on military working dogs, their relationship with our soldiers, and a particularly special canine soldier.

Finally, Sun Valley has long held a special place in my memory book of ski resorts and I am excited to bring our WTA family to this spectacular mountain. It has been 34 years since the WTA has held a meeting at Sun Valley. I hope that you enjoy it and that it also creates a special memory for you.

Enjoy the meeting and welcome to the 50th anniversary of the Western Trauma Association.

**David Shatz, MD**

*President, Western Trauma Association*

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# CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CREDIT INFORMATION

## Accreditation

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the American College of Surgeons and Western Trauma Association. The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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# CME INFORMATION

## TO CLAIM CME

You will receive an email with instructions on completing the meeting evaluation, taking self-assessment tests and obtaining your CME Certificate. These instructions will be sent to the email used to register you for the meeting. Instructions will also be posted on the WTA website. The self-assessment tests will be available at the end of each day.

## MEETING APP INSTRUCTIONS

Download the WTA Meeting App on your iOS or Android device. The Schedule of Events, Attendee List, Abstracts and Self-Assessment tests can be found on the app.

View the Vimeo video for downloading an app on iOS – first time users – <https://vimeo.com/155553890>

Downloading the app is easy on iOS and Android! Instructions:

1. Visit <http://my.yapp.us/WTAMEETING> on your device and follow instructions on the page
2. You'll be asked to install Yapp from the app store. (if you don't have it already)
3. Open Yapp and tap "Download an existing Yapp" and your app will appear.

## Don't have an iOS or Android device?

You can view this app from your desktop browser by visiting the [my.yapp.us](http://my.yapp.us) URL above.

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This activity is designed for physicians of all specialties who are involved in the care of trauma patients.

Upon completion of this course, attendees will be able to:

- Compare VTE rates in pelvic fracture patients with vs without early chemo-prophylaxis
- Explain the relationship of social stressors on outcomes
- Recognize the link between tranexamic acid and survival in traumatized patients
- Assess the impact of frailty and pain on outcomes of traumatized patients
- Recognize the importance of early control of hemorrhage following injury
- Create hospital-based trauma survivor programs of injured patients in shock



## **DISCLOSURE INFORMATION**

In compliance with the ACCME Accreditation Criteria, the American College of Surgeons must ensure that anyone in a position to control the content of the educational activity has disclosed all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest. All reported conflicts are managed by a designated official to ensure a bias-free presentation. Please see the insert to this program for the complete disclosure list.

## **WTA 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. The goals of the Association are not only the intellectual growth attained through increased knowledge, but also the emotional growth attained through camaraderie and interaction with family and friends in an environment conducive to winter sports.

# 2019-2020 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

## Officers

|                          |                       |
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| Treasurer                | Richard Miller, MD    |
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| Bonnie Baron, MD       | 2020 |
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| Dennis W. Vane, MD     | 2021 |
| Rochelle Dicker, MD    | 2021 |
| Mitch Cohen, MD        | 2021 |
| Roxie M. Albrecht, MD  | 2022 |
| Megan Brenner, MD      | 2022 |
| Lawrence N. Diebel, MD | 2022 |

## Term Ends

## Program Chair

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Nicholas Namias, MD | 2021 |
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## Term Ends

## Publications Chair

|                  |      |
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| Karen Brasel, MD | 2020 |
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## Term Ends

## Multi-Center Trials Chair

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| Carlos Brown, MD | 2021 |
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## Term Ends

## Algorithms Chair

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Matthew Martin, MD | 2022 |
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## Term Ends

## Nominating Chair

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|-----------------------|------|
| Roxie M. Albrecht, MD | 2020 |
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## Term Ends

# 2019-2020 COMMITTEES

## Program Committee

|                                      | <b>Term</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Nicholas Namias, MD, <i>Chair</i>    | 2019-2021   |
| Michael Aboutanos, MD                | 2019-2021   |
| Karen Brasel, MD, <i>ex-officio</i>  | 2018-2020   |
| Charles Cook, MD                     | 2019-2021   |
| Ajai Malhotra, MD, <i>ex-officio</i> | 2019-2020   |
| Andrew Rosenthal, MD                 | 2019-2021   |
| Kevin Schuster, MD                   | 2019-2021   |
| David Shatz, MD, <i>ex-officio</i>   | 2019-2020   |
| Deborah Stein, MD                    | 2019-2020   |
| Rob Todd, MD                         | 2019-2021   |
| Steven Wolf, MD                      | 2019-2020   |

## Publications Committee

|                                | <b>Term</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Karen Brasel, MD, <i>Chair</i> | 2018-2020   |
| Erik Barquist, MD              | 2019-2022   |
| Kelley Bullard, MD             | 2019-2022   |
| Marc deMoya, MD                | 2019-2022   |
| Joseph Galante, MD             | 2018-2021   |
| Stephanie Gordy, MD            | 2019-2022   |
| Bellal Joseph, MD              | 2018-2021   |
| Olga Kaslow, MD                | 2018-2021   |
| Anastasia Kunac, MD            | 2017-2020   |
| Robert Letton, MD              | 2016-2021   |
| James McCarthy, MD             | 2016-2021   |
| Jasmeet Paul, MD               | 2017-2020   |
| Justin Richards, MD            | 2017-2020   |
| David Shultz, MD               | 2019-2022   |
| Jason Sperry, MD               | 2017-2020   |
| Jennifer Watters, MD           | 2017-2020   |
| Ben Zarzaur, MD                | 2017-2020   |
| David Zonies, MD               | 2019-2022   |

# 2019-2020 COMMITTEES

| <b>Nominating Committee</b>         | <b>Term</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Roxie M. Albrecht, MD, <i>Chair</i> | 2020        |
| Carl Hauser, MD                     | 2020        |
| Manuel Lorenzo, MD                  | 2020        |
| Jasmeet Paul, MD                    | 2020        |
| Dennis Vane, MD                     | 2020        |

## **Multi-Center Trials Committee**

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Carlos Brown, MD, <i>Chair</i> | 2018-2021 |
| Clay Cothren Burlew, MD        | 2019-2022 |
| Kenji Inaba, MD                | 2019-2021 |
| Eric Ley, MD                   | 2019-2021 |
| Matthew Martin, MD             | 2019-2021 |
| Laura Moore, MD                | 2019-2022 |
| Michael Truitt, MD             | 2019-2022 |

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| <b>Violence Prevention Committee</b> | <b>Term</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Rochelle Dicker, MD, <i>Chair</i>    | 2019-2021   |
| Kelley Bullard, MD                   | 2019-2021   |
| Bryan Collier, MD                    | 2019-2021   |
| Alex Eastman, MD                     | 2019-2021   |
| John Vermillion, MD                  | 2019-2021   |
| Amy Wyrzykowski, MD                  | 2019-2021   |

## **Algorithms Committee**

| <b>Algorithms Committee</b>            | <b>Term</b> |
|--|-------------|
| Matthew Martin, MD, <i>Chair</i>       | 2019-2022   |
| Carlos Brown, MD                       | 2019-2022   |
| Dave Ciesla, MD                        | 2017-2020   |
| Eric Ley, MD                           | 2019-2022   |
| Kimberly Peck, MD                      | 2019-2022   |
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| Nelson Rosen, MD                       | 2019-2022   |
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| Rosemary Kozar, MD, <i>ex-officio</i>  | 2018-2021   |
| Karen Brasel, MD, <i>ex-officio</i>    | 2018-2020   |
| Ernest E. Moore, MD, <i>ex-officio</i> |             |

# WTA PRESIDENTS

|                           |      |                    |
|---------------------------|------|--------------------|
| Robert G. Volz, MD        | 1971 | Vail               |
| Robert G. Volz, MD        | 1972 | Vail               |
| Peter V. Teal, MD         | 1973 | Vail               |
| William R. Hamsa, MD      | 1974 | Aspen              |
| Arthur M. McGuire, MD     | 1975 | Sun Valley         |
| Lynn Ketchum, MD          | 1976 | Snowmass           |
| Fred C. Chang, MD         | 1977 | Park City          |
| Glen D. Nelson, MD        | 1978 | Steamboat          |
| Gerald D. Nelson, MD      | 1979 | Snowmass           |
| Kevin G. Ryan, MD         | 1980 | Snowbird           |
| David S. Bradford, MD     | 1981 | Jackson Hole       |
| Erick R. Ratzer, MD       | 1982 | Vail               |
| William R. Olsen, MD      | 1983 | Jackson Hole       |
| Earl G. Young, MD         | 1984 | Steamboat Springs  |
| Robert B. Rutherford, MD  | 1985 | Snowbird           |
| Rudolph A. Klassen, MD    | 1986 | Sun Valley         |
| Robert J. Neviasser, MD   | 1987 | Jackson Hole       |
| Robert C. Edmondson, MD   | 1988 | Steamboat Springs  |
| Ernest E. Moore, MD       | 1989 | Snowbird           |
| Stephen W. Carveth, MD    | 1990 | Crested Butte      |
| George E. Pierce, MD      | 1991 | Jackson Hole       |
| Peter Mucha, Jr., MD      | 1992 | Steamboat Springs  |
| David V. Feliciano, MD    | 1993 | Snowbird           |
| R. Chris Wray, MD         | 1994 | Crested Butte      |
| David A. Kappel, MD       | 1995 | Big Sky            |
| Thomas H. Cogbill, MD     | 1996 | Grand Targhee      |
| G. Jerry Jurkovich, MD    | 1997 | Snowbird           |
| James B. Benjamin, MD     | 1998 | Lake Louise        |
| Herbert J. Thomas III, MD | 1999 | Crested Butte      |
| Barry C. Esrig, MD        | 2000 | Squaw Valley       |
| Steven R. Shackford, MD   | 2001 | Big Sky            |
| James A. Edney, MD        | 2002 | Whistler-Blackcomb |
| J. Scott Millikan, MD     | 2003 | Snowbird           |
| Harvey J. Sugerman, MD    | 2004 | Steamboat Springs  |
| Scott R. Petersen, MD     | 2005 | Jackson Hole       |
| Harold F. Sherman. MD     | 2006 | Big Sky            |

# WTA PRESIDENTS

|                           |      |                   |
|---------------------------|------|-------------------|
| Frederick A. Moore, MD    | 2007 | Steamboat Springs |
| James W. Davis, MD        | 2008 | Squaw Valley      |
| Grace S. Rozycki, MD      | 2009 | Crested Butte     |
| Robert C. Mackersie, MD   | 2010 | Telluride         |
| M. Gage Ochsner, MD       | 2011 | Big Sky           |
| R. Lawrence Reed, MD      | 2012 | Vail              |
| Mark T. Metzdorff, MD     | 2013 | Snowmass          |
| David H. Livingston, MD   | 2014 | Steamboat Springs |
| Christine S. Cocanour, MD | 2015 | Telluride         |
| Thomas M. Scalea, MD      | 2016 | Squaw Valley      |
| Carl J. Hauser, MD        | 2017 | Snowbird          |
| Dennis W. Vane, MD        | 2018 | Whistler          |
| Roxie M. Albrecht, MD     | 2019 | Snowmass          |
| David V. Shatz, MD        | 2020 | Sun Valley        |

# NEW MEMBERS

## Western Trauma Association Welcomed the Following New Members at the 2019 Annual Meeting

### **Vaidehi Agrawal, PhD**

Baltimore, MD  
Associate Member

### **Ronald Barbosa, MD**

Portland, OR  
Surgical Critical Care  
Active Member

### **Stephany Berry, MD**

Kansas City, KS  
General Surgery  
Active Member

### **Scott Brakenridge, MD**

Gainesville, FL  
Surgical Critical Care  
Active Member

### **Rachel Callcut, MD**

Sacramento, CA  
Surgical Critical Care  
Active Member

### **Matthew Carrick, MD**

Southlake, TX  
General Surgery  
Active Member

### **Warren Dorlac, MD**

Loveland, CO  
Surgical Critical Care  
Senior Member

### **Evert Eriksson, MD**

Charleston, SC  
General Surgery  
Active Member

### **Stephen Hafertepen, MD**

Aurora, CO  
Surgical Critical Care  
Senior Member

### **Dmitriy Karev, MD**

Bronx, NY  
Surgical Critical Care  
Senior Member

### **Natasha Keric, MD**

Phoenix, AZ  
General Surgery  
Active Member

### **Nathaniel Kreykes, MD**

Minneapolis, MN  
Pediatric Surgery  
Active Member

### **Gregory Magee, MD MSc**

Los Angeles, CA  
Vascular Surgery  
Active Member

### **Lesley Osborn, MD**

Houston, TX  
Emergency Medicine  
Active Member

# NEW MEMBERS

## Western Trauma Association Welcomed the Following New Members at the 2019 Annual Meeting (continued)

### **Shad Pharaon, MD**

Vancouver, WA  
Surgical Critical Care  
Active Member

### **Samuel Prater, MD**

Houston, TX  
Emergency Medicine  
Active Member

### **Daniel Rossi, DO**

Anchorage, AK  
Colorectal Surgery  
Active Member

### **Ronald Tesoriero, MD**

Baltimore, MD  
Surgical Critical Care  
Active Member



# WESTERN TRAUMA FOUNDATION DONORS

*Current lifetime accumulation status based on 2019 year end*

## **Summit (\$25,000 and up)**

Barry Esrig  
Ernest E. Moore

Thomas Scalea  
Robert Volz

## **Extreme (\$10,000-24,999)**

James Davis  
David Feliciano

David Livingston  
Grace Rozycki

## **Couloir Society (\$5,000 - \$9,999)**

Roxie Albrecht  
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| James Benjamin  | Carl Hauser       | Patrick Offner   |
| Walter Biffi    | Riyad Karmy-Jones | Peter Rhee       |
| Karen Brasel    | Natasha Keric     | Anne Rizzo       |
| Megan Brenner   | Brent King        | Susan Rowell     |
| Carlos Brown    | Guy Lanzi         | Martin Schreiber |
| Kelley Bullard  | Richard Leone     | Harold Sherman   |
| David Ciesla    | Robert Letton     | Keith Stephenson |
| Thomas Cogbill  | William Long      | Ali Tabatabai    |
| Mitchell Cohen  | Barbara Mainville | Brian Tibbs      |
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| Clay Burlew       | Michael Hauty    | Henry Sagi            |
| Howard Champion   | David Hoyt       | Henry Schiller        |
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| Bruce G Ferris    | Frank Nastanski  | R. Christie Wray, Jr. |
| Alvaro Fonseca    | Raminder Nirula  | Ben Zarzaur           |
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Jody Digiacomio  
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Charles Wade  
Robb Whinney  
Amy Wyrzykowski

# IN MEMORIAM

**Earl G. Young, MD** — February 27, 1989

**Gerald S. Gussack, MD** — August 25, 1997

**Peter Mucha, Jr., MD** — August 9, 2006

**W. Bishop McGill, MD** — October 14, 2007

**Ronald P. Fischer, MD** — January 25, 2013

**M. Gage Ochsner, MD** — April 26, 2013

**George Cierny, MD** — June 24, 2013

**R. Christie Wray, MD** — November 18, 2013

**Robert B. Rutherford, MD** — November 22, 2013

**Doreen DiPasquale, MD** — January 7, 2014

**Barbara Latenser, MD** — June 15, 2015

**Matthew L Davis, MD** — September 3, 2015

**Arthur M. McGuire, MD** — January 28, 2016

**Glen D. Nelson, MD** — May 14, 2016

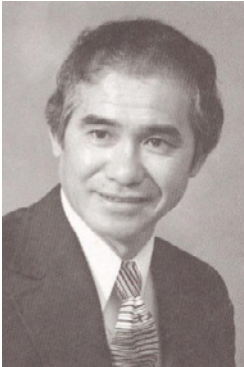
**William R. Olsen** — June 14, 2017

**Erick R. Ratzer, MD** — July 7, 2017

**Stephen W. Carveth, MD** — March 6, 2019

**Basil A. Pruitt Jr., MD** — March 17, 2019

# EARL YOUNG RESIDENT PRIZE



**Earl G. Young, MD  
(1928-1989)**

## **EARL YOUNG RESIDENT PRIZE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH**

The Earl Young Resident Prize for Clinical Research was established after the death of one of the Founding members of the Western Trauma Association. This prize is a continuation of Dr. Young's profound interest in the training of residents and his commitment to ongoing research. It is given each year to stimulate resident clinical research. Abstracts eligible for this award are submitted to the Program Committee for resident prize status and presentation at the annual meeting of the Western Trauma Association. A manuscript must be submitted to the *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery* in advance of the meeting for consideration of publication. The manuscript and presentation are judged with first and second place cash prizes and recognition given at the annual WTA annual banquet. The 1st place resident's name is listed in the annual meeting program book.

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

*Dr. Earl G. Young of Minneapolis was a founding member of the Western Trauma Association and its 14th President. He died of a myocardial infarction, Monday, February 27, 1989, while skiing at Snowbird during the 19th 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 fellowship in cardiovascular surgery at Baylor University in Houston and studied microvascular surgery at the University of California-San Diego.*

## **EARL YOUNG RESIDENT PRIZE**

*He was a clinical professor of surgery at the University of Minnesota Medical School, and a practicing general and vascular surgeon at the Park-Nicollet Clinic in Minneapolis from 1960. He was nationally known and was actively 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 Health 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 inquiry, love of learning ... and commitment in service to mankind."*

# EARL G. YOUNG AWARD RECIPIENTS

| <b>Resident</b>          | <b>Institution</b>                      | <b>Year</b> |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| Joseph Schmoker, MD      | University of Vermont                   | 1991        |
| Joseph Schmoker, MD      | University of Vermont                   | 1992        |
| Charles Mock, MD         | University of Washington                | 1993        |
| Gino Travisani, MD       | University of Vermont                   | 1994        |
| Phillip C. Ridings, MD   | Medical College of Virginia             | 1995        |
| David Han, MD            | Emory University                        | 1996        |
| Preston R. Miller, MD    | Wake Forest University                  | 1997        |
| Geoffrey Manley, MD, PhD | University of California, San Francisco | 1998        |
| James M. Doty, MD        | Medical College of Virginia             | 1999        |
| David J. Ciesla, MD      | Denver Health/University of Colorado    | 2000        |
| Ricardo J. Gonzales, MD  | Denver Health/University of Colorado    | 2001        |
| Scott C. Brakenridge, MD | Cook County Hospital                    | 2002        |
| Adena J. Osband, MD      | UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School         | 2003        |
| Cindy Lee, MD            | UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School         | 2004        |
| Ernest A. Gonzalez, MD   | University of Texas at Houston          | 2005        |
| Jennifer M. Watters, MD  | Oregon Health & Science University      | 2005        |
| Jennifer J. Wan, MD      | University of California, San Francisco | 2006        |
| Jennifer J. Wan, MD      | University of California, San Francisco | 2007        |
| Keir J. Warner, MD       | University of Washington                | 2008        |
| T. W. Constantini, MD    | University of California, San Diego     | 2009        |
| C. Anne Morrison, MD     | Baylor College of Medicine              | 2010        |
| Marlin Causey, MD        | Madigan Army Medical Center             | 2011        |
| Phillip Letourneau, MD   | University of Texas at Houston          | 2011        |
| Gerard De Castro, MD     | University of Maryland                  | 2011        |
| Matthew E. Kutcher, MD   | University of California, San Francisco | 2012        |
| Kimberly Song, MD, MA    | UMDNJ - New Jersey Medical School       | 2013        |
| Lucy Kornblith, MD       | UCSF/SFGH, San Francisco                | 2014        |
| Hunter B. Moore, MD      | Denver Health/University of Colorado    | 2015        |
| George Black, MD         | Madigan Army Medical Center             | 2016        |
| Morgan Barron, MD        | Madigan Army Medical Center             | 2017        |
| John Kuckelman, MD       | Madigan Army Medical Center             | 2018        |
| Patrick Murphy, MD       | Indiana University                      | 2019        |

# ERNEST E. MOORE RESIDENT PRIZE

## Ernest E. Moore Moore Basic Science Award

The Ernest E. Moore Resident Prize for Basic Science Research has been established to encourage residents to become surgeon researchers. Dr. Ernest "Gene" Moore has been a major factor in the academic growth of the Western Trauma Association by encouraging resident attendance and participation in the program at the Annual Meeting of the WTA. Abstracts eligible for this award are submitted to the Program Committee for resident prize status presentation at the annual meeting of the Western Trauma Association. A manuscript must be submitted to the *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery* in advance of the meeting for consideration of publication. The manuscript and presentation are judged with first and second place cash prizes and recognition given at the annual WTA annual banquet. The 1st place resident's name is listed in the annual meeting program book.

| Resident            | Institution                     | Year |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|------|
| Anders Davidson, MD | University of California, Davis | 2019 |

## ERNEST E. MOORE RESIDENT PRIZE FOR BASIC SCIENCE RESEARCH

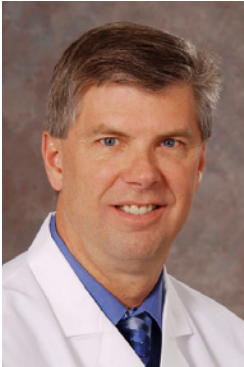
Ernest E. Moore, M.D. F.A.C.S., M.C.C.M., F.A.C.N., F.A.C.E.P. (Hon), F.R.C.S. Ed. (Hon) F.R.C.S.T.(Hon), F.R.C.S.I.(Hon), F.E.B.S. Em Surg (Hon) first attended the WTA in 1977 and was the 19th president in 1989. He was the first member to sponsor surgical residents at the WTA and negotiated an affiliate society status of the WTA with the Journal of Trauma in 1985. Dr Moore was the Chief of Trauma at the Denver General Hospital for 36 years, Chief of Surgery for 28 years, the first Rockwell Distinguished Chair in Trauma Surgery, and a Distinguished Professor of Surgery at the University of Colorado Denver. Under Dr. Moore's leadership, the Denver General became internationally recognized for innovative care of the injured patient, and its trauma research laboratory has been funded by the NIH for 30 consecutive years. His team has made seminal contributions in defining the lethal triad of trauma induced coagulopathy, the two-hit model of multiple organ failure, the role of mesenteric lymph in post-shock lung injury, and the pathophysiology of fibrinolysis shutdown. In July 2018, the center



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was renamed the Ernest E Moore Shock Trauma Center at Denver Health. Dr. Moore has served as president of nine academic societies, including the Society of University Surgeons, American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, International Association for the Trauma and Surgical Intensive Care, and the World Society of Emergency Surgery; and was Vice President for the American Surgical Association. His awards include the Robert Danis Prize from the Society of International Surgeons, Orazio Campione Prize from the World Society of Emergency Surgery, Philip Hench Award from the University of Pittsburgh, Florence Sabin Award from the University of Colorado, Medallion for Scientific Achievement from the American Surgical Association, Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of University Surgeons, Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Heart Association, Distinguished Investigator Award from the American College of Critical Medicine, Distinguished Investigator Award from the Shock Society, and Lifetime Service Award from the International Association for Trauma and Surgical Intensive Care. He has honorary fellowships in the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, the Royal College of Surgeons of Thailand; and is an honorary member of the Brazilian Trauma Society, Colombian Trauma Society, European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery, and Trauma Association of Canada. Dr. Moore is coeditor of the textbook Trauma, in its 9th edition, Surgical Secrets in its 7th edition, and Trauma Induced Coagulopathy, in its 2nd edition; he has >1700 publications and has lectured extensively throughout the world. He is married to Sarah Van Duzer Moore, M.D., an internist at the University of Colorado Denver, and they have two sons; Hunter, a chief surgical resident at UCD and Peter, a pulmonary fellow at UCD. Dr. Moore's additional interests include endurance sports, mountaineering, skiing, and wapiti pursuit. He lives by the principle to work hard you must play hard, with the understanding that family is the ultimate priority.

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## **A SPECK OF SAND**

Tuesday, February 25

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**David V. Shatz, MD, FACS**

Sacramento, California

David V. Shatz, MD, FACS, Professor of Surgery at the University of California Davis School of Medicine, attended medical school at Loyola University in Chicago, IL. Dr. Shatz' early career interests were founded during his college years at UCLA, working as a technician in one of Los Angeles' busy emergency rooms, and then as an intern at the University of Hawaii during his surgical critical care rotations. The challenges of disrupted physiology and the even bigger challenges of correcting it cemented the pathway to a life-long career and passion as a trauma surgeon. After completing residency at Tripler Army Medical Center, he spent nearly a year at Ft. Sill, OK before a nine-month deployment to the Middle East as a combat surgeon during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. After returning home from the Middle East, Dr. Shatz began his surgical critical care fellowship at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, FL. Following completion of his fellowship in 1992, he became an assistant professor of surgery and trauma surgeon at the newly opened Ryder Trauma Center at UM/JMH. During his 17 years in Miami, his second "career" as an EMS physician grew, becoming the assistant medical director of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, the chair of the Florida EMS Advisory Council for three consecutive terms, and a member of one of Florida's regional domestic security task forces and the state's domestic security oversight council following the 9-11 attacks. He was the medical director for the Florida Urban Search and Rescue Task Force under FEMA, deploying to several domestic and international disaster events, as well as a member of

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FEMA's medical working group. His prehospital work continued when he joined the faculty at the University of California Davis Medical Center in 2008, where he continues as a trauma surgeon and professor of surgery, as well as the medical director for Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, and chair of several of the state's trauma and EMS committees. He is a member of the ACS Committee on Trauma, serving on several subcommittees within the COT, and the current vice-chair of the AAST Disaster Committee. His primary research efforts have focused on the human body's immunologic capability following traumatic splenectomy, as well as EMS and disaster response efforts.

## **“PAINT THE CEILING” LECTURESHIP**

In 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”.

This lecture has become an annual invited lecture which is integral to the unique identity of the Western Trauma Association Annual Meeting. Unlike the scientific session program, this lecture focuses on the humanistic aspects of medicine and can be attended by all participants, guests, and their families. Past lectures have been personal, local, national, and global, covering topics such as first-person accounts of illness, social and societal aspects that affect all patient care, programs providing relief in troubled or impoverished areas, or personal reflections on delivering care in a humane, holistic fashion. A speaker is chosen annually by the current President of the WTA. The Western Trauma Foundation provides an honorarium and expenses for this lecture.

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| <b>Presenter</b>                               | <b>Year</b> | <b>Location</b>   |
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| G. Jerry Jurkovich, MD                         | 1997        | Snowbird          |
| John W. McGill, MD                             | 1998        | Lake Louise       |
| William T. Close, MD                           | 1999        | Crested Butte     |
| Jimmy Cornell                                  | 2000        | Squaw Valley      |
| Geoff Tabin, MD                                | 2001        | Big Sky           |
| James H. “Red” Duke, MD                        | 2002        | Whistler          |
| David V. Shatz, MD                             | 2003        | Snowbird          |
| Susan and Tim Baker                            | 2004        | Steamboat Springs |
| Alex Habel, MD                                 | 2005        | Jackson Hole      |
| Andrew Schneider                               | 2006        | Big Sky           |
| Ernest E. Moore, MD                            | 2007        | Steamboat Springs |
| Pamela Kallsen                                 | 2008        | Squaw Valley      |
| Sylvia Campbell, MD                            | 2009        | Crested Butte     |
| William Schecter, MD                           | 2010        | Telluride         |
| Jeff McKenney, MD                              | 2011        | Big Sky           |
| Larry M. Gentilello, MD                        | 2012        | Vail              |
| Neil L. Barg, MD                               | 2013        | Snowmass          |
| Ziad Sifri, MD                                 | 2014        | Steamboat Springs |
| Julie Freischlag, MD                           | 2015        | Telluride         |
| Lewis Rubinson, MD, PhD                        | 2016        | Squaw Valley      |
| Kenneth Waxman, MD                             | 2017        | Snowbird          |
| Steven R. Shackford, MD                        | 2018        | Whistler          |
| M. Margaret Knudson, MD                        | 2019        | Snowmass          |
| MSgt Chris Willingham, USMC,<br><i>Retired</i> | 2020        | Sun Valley        |

## PAINT THE CEILING LECTURE



### **LUCCA: THE STORY OF A MARINE K-9 HERO**

Thursday, February 27

5:20 pm – 6:00 pm

**Master Sergeant Chris Willingham, USMC,  
Retired**

Master Sergeant (retired) Chris Willingham served in the United States Marine Corps from January 1999 to January 2019. Master Sergeant Willingham dedicated a majority of his career to the Military Working Dog (MWD) Program. Throughout his 20-year career, Master Sergeant Willingham served as a MWD handler, trainer, instructor and supervisor.

From 2000-2003, Master Sergeant Willingham served as a Patrol Explosive Detection Dog handler at Provost Marshals Office Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. With his assigned MWD, Tekky, Master Sergeant Willingham provided force protection and conducted law enforcement operations to include supporting multiple Secret Service missions.

Master Sergeant Willingham reported to Marine Corps Detachment, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas in February 2003. While assigned to the DoD Dog Training Section, Master Sergeant Willingham served as a MWD trainer and Team Chief. He was selected to serve as the first Marine instructor for the Specialized Search Dog Handlers (SSD) Course which was newly developed off-leash explosive detection capability. In 2006, Master Sergeant Willingham completed an advanced Specialized Search Dog course through the Israeli Defense Force Oketz K-9 Unit where he was paired with SSD Lucca. Master Willingham and SSD Lucca completed two tours to Iraq where Lucca was credited with numerous IED finds and responsible for saving countless lives.

In June 2010, Master Sergeant Willingham led 30 MWD teams to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. These 30 teams performed exceptional in combat and set a high standard for MWD teams.

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From 2011 to 2014, Master Sergeant Willingham served as a Detachment Commander at the United States Embassy in Helsinki, Finland and the Recruiting, Advertising and Screening Chief for the Marine Corps Embassy Security Group at Quantico, Virginia.

Master Sergeant Willingham reported to 1st Law Enforcement Battalion in September 2014 where he served as the Kennel Master for the Military Working Dog Platoon. In April 2016, he deployed with 8 MWD teams in support of Operation Spartan Shield to establish the first MWD Kennels in Kuwait to support operations throughout the Middle East.

From 2017-2019, Master Sergeant Willingham served as the Marine Corps Special Operations Command Multi-Purpose Canine Program Manager.

Master Sergeant Willingham is married to Jill and they have two wonderful children; Claire and Michael.

# FOUNDERS' BASIC SCIENCE LECTURE

This lecture was established by a founding member (Robert Volz, President 1971 & 1972) of the Western Trauma to enhance the academic mission and provide valuable basic science information that is relevant to the field of trauma. It is a scheduled part of the annual meeting in which an invited speaker is chosen to discuss a specific basic research topic that has clinical relevance to the care of the trauma patient. Honoraria and expenses are paid by the Western Trauma Foundation as part of its mission to support the academic endeavors of the Western Trauma Association. These surgeon/researchers are selected by the program committee for their specific expertise and contributions to the knowledgebase in the field of trauma. This lecture is often a combination of translational as well as basic science research.

| <b>Presenter</b>        | <b>Year</b> | <b>Location</b>   |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Raul Coimbra, MD        | 2009        | Crested Butte     |
| Lawrence Diebel, MD     | 2010        | Telluride         |
| Carl J. Hauser, MD      | 2011        | Big Sky           |
| Fred Moore, MD          | 2012        | Vail              |
| Steve Shackford, MD     | 2013        | Snowmass          |
| Hasan B. Alam, MD       | 2014        | Steamboat Springs |
| Charles S. Cox, Jr. MD  | 2015        | Telluride         |
| Rosemary Kozar, MD      | 2016        | Squaw Valley      |
| Mitchell J. Cohen, MD   | 2017        | Snowbird          |
| Ernest "Gene" Moore, MD | 2018        | Whistler          |
| Timothy R. Billiar, MD  | 2019        | Snowmass          |
| Martin A. Schreiber, MD | 2020        | Sun Valley        |



# FOUNDERS' BASIC SCIENCE LECTURE



## **STEM CELLS IN TRAUMA: THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA**

Wednesday, February 26  
8:20 am – 9:00 am

### **MARTIN A. SCHREIBER, MD FACS FCCM COL, MC, USAR**

Professor of Surgery,  
Chief, Division of Trauma, Critical Care &  
Acute Care Surgery  
Oregon Health & Science University

Dr. Martin Schreiber is Chief of Trauma, Critical Care and Acute Care Surgery at Oregon Health & Science University. He is on the American College of Surgeons Board of Governors and he is the Chair of the Advocacy Pillar. He has been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and he has served as the Joint Theater Trauma System Director. Dr. Schreiber is also the director of the Trauma Research Laboratory at OHSU. The Trauma Research Lab has been continuously funded by federal sources since 2001. Lab research interests include resuscitation of hemorrhagic shock, hemorrhage control and development of novel blood products. Current funding sources include the Department of Defense, the NIH and private industry. The lab is engaged in over 40 investigational protocols at OHSU. Dr. Schreiber is considered a leader in the trauma community and he has been an invited speaker throughout the United States and around the world.

**NOTES**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

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4:00pm - **WTA FOUNDATION MEETING**  
5:00pm *Sun Valley Inn, Columbine Room*

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5:00pm - **REGISTRATION OPEN**  
7:30pm *Sun Valley Inn, Limelight Promenade*

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5:00pm - **WELCOME RECEPTION**  
7:00pm *Sun Valley Inn, Limelight B*

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5:00pm - **KIDS WELCOME RECEPTION**  
7:00pm *Sun Valley Inn, Limelight A*

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7:00pm - **WTA PAST PRESIDENTS MEETING**  
8:00pm *Sun Valley Inn, Columbine Room*

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## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

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| 6:00am -<br>9:00am   | <b>REGISTRATION &amp; EXHIBITS OPEN</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Limelight Promenade &amp; Continental Room</i>  |                |
| 6:30am -<br>8:00am   | <b>ATTENDEE BREAKFAST</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Continental Room</i>  |                |
| 7:00am -<br>9:30am   | <b>FRIENDS &amp; FAMILY BREAKFAST</b><br><i>Gretchen's &amp; Konditorei Restaurants</i>   |                |
| 7:00am -<br>9:00am   | <b>SCIENTIFIC SESSION 1</b><br><b>Moderators: David Shatz, MD &amp; Nick Namias, MD</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn - Limelight Ballroom</i><br>* Indicates Earl G. Young Clinical Research Competition<br>** Indicates Ernest E. Moore Basic Science Research Competition |                |
| 7:00 am -<br>7:20 am | 1. DOES DIURESIS IMPROVE FASCIAL CLOSURE FOR OPEN ABDOMEN?<br><i>Nicholas Duletzke MD, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT</i>   | <b>Page 45</b> |
| 7:20 am -<br>7:40 am | 2. DYNAMIC EFFECTS OF IN-VIVO AND IN-VITRO CALCIUM ON PLATELET BEHAVIOR**<br><i>Zachary Matthay MD, Univ of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA</i>   | <b>Page 47</b> |
| 7:40 am -<br>8:00 am | 3. A RAT MODEL OF ORTHOPEDIC INJURY-INDUCED HYPERCOAGULABILITY AND FIBRINOLYTIC SHUTDOWN**<br><i>Kristen Carter MD, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MI</i>   | <b>Page 49</b> |
| 8:00 am -<br>8:20 am | 4. LIQUID PLASMA REDUCES WASTE AND HEALTHCARE EXPENSES COMPARED TO THAWED PLASMA AT A LEVEL 1 TRAUMA CENTER*<br><i>Sawyer Smith MD, Oregon Health &amp; Science University, Portland, OR</i>  | <b>Page 51</b> |
| 8:20 am -<br>8:40 am | 5. IMPROVED OUTCOMES UTILIZING A NOVEL PECTIN-BASED PLEURAL SEALANT FOLLOWING ACUTE LUNG INJURY**<br><i>John Kuckelman DO, Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, WA</i>  | <b>Page 53</b> |

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| 8:40 am -<br>9:00 am | 6. ISOLATED LOW-GRADE SOLID ORGAN INJURIES IN CHILDREN FOLLOWING BLUNT ABDOMINAL TRAUMA: IS IT TIME TO CONSIDER DISCHARGE FROM THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT?*   | <b>Page 55</b> |
|                      | <i>Christian Streck MD, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC</i>  |                |
| 3:30pm -<br>6:00pm   | <b>REGISTRATION &amp; EXHIBITS OPEN</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Limelight Promenade &amp; Continental Room</i>  |                |
| 4:00pm -<br>6:00pm   | <b>SCIENTIFIC SESSION 2</b><br><b>Moderators: Rosemary Kozar, MD &amp; Charles Cook, MD</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn - Limelight Ballroom</i><br>* Indicates Earl G. Young Clinical Research Competition<br>** Indicates Ernest E. Moore Basic Science Research Competition |                |
| 4:00 pm -<br>4:20 pm | 7. LOW PRE-HOSPITAL END-TIDAL CARBON DIOXIDE PREDICTS INFERIOR CLINICAL OUTCOMES IN TRAUMA PATIENTS*  | <b>Page 57</b> |
|                      | <i>Mary Kate Bryant MD, WakeMed Health &amp; Hospitals, Raleigh, NC</i>   |                |
| 4:20 pm -<br>4:40 pm | 8. HISTONE DEACETYLASE (HDAC) 6 INHIBITION IMPROVES SURVIVAL IN A SWINE MODEL OF LETHAL HEMORRHAGE, POLYTRAUMA, AND BACTEREMIA**  | <b>Page 59</b> |
|                      | <i>Ben Biesterveld MD, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI</i>  |                |
| 4:40 pm -<br>5:00 pm | 9. DELAY IN ICU TRANSFER IS PROTECTIVE AGAINST ICU READMISSION IN TRAUMA PATIENTS: AN UNINTENDED RANDOMIZED STUDY*  | <b>Page 61</b> |
|                      | <i>Stephen Ranney MD, University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, VT</i>  |                |
| 5:00 pm -<br>5:20 pm | 10. NATIONWIDE ANALYSIS OF CRYOPRESERVED RED BLOOD CELL TRANSFUSION IN CIVILIAN TRAUMA*   | <b>Page 63</b> |
|                      | <i>Kamil Hanna MD, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ</i>  |                |
| 5:20 pm -<br>5:40 pm | 11. TEG IS INSUFFICIENT TO DETECT CHANGES IN FIBRINOLYSIS IN PATIENTS WHO RECEIVED PRE-HOSPITAL TRANEXAMIC ACID FOLLOWING TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY*   | <b>Page 65</b> |
|                      | <i>Alexandra Dixon MD MPH, Oregon Health &amp; Science Univ, Portland, OR</i>   |                |

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| 5:40 pm -<br>6:00 pm | 12. IMPACT OF VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM<br>CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS ON POSTOPERATIVE HEMORRHAGE<br>FOLLOWING OPERATIVE FIXATION OF PELVIC FRACTURES*<br><i>Bennett Berning MD, University of Tennessee Health Science<br/>Center, Saginaw, MI</i> | <b>Page<br/>67</b> |
| 6:00pm -<br>8:00pm   | <b>WTA BOARD MEETING</b> (by invitation only)<br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Columbine Room</i>   |                    |
| 6:30pm -<br>7:30pm   | <b>RESIDENT RECEPTION</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Sage Room</i>  |                    |

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

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| 6:00am -<br>9:00am   | <b>REGISTRATION &amp; EXHIBITS OPEN</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Limelight Promenade &amp; Continental Room</i>  |                |
| 6:30am -<br>8:00am   | <b>ATTENDEE BREAKFAST</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Continental Room</i>  |                |
| 7:00am -<br>9:30am   | <b>FRIENDS &amp; FAMILY BREAKFAST</b><br><i>Gretchen's &amp; Konditorei Restaurants</i>   |                |
| 7:00am -<br>9:00am   | <b>SCIENTIFIC SESSION 3</b><br><b>Moderators: Karen Brasel, MD &amp; Michel Aboutanos, MD</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn - Limelight Ballroom</i><br>* Indicates Earl G. Young Clinical Research Competition<br>** Indicates Ernest E. Moore Basic Science Research Competition |                |
| 7:00 am -<br>7:20 am | 13. DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH EXPECTING QUANTITY OR QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE INTUBATED ELDERLY TRAUMA PATIENT*<br><i>Arthur Grimes MD, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, OK</i>   | <b>Page 69</b> |
| 7:20 am -<br>7:40 am | 14. HOW AND WHY REPETITIVE MILD TRAUMATIC INJURY ALTERS LONG-TERM BRAIN PATHOLOGY**<br><i>Navpreet Dhillon MD, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA</i>   | <b>Page 71</b> |
| 7:40 am -<br>8:00 am | 15. CLOSING THE GAP IN CARE OF BLUNT SOLID ORGAN INJURY IN CHILDREN*<br><i>Nicholas Yung MD, Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT</i>   | <b>Page 73</b> |
| 8:00 am -<br>8:20 am | 16. DIAPHRAGM PACING DECREASES HOSPITAL CHARGES FOR ACUTE SPINAL CORD INJURY PATIENTS<br><i>Andrew Kerwin MD, University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL</i>  | <b>Page 75</b> |
| 8:20 am -<br>8:40 am | 17. ARE ALL TRAUMA CENTERS CREATED EQUAL? LEVEL-1 TO LEVEL-1 TRAUMA CENTER PATIENT TRANSFERS IN THE SETTING OF RAPID TRAUMA CENTER PROLIFERATION*<br><i>Michael Jones MD, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ</i>                                       | <b>Page 77</b> |

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| 8:40 am -<br>9:00 am | 18. INCREASED LEGAL FIREARM SALES ARE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH CHANGES IN VIOLENT CRIME OR HOMICIDE RATES<br><i>Mark Hamill MD, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine; Mayo Clinic; UT Health San Antonio; University Hospitals of Cleveland</i> | <b>Page</b><br><b>79</b> |
| 3:00pm -<br>4:00pm   | <b>VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING</b><br><i>Sun Valley Lodge, Garnet Room</i>  |                          |
| 3:30pm -<br>6:00pm   | <b>REGISTRATION &amp; EXHIBITS OPEN</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Limelight Promenade &amp; Continental Room</i>  |                          |
| 4:00pm -<br>6:00pm   | <b>SCIENTIFIC SESSION 4</b><br><b>Moderator: Nick Namias, MD</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn - Limelight Ballroom</i>  |                          |
| 4:00 pm -<br>4:40 pm | 19. PRO-CON: ORGAN DONATION AFTER CIRCULATORY DEATH IN TRAUMA - AND IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME<br><i>Charles Cook, MD &amp; S. Rob Todd, MD</i>   | <b>Page</b><br><b>81</b> |
| 4:40 pm -<br>5:00 pm | 20. A TRIBUTE TO PAST WTA MEMBERS PART 1<br><i>David V. Feliciano, MD</i>   | <b>Page</b><br><b>83</b> |
| 5:00 pm -<br>6:00 pm | 21. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: A SPECK OF SAND<br><i>David Shatz MD, UC Davis, Sacramento, CA</i>  | <b>Page</b><br><b>85</b> |
| 6:00 pm -<br>7:00 pm | <b>WTA MULTICENTER TRIALS MEETING</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn - Limelight Ballroom</i>   |                          |



**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020**

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| 6:00am -<br>9:00am   | <b>REGISTRATION &amp; EXHIBITS OPEN</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Limelight Promenade &amp; Continental Room</i>   |                |
| 6:30am -<br>8:00am   | <b>ATTENDEE BREAKFAST</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Continental Room</i>   |                |
| 7:00am -<br>9:30am   | <b>FRIENDS &amp; FAMILY BREAKFAST</b><br><i>Gretchens and Konditorei Restaurants</i>   |                |
| 7:00am -<br>9:00am   | <b>SCIENTIFIC SESSION 5</b><br><b>Moderators: Matt Martin, MD &amp; Kevin Schuster, MD</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn - Limelight Ballroom</i>   |                |
| 7:00 am -<br>7:20 am | 22. TRANEXAMIC ACID IS ASSOCIATED WITH MULTIPLE ORGAN FAILURE IN FIBRINOLYSIS SHUTDOWN FOLLOWING SEVERE TRAUMA<br><i>Justin Richards MD, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, Baltimore, MD</i> | <b>Page 87</b> |
| 7:20 am -<br>7:40 am | 23. THE WINDLASS TOURNIQUET: IS IT TAKING THE WIND OUT OF THE "STOP THE BLEED" SAILS?<br><i>Victoria Schlanser DO, Cook County Trauma, Chicago, IL</i>   | <b>Page 89</b> |
| 7:40 am -<br>8:00 am | 24. DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE: A MULTI-CENTER EVALUATION OF VEHICULAR CRASHES IN THE ERA OF CANNABIS LEGALIZATION<br><i>Johanna Borst, UC San Diego School of Medicine, San Diego, CA</i>    | <b>Page 91</b> |
| 8:00 am -<br>8:20 am | 25. ALGORITHM: VTE PROPHYLAXIS<br><i>Eric Ley, MD, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center</i>   | <b>Page 93</b> |
| 8:20 am -<br>9:00 am | 26. FOUNDERS BASIC SCIENCE LECTURE: STEM CELLS IN TRAUMA: THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA<br><i>Martin A. Schreiber, MD FACS FCCM, Oregon Health &amp; Science University, Portland, Oregon</i>          | <b>Page 95</b> |
| 10:00am -<br>12:00pm | <b>NASTAR RACE (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED)</b><br><i>Warm Springs</i>  |                |
| 11:00am -<br>1:30pm  | <b>MOUNTAIN PICNIC</b><br><i>Warm Springs Greyhawk Area</i>  |                |

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| 3:30pm -<br>6:00pm   | <b>REGISTRATION &amp; EXHIBITS OPEN</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Limelight Promenade &amp; Continental Room</i>                  |                    |
| 4:00pm -<br>6:00pm   | <b>WTA BOOK CLUB</b><br><i>Sun Valley Lodge, Ernest Hemingway Suite</i>   |                    |
| 4:00pm -<br>6:00pm   | <b>SCIENTIFIC SESSION 6</b><br><b>Moderator: David Shatz, MD</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn - Limelight Ballroom</i>                |                    |
| 4:00 pm -<br>4:45 pm | 27. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION SESSION<br>Deborah Stein, MD & Karen Brasel, MD  | <b>Page<br/>97</b> |
| 4:45 pm -<br>5:00 pm | 28. FIFTY YEARS OF 'WESTERN TRAUMA ASSOCIATION<br>FAMILY' INJURIES<br><i>Micheala A. West MD, PhD, WTA Family</i>             | <b>Page<br/>99</b> |
| 5:00 pm -<br>6:00 pm | <b>WTA BUSINESS MEETING</b><br>*Members only  |                    |
| 6:30pm -<br>8:30pm   | <b>WTA FAMILY NIGHT - BOWLING, ARCADE &amp;<br/>ICE SKATING</b><br><i>Sun Valley Lodge - Bowling Alley &amp; Skating Rink</i> |                    |
| 8:00pm -<br>9:30pm   | <b>WTA PAST PRESIDENTS' RECEPTION</b><br><i>Sun Valley Lodge - Larkspur Room</i>  |                    |

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020**

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| 6:00am -<br>9:00am   | <b>REGISTRATION OPEN</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Limelight Promenade</i>   |                 |
| 6:30am -<br>8:00am   | <b>ATTENDEE BREAKFAST</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Limelight Promenade</i>  |                 |
| 7:00am -<br>9:30am   | <b>FRIENDS &amp; FAMILY BREAKFAST</b><br><i>Gretchen's &amp; Konditorei Restaurants</i>  |                 |
| 7:00am -<br>9:00am   | <b>SCIENTIFIC SESSION 7</b><br><b>Moderators: Carlos Brown, MD &amp; Eric Toschlog, MD</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn - Limelight Ballroom</i>   |                 |
| 7:00 am -<br>7:20 am | 29. TRAUMA CENTER FUNDING: STOP THE BLEED<br><i>Joseph D. Amos MD, FACS, Methodist Dallas Medical Center, Dallas, TX</i>   | <b>Page 103</b> |
| 7:20 am -<br>7:40 am | 30. SPIROMETRY NOT PAIN LEVEL PREDICTS OUTCOMES IN ELDERLY PATIENTS WITH ISOLATED RIB FRACTURES<br><i>Kevin Schuster MD, MPH, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT</i>         | <b>Page 105</b> |
| 7:40 am -<br>8:00 am | 31. THE CENTER FOR TRAUMA SURVIVORSHIP: ADDRESSING THE GREAT UNMET NEED FOR POST-TRAUMA CENTER CARE<br><i>David Livingston MD, Rutgers-New Jersey Medical School, Newark, NJ</i> | <b>Page 107</b> |
| 8:00 am -<br>8:20 am | 32. CERTIFICATION IN ENDOVASCULAR HEMOSTASIS FOR TRAUMA SURGEONS: POSSIBLE AND PRACTICAL?<br><i>Joseph Herrold MD MPH, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Ctr, Baltimore, ND</i>        | <b>Page 109</b> |
| 8:20 am -<br>8:40 am | 33. ALGORITHM: ANTICOAGULATION REVERSAL<br><i>Kimberly Peck, MD, Scripps Mercy Hospital</i>  | <b>Page 111</b> |
| 8:40 am -<br>9:00 am | 34. ALGORITHM: CHILD PHYSICAL ABUSE<br><i>Nelson Rosen, MD, Cincinnati Children's Hospital</i>   | <b>Page 113</b> |
| 3:00pm -<br>4:00pm   | <b>ALGORITHMS COMMITTEE MEETING</b><br><i>Sun Valley Lodge - Garnet Room</i>   |                 |

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| 3:30pm -<br>6:00pm   | <b>REGISTRATION OPEN</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Limelight Promenade</i>   |                 |
| 4:00pm -<br>6:00pm   | <b>SCIENTIFIC SESSION 8</b><br><b>Moderator: David Shatz, MD</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn - Limelight Ballroom</i>                         |                 |
| 4:00 pm -<br>4:40 pm | 35. PRO/CON DEBATE: FINGER THORACOSTOMY IS SAFE IN THE HANDS OF EMS AND ED DOCTORS<br><i>Matthew Martin, MD and Kevin Schuster, MD</i> | <b>Page 115</b> |
| 4:40 pm -<br>5:00 pm | 36. A TRIBUTE TO PAST WTA MEMBERS PART 2<br><i>Gregory J. Jurkovich, MD</i>  | <b>Page 117</b> |
| 5:00 pm -<br>6:00 pm | 37. PAINT THE CEILING LECTURE: LUCCA: THE STORY OF A MARINE K-9 HERO<br><i>Master Sergeant Chris Willingham, USMC, Retired</i>         | <b>Page 119</b> |
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| 7:30pm -<br>10:30pm  | <b>BANQUET</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn - Limelight Ballroom</i>   |                 |

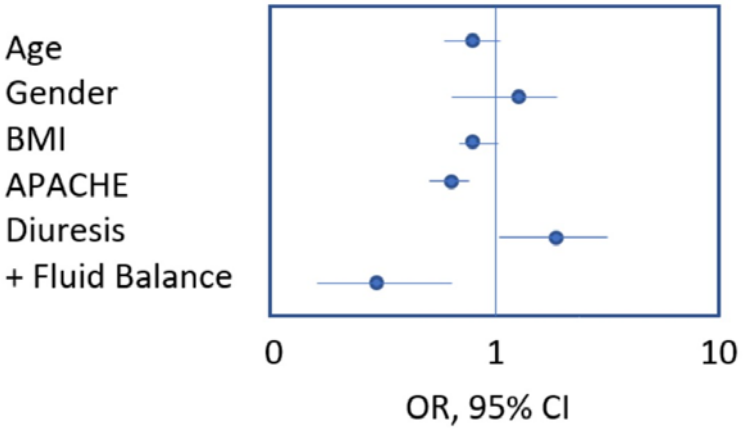
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| 6:00am -<br>9:00am   | <b>REGISTRATION OPEN</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Limelight Promenade</i>   |                 |
| 6:30am -<br>8:00am   | <b>ATTENDEE BREAKFAST</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Limelight Promenade</i>  |                 |
| 7:00am -<br>9:30am   | <b>FRIENDS &amp; FAMILY BREAKFAST</b><br><i>Gretchen's &amp; Konditorei Restaurants</i>  |                 |
| 7:00am -<br>9:00am   | <b>SCIENTIFIC SESSION 9</b><br><b>Moderators: Rochelle Dicker, MD &amp; David Ciesla, MD</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn - Limelight Ballroom</i>   |                 |
| 7:00 am -<br>7:20 am | 38. NEUROSURGICAL INTERVENTION (NSI) IN GERIATRIC PATIENTS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI): RESULTS FROM THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE SURGERY OF TRAUMA (AAST) GERI-TBI STUDY<br><i>Mira Ghneim MD, AAST, San Francisco, CA</i>                            | <b>Page 121</b> |
| 7:20 am -<br>7:40 am | 39. BLUNT CEREBROVASCULAR INJURY - IS THERE A ROLE FOR UNIVERSAL SCREENING?<br><i>Stefan Leichtle MD, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA</i>   | <b>Page 123</b> |
| 7:40 am -<br>8:00 am | 40. RESUSCITATIVE ENDOVASCULAR BALLOON OCCLUSION OF THE AORTA (REBOA) IN HEMODYNAMICALLY UNSTABLE PATIENTS WITH PELVIC FRACTURES: WHEN IT'S ALL ABOUT TIME<br><i>Bella Joseph MD, FACS, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ</i> | <b>Page 125</b> |
| 8:00 am -<br>8:20 am | 41. CHOOSING WISELY: A PROSPECTIVE STUDY OF DIRECT TO OR TRAUMA RESUSCITATION INCLUDING REAL-TIME TRAUMA SURGEON AFTER-ACTION REVIEW<br><i>Amelia Johnson PA-C, Legacy Emanuel Medical Center, Portland, OR</i>  | <b>Page 127</b> |
| 8:20 am -<br>8:40 am | 42. EXPOSURE TO COMMUNITY VIOLENCE POST-INJURY PREDICTS PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS AND PHYSICAL HEALTH AFTER NON-INTENTIONAL INJURY IN ETHNIC AND RACIAL MINORITY PATIENTS<br><i>Terri deRoon-Cassini PhD, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI</i>           | <b>Page 129</b> |

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| 8:40 am -<br>9:00 am | 43. WHOLE BLOOD AT THE TIP OF THE SPEAR: ANALYSIS OF FRESH WHOLE BLOOD RESUSCITATION VERSUS COMPONENT THERAPY IN SEVERELY INJURED COMBAT CASUALTIES<br><i>Amanda Staudt MD, US Army Institute of Surgical Research / Joint Trauma System, San Antonio, TX</i> | <b>Page<br/>131</b> |
| 3:30pm -<br>6:00pm   | <b>REGISTRATION OPEN</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn, Limelight Promenade</i>  |                     |
| 4:00pm -<br>6:00pm   | <b>SCIENTIFIC SESSION 10</b><br><b>Moderators: Roxie Albrecht, MD &amp; Anastasia Kunac, MD</b><br><i>Sun Valley Inn - Limelight Ballroom</i>   |                     |
| 4:00 pm -<br>4:20 pm | 44. CHARACTERIZATION OF UNEXPECTED SURVIVORS FOLLOWING A PREHOSPITAL PLASMA RANDOMIZED TRIAL<br><i>Danielle Gruen PhD, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA</i>   | <b>Page<br/>133</b> |
| 4:20 pm -<br>4:40 pm | 45. EFFECT OF EARLY FASCIOTOMY ON LIMB SALVAGE AND COMPLICATIONS IN MILITARY LOWER EXTREMITY VASCULAR INJURY<br><i>David Kauvar MD, MPH, San Antonio Military Medical Center, JBSA Fort Sam Houston, TX</i>   | <b>Page<br/>135</b> |
| 4:40 pm -<br>5:00 pm | 46. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY INJURY MORTALITY INVESTIGATION IN THE CIVILIAN PRE-HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT (MIMIC)<br><i>Brian J Eastridge MD, UT Health San Antonio, San Antonio, TX</i>                                  | <b>Page<br/>137</b> |
| 5:00 pm -<br>5:20 pm | 47. ORAL ETHANOL VERSUS BENZODIAZEPINES AS PROPHYLAXIS FOR ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME<br><i>Adeolu Adeboye MD, Guthrie Clinic, Sayre, PA</i>   | <b>Page<br/>139</b> |
| 5:20 pm -<br>5:40 pm | 48. DESCRIBING THE DENSITY OF URBAN TRAUMA CENTERS IN THE UNITED STATES 15 LARGEST CITIES<br><i>Anne Stey MD, MSc, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL</i>   | <b>Page<br/>141</b> |
| 5:40 pm -<br>6:00 pm | 49. IMPACT OF HELMET LAWS ON MOTORCYCLE CRASH MORTALITY RATES<br><i>David Notrica MD, FACS, FAAP, Phoenix Children's Hospital, Phoenix, AZ</i>  | <b>Page<br/>143</b> |

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# Predictors of Fascial Closure



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## **Presentation #1**

**Monday, 2/24/2020, 7:00 am - 7:20 am**

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### **DOES DIURESIS IMPROVE FASCIAL CLOSURE FOR OPEN ABDOMEN?**

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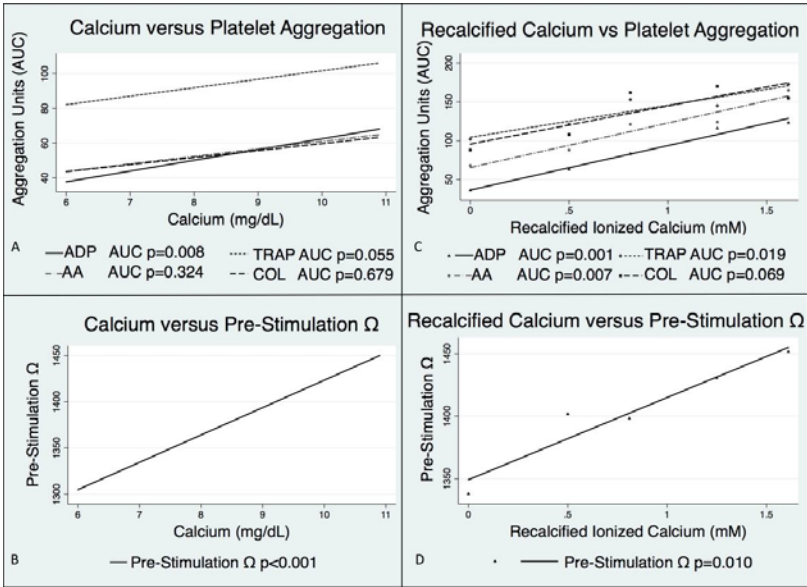
**Presenter: Nicholas Duletzke**  
**Senior Sponsor: Raminder Nirula**

**INTRODUCTION:** Diuresis of open abdomen patients is an unproven strategy for facilitating abdominal closure. We hypothesized that diuresis and fluid balance were associated with fascial closure.

**METHODS:** A retrospective review of adult surgical intensive care unit (SICU) patients from 2011 to 2017 at a level I trauma center, who received laparotomy and subsequent open abdomen. Closure was defined as fascial closure without any bridging component. Cumulative fluid balance was recorded until abdominal closure or upon discharge from the ICU if the patient's fascia was never definitively closed. Bivariate and multivariate logistic regression analyses identified predictors of abdominal closure.

**RESULTS:** There were 312 patients (25.7% trauma) of whom 54 (17%) remained open (no fascial closure by 14 days). In univariate analysis, older age ( $p=0.01$ ), higher body mass index (BMI) ( $p<.01$ ), Acute Physiology Age Chronic Health Evaluation II (APACHE II) score ( $p<.01$ ) and lack of diuretics ( $p=0.05$ ) were associated with failure to close. After adjusting for patient demographics and risk profile, treatment with diuretics was independently associated with higher odds for achieving fascial closure (OR 2.2, 95%CI 1.0-4.8). Patients with a positive fluid balance had lower odds to achieve closure (OR 0.4, 95%CI 0.2-0.9). In multivariate models adjusting for all covariates, negative fluid balance was associated with significantly higher odds for closure (OR 2.3, 95%CI 1.1-5.0), while diuretic use was borderline significant. (OR 2.1, 95%CI 1.0-4.7)

**CONCLUSIONS:** Diuretic treatment and negative fluid balance in open abdomen patients are associated with an increased likelihood of fascial closure. Aggressive diuresis in critically ill open abdomen patients may be warranted.



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**Presentation #2**

**Monday, 2/24/2020, 7:20 am - 7:40 am**

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**DYNAMIC EFFECTS OF IN-VIVO AND IN-VITRO CALCIUM ON PLATELET BEHAVIOR**

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**Presenter: Zachary Matthay**

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**INTRODUCTION:** Calcium is a universal secondary messenger, required for platelet activation, aggregation, and degranulation. However, the calcium-platelet axis after injury is unknown. We hypothesized that in-vivo calcium is associated with increased in-vitro platelet activation, aggregation, and clot-strength after injury, and that up-titration of calcium in-vitro in healthy blood increases expression of platelet activation surface markers and platelet aggregation.

**METHODS:** Clinical: Pre-resuscitation blood samples were collected from 539 trauma patients for platelet aggregometry (PA) and thromboelastometry (ROTEM). Adenosine diphosphate (ADP), thrombin receptor-activating peptide (TRAP), arachidonic acid (AA), and collagen (COL) were used to stimulate platelets. Platelet activation (pre-stimulation  $\Omega$ ), aggregation (stimulated AUC), and calcium were measured.

In-Vitro: Calcium was up-titrated from 0-1.61mM in healthy blood. PA was performed and expression of platelet glycoprotein IIb/IIIa and P-Selectin measured by flow cytometry (Flow). Linear regression tested the associations of calcium with PA, ROTEM, and Flow.

**RESULTS:** Clinical: The patients were moderately injured (median ISS10), with normal calcium and platelet counts. Increasing calcium was independently associated with increased platelet activation (pre-stimulation  $\Omega$ ;  $p < 0.001$ ), aggregation (ADP-stimulated AUC;  $p = 0.008$ , Figure), and clot-strength (ROTEM EXTEM max clot firmness;  $p < 0.0001$ ), and inversely associated with 24h transfusions ( $p = 0.007$ ).

In-Vitro: Up-titrating calcium in healthy blood increased platelet activation (pre-stimulation  $\Omega$ ), aggregation (ADP, TRAP, AA, COL-stimulated AUCs;  $p < 0.05$ ; Figure), and expression of glycoprotein IIb/IIIa (untreated, ADP, TRAP;  $p < 0.05$ ).

**CONCLUSIONS:** Calcium is independently associated with platelet activation, aggregation, clot-strength, and transfusions after injury. Normalization of calcium during hemorrhage is paramount, and treating to supraphysiologic calcium levels for mitigation of post-injury alterations in platelet behavior deserves study.

|             | 0h   | 6h   | 12h  | 24h  |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|
| R           | 0.87 | 0.48 | 0.70 | 1.21 |
| K           | 0.83 | 0.52 | 0.76 | 1.05 |
| Alpha       | 1.04 | 1.14 | 1.09 | 0.98 |
| MA          | 1.07 | 1.09 | 1.10 | 1.09 |
| G           | 1.23 | 1.39 | 1.55 | 1.51 |
| Native-LY30 | 0.81 | 0.60 | 0.27 | 0.01 |
| TUCA-LY30   | 1.23 | 0.98 | 0.64 | 0.75 |

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### **Presentation #3**

**Monday, 2/24/2020, 7:40 am - 8:00 am**

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#### **A RAT MODEL OF ORTHOPEDIC INJURY-INDUCED HYPERCOAGULABILITY AND FIBRINOLYTIC SHUTDOWN**

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**Presenter: Kristen Carter**

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**INTRODUCTION:** Post-injury hypercoagulability occurs in >25% of injured patients, increasing risk of thromboembolic complications despite chemoprophylaxis. Risk is compounded by orthopedic injury in >45% of trauma admissions. However, few clinically relevant models of orthopedic injury-induced hypercoagulability exist. Therefore, we aimed to evaluate a rodent model of bilateral hindlimb injury as a preclinical model of post-injury hypercoagulability.

**METHODS:** Thirty-two Wistar rats were anesthetized with isoflurane: sixteen underwent bilateral hindlimb fibula fracture, soft tissue and muscular crush injury, and bone homogenate injection, intended to mimic the physiological severity of bilateral femur fracture. Sixteen sham rats underwent anesthesia and skin puncture. Rats were sacrificed and citrated blood samples drawn at 0, 6, 12, and 24h for analysis by native thromboelastography (TEG) in the presence and absence of taurocholic acid (TUCA) to augment fibrinolysis.

**RESULTS:** Injured rats became hypercoagulable relative to baseline by 6h based on TEG R, K, MA, and G (all  $p < 0.01$ ), and showed impaired fibrinolysis by 12h based on TUCA-LY30 ( $p = 0.027$ ). Compared to sham animals, injured rats were hypercoagulable by MA and G immediately after injury, hypercoagulable by R, K, and alpha by 6h (all  $p < 0.001$ ), and showed impaired fibrinolysis by TUCA LY30 at 12h ( $p = 0.027$ ) and native LY30 at 24h ( $p = 0.026$ ; Figure shows fold difference).

**CONCLUSIONS:** Mimicking post-injury hypercoagulability in injured patients, orthopedic injury in rodents induced platelet and overall hypercoagulability within minutes, and fibrinolytic impairment by 12-24h. This rodent model of orthopedic injury may serve as a preclinical testing ground for potential therapies to mitigate hypercoagulability, maintain normal fibrinolysis, and prevent thromboembolic complications.

|                   | Total Units | Wasted      | Transfused   | Significance |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2015 (TP only)    | 2021        | 273 (13.5%) | 1748 (86.5%) |              |
| 2016 (TP and LQP) | 2086        | 214 (10.3%) | 1872 (89.7%) | p=0.0013     |
| Thawed Plasma     | 1739        | 204 (11.7%) | 1535 (88.3%) |              |
| Liquid Plasma     | 347         | 10 (2.9%)   | 337 (97.1%)  | p<0.0001     |
| Combined          | 4107        | 487 (11.9%) | 3620 (88.1%) |              |

Table 1. Wastage rates between years and types of plasma.

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**Presentation #4**

**Monday, 2/24/2020, 8:00 am - 8:20 am**

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**LIQUID PLASMA REDUCES WASTE AND HEALTHCARE EXPENSES  
COMPARED TO THAWED PLASMA AT A LEVEL 1 TRAUMA CENTER**

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**Presenter: Sawyer Smith**

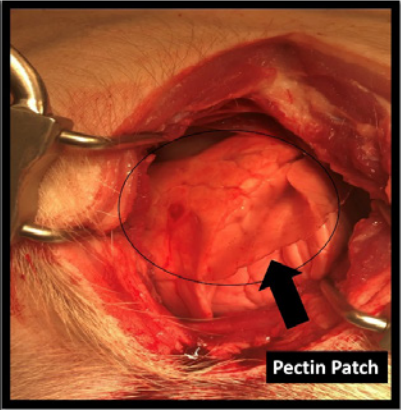
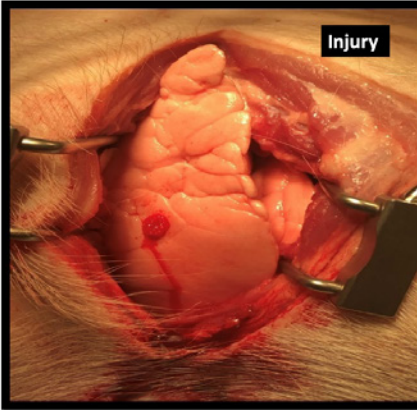
**Senior Sponsor: Martin Schreiber**

**INTRODUCTION:** Balanced resuscitation have led to increased utilization of plasma. Fresh frozen plasma that is thawed and discarded is a large source of waste. Thawed plasma (TP) and can only be stored for 5 days. Liquid plasma (LP) has never been frozen and can be stored for 26 days. Due to longer storage duration, we hypothesized that using LP would result in decreased waste and cost savings compared to TP.

**METHODS:** We performed a retrospective review of all trauma patients at our level 1 trauma center in the years 2015-2016. We compared 2015 when only TP was used to 2016 when both TP and LP were used. Wastage rates were compared between years and plasma type.

**RESULTS:** 5,789 trauma patients presented to our institution from 2015-2016. There were 4,107 plasma units ordered with 487 (11.9%) units wasted. During 2015, 2,021 units of plasma were ordered with 273 (13.5%) units wasted which was significantly higher than 2016 when 2,086 total units of plasma were ordered and 214 (10.3%) units were wasted ( $p=0.0013$ ). During 2016, 1,739 units of TP were ordered and 204 (11.7%) units were wasted which was significantly higher than LP wastage, 347 units ordered and 10 (2.9%) units wasted ( $p<0.001$ ) (Table 1). If TP was wasted at the same rate as LP, 368 fewer units of plasma would have been wasted representing \$39,376 (\$107/unit) of wasted healthcare expenses.

**CONCLUSIONS:** At a level 1 trauma center, the addition of LP for trauma resuscitations significantly reduced plasma wastage rates and healthcare expenses.



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**Presentation #5**

**Monday, 2/24/2020, 8:20 am - 8:40 am**

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**IMPROVED OUTCOMES UTILIZING A NOVEL PECTIN-BASED PLEURAL SEALANT FOLLOWING ACUTE LUNG INJURY**

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**Senior Sponsor: Matthew Eckert**

**INTRODUCTION:** Persistent air leaks after thoracic trauma are associated with significant morbidity. To evaluate a novel pectin sealant in a swine model of traumatic air leaks, we compared the pectin biopolymer to standard surgical and fibrin-based interventions.

**METHODS:** A standardized lung injury was created in male Yorkshire swine (Figure). Interventions were randomized to stapled wedge resection (N=5), topical fibrin glue (N=5), fibrin patch (N=5) and a pectin sealant (N=6, Figure). Baseline as well as pre and post intervention tidal volumes (TV) were recorded. Early success was determined by return of TV to 95% of baseline. Late success evidence of no air leak upon closure of the chest with chest tube.

**RESULTS:** No differences were seen between groups for injury severity (mean TV loss = 62ml,  $p = 0.2$ ). Early success was appreciated in 100% of pectin interventions which was significantly better than the fibrin sealant (20%), fibrin patch (20%) and stapled groups (80%,  $p = 0.01$ ). Late success was also improved with pectin at 83% compared to 40% in the stapled group ( $p = 0.008$ ). Percent volume improvement after intervention was significantly increased in the pectin (98%) and staple arms (97%) compared to the fibrin sealant (91%) and patch (90%,  $p = 0.02$ ;  $p = 0.03$ ). Only 1 intermittent air leak was seen in the pectin arm (17%) compared to 3 intermittent leaks in the staple group (60%) and 90% of the fibrin-based interventions resulting in continuous air leaks ( $p = 0.001$ ).

**CONCLUSIONS:** Pectin-based bioadhesives effectively seal traumatic air leaks and may provide a superior parenchymal-sparing treatment option for traumatic air leaks.

| Grade (n)             | Without OMI      |                 | With OMI         |                |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
|                       | Grade I-II (147) | Grade III (115) | Grade I-II (167) | Grade III (88) |
| Required Intervention | 0                | 3 (2.6%)        | 14 (8.4%)        | 17 (19.3%)     |
| Transfusion           | 0                | 3 (2.6%)        | 14 (8.4%)        | 15 (17.0%)     |
| Angioembolization     | 0                | 1 (0.9%)        | 0                | 1 (1.1%)       |
| Laparotomy/scopy      | 0                | 0               | 2                | 7 (8.0%)       |
| Floor Admission       | 113 (77%)        | 76 (66%)        | 57 (34%)         | 39 (44%)       |
| ICU Admission         | 27 (18%)         | 38 (33%)        | 97 (58%)         | 45 (51%)       |
| ED to OR              | 0                | 0               | 10 (6%)          | 4 (5%)         |
| Discharged Home       | 7 (5%)           | 1 (1%)          | 0                | 0              |
| Median LOS            | 2 [1-3]          | 3 [2-4]         | 4 [2-7]          | 4 [2-6]        |

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**Presentation #6**

**Monday, 2/24/2020, 8:40 am - 9:00 am**

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**ISOLATED LOW-GRADE SOLID ORGAN INJURIES IN CHILDREN FOLLOWING BLUNT ABDOMINAL TRAUMA: IS IT TIME TO CONSIDER DISCHARGE FROM THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT?**

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**Presenter: Leah Plumbee**

**Senior Sponsor: Dennis Vane**

**INTRODUCTION:** Acute intervention for solid organ injury (SOI) is rare in hemodynamically stable children. Pediatric guidelines recommend admission with follow-up labs, even for low-grade injuries.

**METHODS:** Datasets from two large multi-center prospective observational studies were used to analyze a cohort of children (age < 17 years) with grade I-III SOI following blunt abdominal trauma (BAT). Children with hollow viscus injuries (HVI) were excluded. Patients were divided into those with or without other major injuries (OMI) (traumatic brain injury (TBI), hemo/pneumothorax, pelvic fracture, urgent orthopedic or neurosurgical operation). Outcomes included acute interventions (AI) (transfusion, angiography, abdominal operation) and disposition (admission unit and length of stay).

**RESULTS:** There were 14,232 children enrolled, median age of 10 years. 517 patients with Grade I-III SOI were included and 262 of these had no OMI. Among patients with no OMI, no patient with a grade I-II injury underwent an intervention. Among patients with no OMI, three (2.6%) with grade III injuries underwent AI. All three patients had hemoperitoneum and 2/3 had an additional grade II SOI. 18% of patients with grade I-II and 33% of patients with grade III injuries and no OMI were admitted to an ICU. Among 255 patients with OMI, 31/255 (12.1%) underwent AI. Major injuries included hemo/pneumothorax (46.3%), TBI (40.0%), pelvic fracture (30.2%), urgent orthopedic surgery/neurosurgery operation (31.0%). Both patients who underwent abdominal exploration had a severe TBI

**CONCLUSIONS:** Intervention for Grade I-II SOI following BAT is extremely rare suggesting that patients with low-grade SOI without other major injuries could potentially be discharged from the ED.

Table 1. Unadjusted odds of clinical outcomes for patients with low initial pre-hospital ETCO<sub>2</sub> compared to those with normal/high ETCO<sub>2</sub>

| Clinical outcome                            | OR     | 95% CI      | p value |
|---|--------|-------------|---------|
| Any blood transfusion within first 24 hours | 2.80   | 0.99, 7.82  | 0.050   |
| Any in-hospital complication                | 1.84   | 1.11, 3.04  | 0.017   |
| Massive transfusion protocol                | *      | NA          | NA      |
| Any intubation                              | 1.55   | 0.89, 2.68  | 0.119   |
| Scene intubation                            | 2.60   | 0.82, 8.23  | 0.105   |
| Mortality                                   | 5.27** | 1.98, 14.02 | 0.001   |
| Hospital length of stay***                  | 1.06   | 0.78, 1.43  | 0.708   |
| ICU length of stay <sup>a</sup>             | 0.82   | 0.57, 1.19  | 0.295   |
| Inferior disposition <sup>b</sup>           | 1.26   | 0.59, 2.71  | 0.551   |

\*predicts perfectly

\*\*when adjusted for gender, age, ISS, comorbidities, intubation, ICU admission, OR increased to 9.56

\*\*\*includes only those who survived to discharge

<sup>a</sup> Poisson models

<sup>b</sup> Includes discharge to SNF, Hospice, Left AMA, or LTACH

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**Presentation #7**

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**LOW PRE-HOSPITAL END-TIDAL CARBON DIOXIDE PREDICTS INFERIOR CLINICAL OUTCOMES IN TRAUMA PATIENTS**

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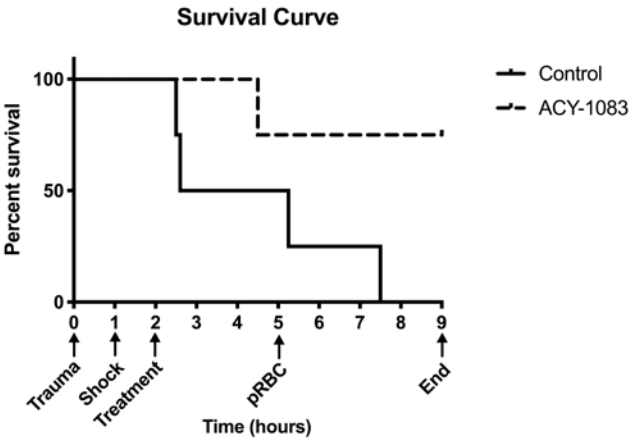
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**INTRODUCTION:** Because end-tidal carbon dioxide (ETCO<sub>2</sub>) has been correlated with mortality and hemorrhagic shock, it has been studied as a predictor for occult injury. Pre-hospital ETCO<sub>2</sub> in a trauma population has only been studied in intubated patients. This study investigates the correlation between pre-hospital initial ETCO<sub>2</sub> and in-hospital outcomes in a diverse trauma population.

**METHODS:** We retrospectively studied a cohort of adult trauma patients with initial pre-hospital side-stream capnography-obtained ETCO<sub>2</sub> presenting via ground transport from a single North Carolina EMS agency to a level one trauma center in 2018. Low ETCO<sub>2</sub> defined as  $\leq 35$ mmHg.

**RESULTS:** Initial ETCO<sub>2</sub> was recorded for 332 (25.5%) of 1479 patients with EMS data. The mean was 32.5 (sd10.9). Low initial ETCO<sub>2</sub> patients (n=182, 54.8% of cohort) were older (54.9y vs 44.1y), had more chest injuries (28.0% vs 18.0%), and had higher incidences of hypertension, CHF, dementia, and anticoagulant use. ISS did not differ significantly between the low and normal/high ETCO<sub>2</sub> groups (9.2 vs 8.5). Compared to normal/high ETCO<sub>2</sub>, low ETCO<sub>2</sub> correlated with increased odds of mortality, in-hospital complication, and transfusion requirement (Table 1). None of the massive transfusion patients had a normal/high pre-hospital ETCO<sub>2</sub>. Low ETCO<sub>2</sub> was associated with 9.56 odds of mortality (95% CI 1.89,48.46, p=0.006) after controlling for gender, age, ISS, comorbidities, intubation, ICU admission.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Low initial pre-hospital ETCO<sub>2</sub> was associated with poor clinical outcomes despite similar injury severity. ETCO<sub>2</sub> is a potentially useful pre-hospital point-of-care tool to aid triage of trauma patients, early identification of massive hemorrhage, and to predict in-hospital outcomes.



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**Presentation #8**

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**HISTONE DEACETYLASE (HDAC) 6 INHIBITION IMPROVES SURVIVAL IN A SWINE MODEL OF LETHAL HEMORRHAGE, POLYTRAUMA, AND BACTEREMIA**

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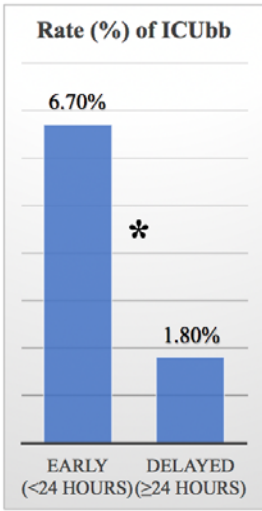
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**INTRODUCTION:** Trauma is the leading cause of death for young Americans. Nonspecific histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitors, such as valproic acid (VPA), have been shown to improve survival in preclinical models of lethal trauma, hemorrhage and sepsis. The doses needed to achieve a survival benefit are higher than FDA approved doses and their nonspecificity raise concerns about unintended adverse effects. The isoform specific HDAC 6 inhibitor, ACY-1083, has been found to be as efficacious as VPA in a rodent model of hemorrhagic shock. We hypothesized that ACY-1083 treatment would improve survival in a swine model of lethal hemorrhage and polytrauma.

**METHODS:** Swine were subjected to 45% blood volume hemorrhage, brain injury, femur fracture, rectus crush, splenic and liver lacerations, and colon injury. After 1 hour of shock (mean arterial pressure 30-35 mmHg), animals were randomized to normal saline resuscitation (control) or normal saline+ACY-1083 30mg/kg treatment (n=4/group). 3 hours later (simulating delayed evacuation), packed red blood cells and antibiotics were given, colon injury repaired, and abdomen closed. Animals were then monitored for another 4 hours. Survival was assessed using Kaplan-Meier and log-rank test.

**RESULTS:** This combination of injuries was highly lethal, and all the animals became bacteremic, in addition to the severe hemorrhagic shock. Survival in the control group was 0% and ACY-1083 treatment increased survival to 75% (p=0.05), despite having the same degree of metabolic acidosis (peak lactate: 7.4 vs. 7.6 mmol/L, control and ACY-1083, respectively).

**CONCLUSIONS:** A single dose of ACY-1083 markedly improves survival in an otherwise lethal model of polytrauma, hemorrhagic shock and bacteremia.



**Figure (left):** ICUbb rates of Early (<24 hours) and Delayed (≥24 hours) groups. Time relates to the time of transfer from the time the initial order for transfer was placed. \* Denotes  $p < 0.05$ .

**Table (below):** Odds ratio (95% Confidence Interval) of factors independently correlated with ICUbb by multivariate logistic regression. Age, CCI Score, and ISS are represented as continuous variables. Delayed transfer was dichotomous as Early or Delayed.

|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Age</b>              | <b>1.024</b> (1.014-1.034) |
| <b>CCI Score</b>        | <b>1.123</b> (1.056-1.194) |
| <b>ISS</b>              | <b>1.039</b> (1.020-1.059) |
| <b>Delayed Transfer</b> | <b>0.216</b> (0.094-0.498) |

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**Presentation #9**

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**DELAY IN ICU TRANSFER IS PROTECTIVE AGAINST ICU READMISSION IN TRAUMA PATIENTS: AN UNINTENDED RANDOMIZED STUDY**

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**INTRODUCTION:** Unplanned ICU re-admission after ICU discharge-bounce-back (ICUbb)- is associated with worse outcomes. Patients not requiring organ-system support or intensive nursing are deemed 'ICU discharge ready' and transfer orders are placed. However, actual transfer only occurs when an appropriate non-ICU bed is available resulting in an unintended randomization to Early ( 24 hours) transfers, after order placement. The current study leverages this unintended randomization to determine if additional ICU time is protective against ICUbb. We hypothesize that Delayed transfer is protective against ICUbb.

**METHODS:** Traumatized patients admitted to ICU over 10 years were included and categorized into Early ( 24 hours) groups based on actual transfer time after order placement. Patient characteristics [Age, Charlson co-morbidity index (CCI)], and injury severity score (ISS) were analyzed. Univariate and multivariate analyses were performed to compare ICUbb rates among Early and Unintended-Delayed groups.

**RESULTS:** 2,101 patients met criteria: Early-1,761, Unintended-Delayed-340. Early group was younger (Mean age 52.5+23.3 vs. 56.2+22.1 years), had fewer co-morbidities (Mean CCI 2.1+2.6 vs 2.4+2.7), and was less injured [Median ISS 17 (10-22) vs. 17 (10-25)], all p<0.05. Overall 124/2,101 (5.9%) patients experienced ICUbb: Early 118/1,761 (6.7%) vs. Unintended-Delay 6/340 (1.8%), p<0.05 (Figure). By regression analysis, Age, CCI, and ISS were independently associated with ICUbb while Delayed transfer was protective (Table).

**CONCLUSIONS:** Despite higher age, co-morbidities, and ISS, Unintended-Delayed group experienced lower ICUbb. After controlling for age, CCI and ISS, Delayed transfer reduced ICUbb risk by 78%. Specific care elements affording this protection remain to be elucidated.

| <b>Outcome</b>               | <b>CPRBC<br/>(n=161)</b> | <b>LPRBC<br/>(n=39,785)</b> | <b>P value</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| In-hospital complications, % | 27%                      | 31%                         | 0.21           |
| AKI                          | 3%                       | 4%                          | 0.26           |
| ARDS                         | 1.2%                     | 3%                          | 0.18           |
| VAP                          | 2.5%                     | 2.6%                        | 0.94           |
| Deep SSI                     | 2%                       | 2.2%                        | 0.78           |
| Sepsis                       | 1.2%                     | 2.4%                        | 0.32           |
| DVT                          | 5%                       | 5%                          | 0.99           |
| PE                           | 2.5%                     | 1.9%                        | 0.61           |
| 24hrs mortality, %           | 10.9%                    | 12.3%                       | 0.69           |
| In-hospital mortality, %     | 21.2%                    | 22.6%                       | 0.72           |

CPRBC=Cryopreserved Packed Red Blood Cells; LPRBC=Liquid Packed Red Blood Cells; AKI=Acute Kidney Injury; ARDS=Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome; VAP=Ventilator Associated Pneumonia; SSI=Surgical Site Infection; DVT=Deep Vein Thrombosis; PE=Pulmonary Embolism

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**Presentation #10**

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**NATIONWIDE ANALYSIS OF CRYOPRESERVED RED BLOOD CELL TRANSFUSION IN CIVILIAN TRAUMA**

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**INTRODUCTION:** Liquid packed red blood cells (LPRBCs) have a limited shelf life and worsening quality with age. Cryopreserved packed red blood cells (CPRBCs) can be stored up to 10-years with no deterioration in quality. The effect of CPRBCs on outcomes in civilian trauma is less explored. The aim of this study is to evaluate the safety and efficacy of CPRBCs in civilian trauma patients.

**METHODS:** We analyzed the (2015-2016) Trauma Quality Improvement Program including adult (age $\geq$ 18y) patients who received a red blood cell transfusion within 4-hrs of admission. Patients were stratified: those who received LPRBC and those who received CPRBC. Primary outcomes were 24-hour and in-hospital mortality. Secondary outcomes were major complications. Propensity matching was performed adjusting for demographics, vitals, blood components, injury-parameters, comorbidities, and center-parameters.

**RESULTS:** A total of 39,946 patients were identified and a matched cohort of 483 was obtained. A total of 161 received CPRBC (CPRBC 2[2-4], Plasma 2[0-4], Platelets 1[0-1]) and 322 received LPRBC (LPRBC 4[2-8], Plasma 2[0-5], Platelets 1[0-2]). Mean age was 41 $\pm$ 24y, 74% were male, ISS was 25[16-34], and 18% had penetrating injuries. Patients who received CPRBC had similar 24-hour mortality (10.9% vs. 12.3%; p=0.69), and in-hospital mortality (21.2% vs. 22.6%; p=0.72). No difference was found in terms of complications (27% vs. 31%; p=0.21) between the two groups.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Transfusion of CPRBCs may be as safe and effective as transfusion LPRBCs in severely injured trauma patients. Cryopreservation has the potential to expand our transfusion armamentarium in diverse settings such as periods of increased usage, disaster scenarios, and rural areas.

| <b>Table 1</b> | <b>D-Dimer Admit</b> | <b>D-Dimer 6H</b> | <b>p</b>         |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>PCB</b>     | 4.28 (14.29)         | 3.81 (11.38)      | 0.15             |
| <b>BM</b>      | 3.56 (10.40)         | 2.87 (6.42)       | <b>&lt;0.01*</b> |
| <b>BO</b>      | 3.52 (9.32)          | 2.89 (6.48)       | <b>&lt;0.01*</b> |
| <b>p</b>       | 0.06                 | <b>&lt;0.01*</b>  |                  |

| <b>Table 2</b> | <b>PAP Admit</b>     | <b>PAP 6H</b>        | <b>p</b>         |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| <b>PCB</b>     | 2140.74<br>(3022.73) | 2044.12<br>(2973.30) | <b>&lt;0.01*</b> |
| <b>BM</b>      | 1501.90<br>(2081.00) | 1725.49<br>(2182.46) | 0.40             |
| <b>BO</b>      | 1261.73<br>(1773.44) | 1711.05<br>(2128.03) | <b>&lt;0.01*</b> |
| <b>p</b>       | <b>&lt;0.01*</b>     | <b>0.02*</b>         |                  |

PCB = placebo; BM = 1-gram TXA bolus/1-gram maintenance;  
BO = 2-gram TXA bolus only

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**Presentation #11**

**Monday, 2/24/2020, 5:20 pm - 5:40 pm**

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**TEG IS INSUFFICIENT TO DETECT CHANGES IN FIBRINOLYSIS IN PATIENTS WHO RECEIVED PRE-HOSPITAL TRANEXAMIC ACID FOLLOWING TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY**

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**INTRODUCTION:** Unpublished data from “Prehospital Tranexamic Acid Use for Traumatic Brain Injury” show significantly decreased mortality in patients in patients with intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH) who received 2-gram tranexamic acid (TXA) bolus (BO) versus 1-gram bolus/1-gram maintenance dose (BM) or placebo (PCB). No differences in progression of ICH were demonstrated between treatment groups.

**METHODS:** Data were extracted from the “Prehospital TXA Use for TBI Trial” in which patients with a GCS of 3-12 and SBP>90 were randomized prehospital to BO, BM, or PCB. Coagulation measures including PT, aPTT, INR, fibrinogen, D-dimer, plasmin anti-plasmin (PAP), thrombin anti-thrombin (TAT), tissue plasminogen activator (tPA), and plasminogen activator inhibitor-1 (PAI-1) were quantified at admission and 6-hours using Luminex assay.

**RESULTS:** Of 966 patients receiving study drug, 701 had admission and 6-hour samples. All TEG values, including LY 30, were similar between groups at admission ( $p>0.05$ ). No differences between PT, aPTT, INR, fibrinogen, TAT, tPA, and PAI-1 were demonstrated across treatment groups. D-dimer in TXA treatment groups was less than placebo at 6 hours (Table 1). PAP was decreased in both TXA treatment groups on admission and 6 hours (Table 2). No difference in D-dimer and PAP were observed between BM and BO.

**CONCLUSIONS:** TEG is insufficiently sensitive to detect fibrinolytic activation as demonstrated by decreased D-dimer in those who received TXA with no change in LY30 on admission. TXA may impact survival in a mechanism separate from preventing hemorrhagic progression.

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**Presentation #12**

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**IMPACT OF VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS ON POSTOPERATIVE HEMORRHAGE FOLLOWING OPERATIVE FIXATION OF PELVIC FRACTURES**

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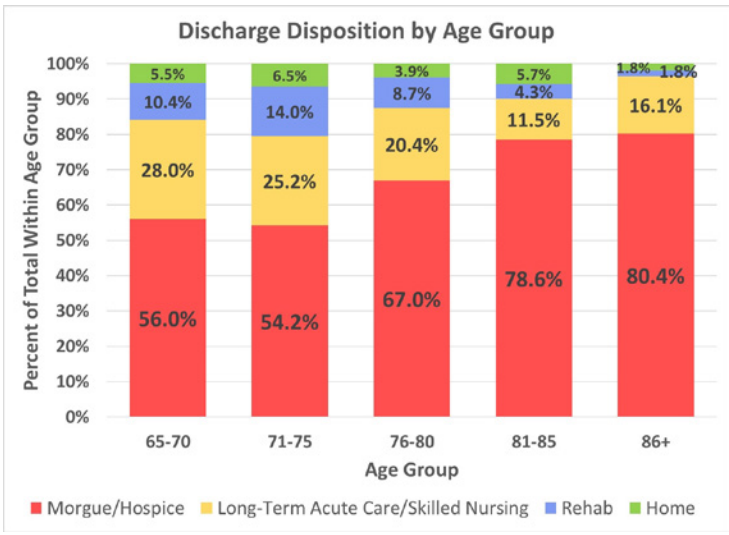
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**INTRODUCTION:** Although chemoprophylaxis may decrease venous thromboembolism (VTE) in patients with pelvic fractures, it risks postoperative bleeding in those requiring operative stabilization. This "risk" is commonly supposed but poorly supported. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the impact of preoperative anticoagulation on VTE and bleeding complications in patients with blunt pelvic fractures requiring operative fixation.

**METHODS:** Patients with blunt pelvic fractures requiring operative fixation over 10.5 years were identified. Patients were stratified by age, severity of shock, operative management, and timing and duration of anticoagulation. Outcomes were evaluated to determine risk factors for bleeding complications (wound/pelvic hematoma or infection) and VTE in the management of operative pelvic fractures.

**RESULTS:** 310 patients were identified: 212 patients received at least one dose of preoperative anticoagulation and 98 received no preoperative anticoagulation. Mean ISS and GCS were 26 and 13, respectively. Bleeding complications occurred in 24 patients and 21 patients suffered VTE. Patients with VTE had a greater initial severity of shock (resuscitation transfusions, 4vs2 units,  $p=0.02$ ). Despite longer time to mobilization (4vs3 days,  $p=0.001$ ), patients who received their scheduled preoperative doses within 48 hours of arrival had fewer episodes of pulmonary embolism (1.5%vs6.8%,  $p=0.03$ ) with no difference in bleeding complications (7.5%vs8%,  $p=0.87$ ) compared to either patients who had their doses held until after 48 hours of arrival or received no preoperative anticoagulation.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Preoperative anticoagulation in patients with operative pelvic fractures reduced the risk of pulmonary embolism without increasing bleeding complications. Preoperative anticoagulation is safe and beneficial in those patients with operative pelvic fractures.



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**Presentation #13**

**Tuesday, 2/25/2020, 7:00 am - 7:20 am**

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**DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH EXPECTING QUANTITY OR QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE INTUBATED ELDERLY TRAUMA PATIENT**

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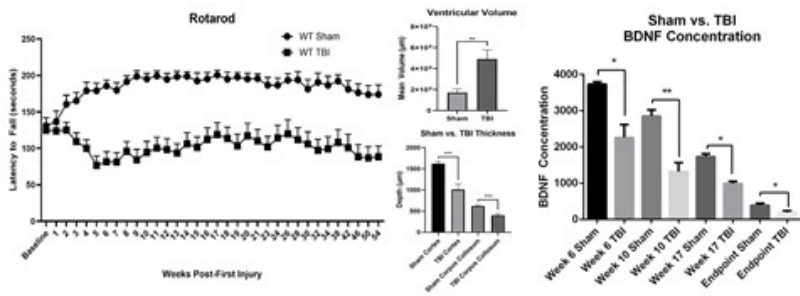
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**INTRODUCTION:** Early intubation (EI) is associated with increased mortality among all trauma patients. The association of EI with mortality and quality of life (QOL) among elderly trauma patients (ETP) is not well established. We aimed to examine mortality and QOL-related factors among trauma patients  $\geq 65$  years old (y/o) that required EI.

**METHODS:** This is a retrospective cohort study of trauma patients  $\geq 65$  y/o at our Level 1 trauma center from 2009-2018 who underwent EI, either prehospital or in the emergency department. Demographics, injury severity, vital signs, mortality, and QOL-related factors were collected. Logistic regression was used to identify covariates associated with mortality.

**RESULTS:** 518 patients  $\geq 65$  y/o with EI were identified from the trauma registry. Mortality increased significantly with age (Figure 1). Overall, 322 (62%) died and only 26 (5%) patients were discharged home; tracheostomies and feeding tubes (FT) were placed in 46% and 54% of survivors respectively. Compared to ages 65-70, patients age 81-85 and 85+ had 2.5 (95% CI 1.3-4.9) and 2.6 (95% CI 1.3-5.3) times higher adjusted odds of mortality respectively. Odds of mortality among those also hypotensive was nearly 5 times that of normotensive patients (OR 4.9, 95% CI 2.7-9.1).

**CONCLUSIONS:** Introduction Methods Results Conclusions This single center review establishes the high incidence of mortality in ETP with EI. In those who survive, few return home and many will have airway and FT access. Considering studies show 70% of older adults prioritize QOL over longevity, this information can help providers assist in early shared decision-making in the intubated ETP.



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**Presentation #14**

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**HOW AND WHY REPETITIVE MILD TRAUMATIC INJURY  
ALTERS LONG-TERM BRAIN PATHOLOGY**

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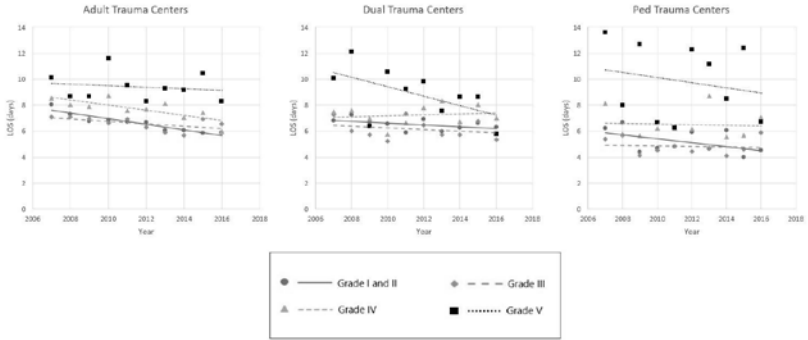
**INTRODUCTION:** How and why repetitive mild traumatic brain injury (rmTBI) alters brain pathology years after insult is largely unknown. This study aims to characterize the long-term brain deterioration following rmTBI using a rat model.

**METHODS:** Eighteen Sprague-Dawley wild-type (WT) rats underwent mild, bilateral TBI using a direct skull impact device or sham treatment, once per week for five weeks, and were euthanized 56 weeks after the first injury. Weekly rotorod performance measured motor deficits. Brain tissue were stained. Volume was computed using Stereo Investigator's Cavalieri Estimator. Brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) was determined using enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. The L5 cortical layer proximal to the injury site was microdissected and submitted for sequencing with count analyzed using R "DESeq2" and "GOSTats".

**RESULTS:** Rotorod data demonstrated permanent deficits one year after injury (left figure). TBI rats compared to sham demonstrated enlarged ventricles, thinner cortex, and thinner CC (middle figures) with no differences between male and female rodents. The decrease in BDNF was more pronounced after rmTBI (right figure). rmTBI led to differential expression of 72 genes (25 upregulated, 47 downregulated) including dysregulation of those associated with TBI (BDNF, NR4A1/2/3, Arc, and Egr) and downregulation in pathways associated with neuroprotection and neural plasticity.

**CONCLUSIONS:** rmTBI causes significant long-term effects on the brain leading to permanent rotorod deficits, cortical and CC thinning, and expansion of the lateral ventricles. BDNF and gene expression analysis suggest a significant drop in pathways associated with neuroplasticity and neuroprotection. Although repeat mild TBI may not cause immediate pathology, the damage may be apparent years later.

## LOS per Trauma Center and Grade of Injury



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**Presentation #15**

**Tuesday, 2/25/2020, 7:40 am - 8:00 am**

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**CLOSING THE GAP IN CARE OF BLUNT SOLID ORGAN INJURY IN CHILDREN**

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**INTRODUCTION:** Cross-sectional data of pediatric blunt solid organ injury (SOI) demonstrates higher rates of non-operative management and shorter lengths of stay (LOS) in pediatric (PTC) vs adult (ATC) or dual (DTC) trauma centers. Recent iterations of guidelines (McVay 2008, St Peter 2011, ATOMAC 2015) have emphasized physiologic parameters rather than injury grade in clinical decision making, improving resource allocation and decreasing LOS. We sought to evaluate how these guidelines have influenced care.

**METHODS:** The National Trauma Data Bank (2007-2016) was queried for isolated spleen and liver injuries in patients less than 19 years old. Linear regression, odds ratio, and chi-squared test were used to determine significance between operative intervention or LOS among different trauma center types and grade of injury.

**RESULTS:** A total of 55,036 blunt spleen or liver injuries were identified. Although operative rates decreased in ATCs over time ( $p=0.037$ ), patients treated at ATCs or DTCs continued to demonstrate higher odds ratios of operative intervention (OR 4.43 and 2.88, respectively) compared to PTCs. Mean LOS decreased by 1.52 ( $p<0.001$ ), 0.49 ( $p=0.26$ ), and 1.31 ( $p=0.05$ ) days at ATC, DTC, and PTC to 6.43, 6.68, and 5.16 days. Improvement in LOS for ATCs was distributed across injury Grades I, II, and IV, while there was no correlation among PTCs for Injury Grade.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Despite over a decade of guidelines in pediatric SOI supporting non-operative management and accelerated discharge pathways based on physiologic parameters, rates of operative intervention remain much higher in ATCs versus PTCs and all centers appear to fall short of consensus guidelines for discharge.

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**Presentation #16**

**Tuesday, 2/25/2020, 8:00 am - 8:20 am**

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**DIAPHRAGM PACING DECREASES HOSPITAL CHARGES FOR ACUTE SPINAL CORD INJURY PATIENTS**

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**INTRODUCTION:** Cervical spinal cord injury (CSCI) is devastating and costly. Previous research has demonstrated that diaphragm pacing (DPS) is safe and improves respiratory mechanics. This may decrease hospital stays, vent days, and costs. We hypothesized DPS implantation would facilitate liberation from ventilation and would impact hospital charges.

**METHODS:** We performed a retrospective review of acute CSCI patients between 1/2005-5/2017. Routine demographics were collected. Patients underwent propensity matching based on age, ISS, ventilator days, hospital length of stay and need for tracheostomy. We then adjusted total hospital charges by year using US Bureau of Labor Statistics annual adjusted Medical Care Prices. Bivariate and multivariate linear regression statistics were performed using STATA v15.

**RESULTS:** Between 7/2011-5/2017 all acute CSCI patients were evaluated for DPS implantation. 40 patients who had laparoscopic DPS implantation (DPS) were matched to 61 who did not (NO DPS). Following DPS implantation there was a statistically significant increase in spontaneous Vt compared to NO DPS (+88mL vs. -13 mL; 95% CI 46 - 131 vs. -78 - 51 mL respectively; p=0.004). Median time to liberation after DPS was significantly shorter (10 vs. 29 days; 95% CI 6.5-13.6 vs 23.1-35.3 days; p<0.001). Adjusted hospital charges were significantly lower for DPS on multivariate linear regression models controlling for year of injury, sex, race, injury severity, and age (p=0.003).

**CONCLUSIONS:** DPS implantation in acute CSCI patients produces significant improvements in spontaneous Vt and reduces time to liberation, which translated into reduced hospital charges on a risk-adjusted, inflation-adjusted model. DPS implantation for acute CSCI patients should be considered.

Table 1. Outcomes based on propensity matched sample (6:1 matching control:transfers).

|                          | Transfers from Level 1 (n=93) | Controls (n=558)         | P-VALUE |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| LOS (days), median (IQR) | 6.5 (3.2 – 13.9)              | 4.6 (1.8 – 9.5)          | 0.001   |
| Mortality                | 11 (12.1%)                    | 54 (9.7%)                | 0.492   |
| Costs \$, median (IQR)   | 36,027 (21,899 – 78,430)      | 30,654 (19,149 – 53,077) | 0.033   |

## NOTES



**Presentation #17**

**Tuesday, 2/25/2020, 8:20 am - 8:40 am**

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**ARE ALL TRAUMA CENTERS CREATED EQUAL? LEVEL-1 TO LEVEL-1 TRAUMA CENTER PATIENT TRANSFERS IN THE SETTING OF RAPID TRAUMA CENTER PROLIFERATION**

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St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Phoenix, Arizona

**Presenter: Michael Jones**

**Senior Sponsor: Jordan Weinberg**

**INTRODUCTION:** Level-1 trauma centers should provide definitive care for every aspect of injury. However, in environments that have experienced trauma center proliferation, not all level-1's may have the resources or expertise needed for every patient, necessitating transfer to another trauma center. The purpose of this study was to assess the incidence of such transfers and associated impact on patient outcome and burden on the receiving level-1 center.

**METHODS:** In a metropolitan area experiencing trauma center proliferation, we performed a five-year review of patient transfers to an established ACS level-1 (index center) from other state designated level-1's. ACS verification was determined for each facility. Comparisons were performed between the cohort of transferred patients and patients with similar demographics, injury patterns and severity managed at the index center using propensity score matching.

**RESULTS:** 104 patients were received from other state level-1's (39% ACS level-2, 61% ACS level-1). Most common reason for transfer was neurosurgical (71%). Comparison of the transfer cohort propensity score matched to the control cohort (93 vs. 558 patients) demonstrated increased length of stay and cost associated with the transfer cohort, with similar mortality (Table 1).

**CONCLUSIONS:** The number of level-1 to level-1 transfers observed imply a disparity in resources among level-1 trauma centers in the region. The majority of transfers were for neurosurgical care, suggestive of a deficit of adequate neurosurgical coverage in the setting of trauma center proliferation. Both patients and established trauma centers bear the burden for these transfers with respect to increased cost and length of stay.

**Regression Results using GEE for State Data**

| <b>Outcome (log Rate)</b> | <b>Estimate</b> | <b>Std Error</b> | <b>Wald</b> | <b>p</b>      |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| UCR Violent Crime         | 0.01447         | 0.01121          | 1.67        | 0.197         |
| UCR Murder                | 0.00914         | 0.03734          | 0.06        | 0.807         |
| UCR Robbery               | 0.018           | 0.01502          | 1.44        | 0.230         |
| UCR Rape                  | 0.00964         | 0.01808          | 0.28        | 0.594         |
| UCR Aggravated Assault    | 0.01935         | 0.01397          | 1.92        | 0.166         |
| UCR Property Crime        | 0.00471         | 0.00888          | 0.28        | 0.600         |
| <b>UCR Vehicle Theft</b>  | <b>-0.05699</b> | <b>0.0192</b>    | <b>8.81</b> | <b>0.003*</b> |
| CDC Homicide              | 0.01648         | 0.03616          | 0.21        | 0.650         |
| CDC Firearm Homicide      | -0.03259        | 0.03403          | 0.92        | 0.340         |

**NOTES**

**Presentation #18**

**Tuesday, 2/25/2020, 8:40 am - 9:00 am**

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**INCREASED LEGAL FIREARM SALES ARE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH CHANGES IN VIOLENT CRIME OR HOMICIDE RATES.**

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D JENKINS, D NAYLOR, B COLLIER, H SCHILLER  
Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, Roanoke, Virginia

**Presenter: Mark Hamill**

**Senior Sponsor: Henry Schiller**

**INTRODUCTION:** The effects of firearm sales and legislation on crime and violence are intensely debated. Multiple studies have yielded differing results. We studied the effect of lawful firearm sales on crime and murder throughout the US and hypothesized that changes in lawful firearm sales would have no effect on violent crime and homicide.

**METHODS:** National and state rates of crime and homicide were collected 1999 - 2015 from the US DOJ and CDC and merged with National Instant Criminal Background Check data as a surrogate marker for lawful firearm sales. A general multiple linear regression model using log event rates was initially used. Additional modeling was performed using an autoregressive correlation structure with generalized estimating equation (GEE) estimates for standard errors to adjust for the interdependence of firearm sales year to year within particular states.

**RESULTS:** Initial analysis revealed a decrease in all crimes except CDC Firearm Homicides as firearm sales increased. Using the naïve multiple regression approach, increases in firearm sales were associated with significant decreases in murder, robbery, overall property crime, burglary and vehicle theft. Repeat analysis using the more robust GEE modeling method demonstrated no significant changes in any crime variable except vehicle theft.

**CONCLUSIONS:** A robust statistical method demonstrates no association exists between increased lawful firearm sales and changes in violent crime. It is unclear if limiting lawful firearm sales will have any effect on crime, homicide or intentional firearm injuries. Statistical analysis of the effects of firearms must be performed in a robust manner to avoid inappropriate correlations and conclusions.

**NOTES**

**Presentation #19**

**Tuesday, 2/25/2020, 4:00 pm - 4:40 pm**

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**PRO/CON DEBATE: Organ Donation After Circulatory Death in Trauma -  
and Idea Whose Time Has Come**

**Charles Cook, MD and S. Rob Todd**

**NOTES**

**Presentation #20**

**Tuesday, 2/25/2020, 4:40 pm - 5:00 pm**

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**A TRIBUTE TO PAST WTA MEMBERS (PART 1)**

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**NOTES**



**Presentation #21**

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**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

**A Speck of Sand**

**David V. Shatz, MD, FACS**

Sacramento, California

**NOTES**

**Presentation #22**

**Wednesday, 2/26/2020, 7:00 am - 7:20 am**

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**TRANEXAMIC ACID IS ASSOCIATED WITH MULTIPLE ORGAN FAILURE IN FIBRINOLYSIS SHUTDOWN FOLLOWING SEVERE TRAUMA**

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**Presenter: Justin Richards**

**INTRODUCTION:** Tranexamic acid is advocated based on data that fibrinolysis phenotypes may be associated with increased mortality and organ dysfunction.

**METHODS:** We examined the association of TXA use on mortality and multiple organ failure (MOF) in various fibrinolysis phenotypes. Two-year, single center, retrospective investigation. Inclusion criteria: scene admissions with age>17 years, Injury Severity Score (ISS) >16 who had thromboelastography within 30-minutes of arrival. Fibrinolysis phenotypes were defined as: Shutdown: LY30 2.9%.

**RESULTS:** Primary outcomes were mortality and multiple organ failure (MOF), defined by the Denver Organ Failure score. Significance was p-value 0.05) or time to TXA administration ( $p>0.05$ ) between the groups. Mortality was the same in patients who received TXA compared to those who did not (Shutdown: 12.5% vs 13.2%,  $p=0.93$ ; Physiologic: 0% vs 13.6%;  $p=0.34$ ; Hyperfibrinolysis: 7.7% vs 16.1%;  $p=0.27$ ). There was no difference in MOF in patients who received TXA in the Physiologic (16.7% vs 8.0%;  $p=0.46$ ) or Hyperfibrinolysis (3.9% vs 6.5%,  $p=0.61$ ) groups. However, there was a significant increase in MOF in Shutdown patients who received TXA (5% vs 3.1%;  $p=0.003$ ).

**CONCLUSIONS:** TXA administration in fibrinolysis shutdown is associated with increased rates of MOF and should be avoided.



## NOTES

**Presentation #23**

**Wednesday, 2/26/2020, 7:20 am - 7:40 am**

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**THE WINDLASS TOURNIQUET: IS IT TAKING THE WIND OUT OF THE "STOP THE BLEED" SAILS?**

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**Presenter: Victoria Schlanser**

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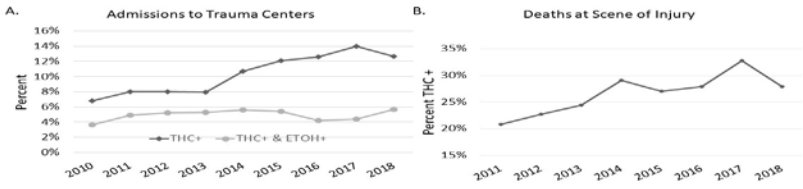
**INTRODUCTION:** Civilians need a simple hemorrhage control device. Our previous work demonstrated that untrained users were only 61.8% successful applying windlass tourniquets using only the enclosed instructions. This prospective follow-up study replicated testing after Stop the Bleed® (STB) training.

**METHODS:** One month following STB training, first-year medical students were given commercially-available windlass tourniquets with instructions. Each was given one minute to read and then apply the tourniquet using the TraumaFX® HEMO trainer measuring blood loss and "survival". Demographics, time to stop bleeding, blood loss, and simulation survival were analyzed.

**RESULTS:** Over 100 students received STB training. Currently, 31 have completed testing (51.6% female). 61.2% of participants stopped the bleeding. Only 31.2% of women successfully controlled hemorrhage, compared to 93.3% of men ( $p=0.001$ ). Women required longer to successfully apply the tourniquet ( $p=0.004$ ) and lost more blood (Figure,  $p=0.002$ ). No difference was seen between those with additional prior hemorrhage-control training and those for whom STB was their only training ( $p=0.66$ ). Further, no survival difference was seen between those with no experience in the first study (61.8%), and those in this study for whom STB was their only training (61.5%,  $p=0.85$ )

**CONCLUSIONS:** Participants experienced complete skills decay for tourniquet application one month following STB training. Untrained users, reading enclosed instructions produced the same hemorrhage control rates as STB training and instructions review. Significant gender differences, favoring males, in the successful use of the windlass tourniquet were re-demonstrated. The windlass device remains a poor choice for the untrained civilian population. A more intuitive device is desperately needed.

Figure 1: Annual THC+ Toxicology in Vehicular Crashes



**NOTES**

**Presentation #24**

**Wednesday, 2/26/2020, 7:40 am - 8:00 am**

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**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE: A MULTI-CENTER EVALUATION OF VEHICULAR CRASHES IN THE ERA OF CANNABIS LEGALIZATION**

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**Presenter: Johanna Borst**

**Senior Sponsor: Walter Biffi**

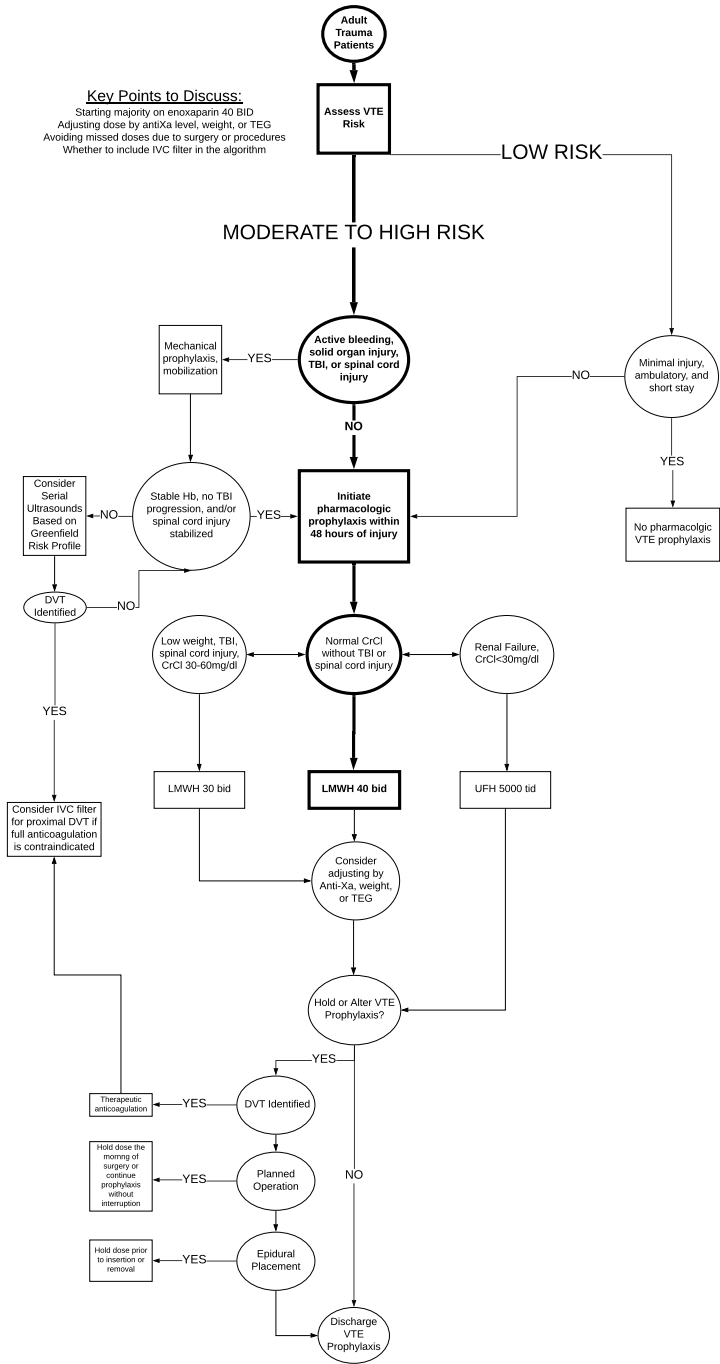
**INTRODUCTION:** Eleven states have instituted laws allowing recreational cannabis use leading to growing public health concerns surrounding the effects of cannabis intoxication on driving safety. We hypothesized that after the 2016 legalization, the use of cannabis among vehicular injury patients would increase and be associated with an increase in severity of injury.

**METHODS:** Four trauma center registries in a state with legalized recreational cannabis were queried from January 2010 - June 2018 for motor vehicle or motorcycle crash patients with toxicology screens. Patients were stratified as positive for only THC (THC+), only blood alcohol > 0.08% (ETOH+), THC+ETOH, or any combination with methamphetamine or cocaine (M/C). County medical examiner data was reviewed to characterize THC use in deaths at the scene.

**RESULTS:** Of the 8018 patients identified, there were 60.3% sober, 10.4% THC+, 14.8% ETOH+, 4.9% THC+ETOH, and 9.7% M/C. THC+ increased from 7% to 13% (Figure 1A) over the study period and peaked post-legalization in 2016. Compared to sober patients, THC+ patients were more likely to be male and younger. They were also less likely to wear seatbelts (9% vs. 15%,  $p < 0.001$ ) and had increased mean ISS ( $9.0 \pm 10.1$  vs.  $8.3 \pm 9.4$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ). There was no difference in in-hospital mortality. Of the 777 deaths at the scene during the study period, 27% were THC+ (Figure 1B).

**CONCLUSIONS:** THC+ toxicology screens in vehicular injury patients peaked after the 2016 legalization of cannabis. Public education on the risks of driving under the influence of cannabis should be a component of injury prevention initiatives.

**Key Points to Discuss:**  
 Starting majority on enoxaparin 40 BID  
 Adjusting dose by anti-Xa level, weight, or TEG  
 Avoiding missed doses due to surgery or procedures  
 Whether to include IVC filter in the algorithm





**Presentation #25**

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**ALGORITHM 1 - VTE Prophylaxis**

**Presenter: Eric Ley, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center**

**NOTES**

**Presentation #26**

**Wednesday, 2/26/2020, 8:20 am - 9:00 am**

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**FOUNDERS BASIC SCIENCE LECTURE: STEM CELLS IN TRAUMA:  
THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA**

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Portland, Oregon**

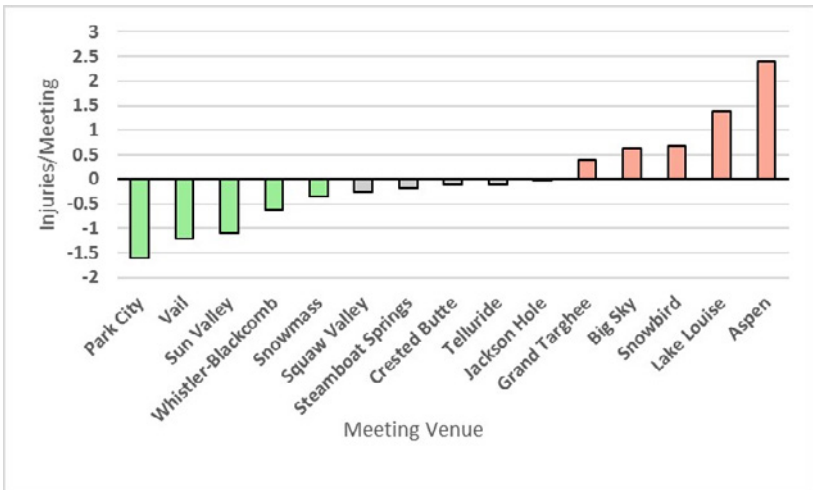
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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**



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## **Presentation #28**

**Wednesday, 2/26/2020, 4:45 pm - 5:00 pm**

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### **FIFTY YEARS OF 'WESTERN TRAUMA ASSOCIATION FAMILY' INJURIES**

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North Memorial Health, Minneapolis, Minnesota

#### **Presenter: Michaela A West**

**INTRODUCTION:** The Western Trauma Association (WTA) "family" is welcoming, enthusiastic, innovative, and adventurous. Meeting participants work hard and play hard. For the WTA 50th Anniversary we sought detailed information on meeting-associated injuries.

**METHODS:** A RedCap survey was emailed to 313 active, senior, initiate, and retired WTA members requesting detailed demographic and injury information (including: who sustained injury, relationship to member, injury venue, skiing/boarding/other, terrain, weather conditions, helmet use, how diagnosed, interventions, impact on practice or future snowsports). Non-duplicate records from a 1995 WTA survey (N=18) were included.

**RESULTS:** 218 emails were opened (69.5%) with 128 responses (58.7%!) identifying 76 injuries. Most injuries occurred in members (61.8%) or family (23.7%), rarely friends (6.6%) or fellows (1.3%). Skiing resulted in 60 injuries, snowboarding 6, and other 7. Male:female ratio was 3:1, with a mean age of 42.9. Black terrain was implicated in 42%, Blue 27%, Green 10%, with 10% off mountain and other. Among those injured helmet use was rare prior to 1995, 25% 1995-2009, but 75% 2010-2018. Knee injuries were most frequent (35%), followed by shoulder (11%), leg (11%), hand (7%), and arm (5%). Injury type: 34% sprain, 27% fracture, 11% contusion, 5% dislocation, 22% other. Injuries impacted clinical practice in 37.5% and 23.7% report taking fewer risks while skiing. The figure shows venue specific deviations from mean of  $1.60 \pm 0.14$  injuries/meeting.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Attendance at WTA meetings carries a risk of injury. Despite that risk, WTA members and families will continue to enjoy the combination of science, collegiality, family, and winter sports for years to come.

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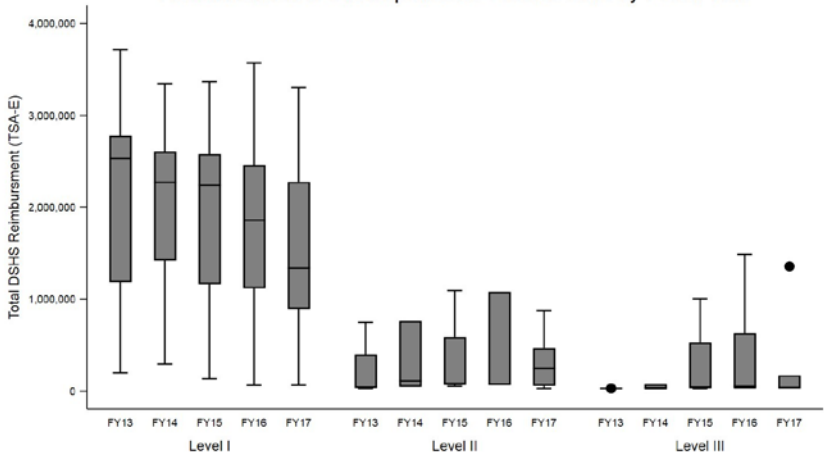
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**WTA BUSINESS MEETING (MEMBERS ONLY)**

## Reimbursement of Uncompensated Trauma Care by Fiscal Year



### NOTES

**Presentation #29**

**Thursday, 2/27/2020, 7:00 am - 7:20 am**

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**TRAUMA CENTER FUNDING: STOP THE BLEED**

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**Presenter: Joseph D. Amos**

**Senior Sponsor: Manuel Lorenzo**

**INTRODUCTION:** Uncompensated care (UCC) is care provided with no payment from the patient or an insurance provider. UCC directly contributes to escalating healthcare costs in the United States affecting patient care and hospital viability. Distribution of trauma centers and designation of trauma service areas (TSA) is a particular challenge in Texas due to patient dispersion and access to care.

**METHODS:** Five years of total annual trauma UCC disbursement reports from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) along with data provided by the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council were used to determine changes in UCC economic considerations for Level I, II, and III centers for the largest urban TSA, TSA-E. Statistical significance was determined using Kruskal-Wallis testing with Dunn's pairwise comparison post-hoc analysis.

**RESULTS:** TSA-E has 33% of the Level I trauma centers in Texas (n=6) and yet serves only 27% of the total state population across 14 metropolitan and five non-metropolitan counties. Since 2015, TSA-E has shown higher UCC costs ( $p < 0.02$ ) and lower reimbursement ( $p < 0.01$ ) than the second largest urban hub. TSA-E Level I centers experienced a notable sustained decrease in DSHS reimbursements and DCC costs since 2016.

**CONCLUSIONS:** The unregulated expansion of trauma centers in Texas has led to an unprecedented increase in hospitals participating in trauma care. Continued decreases in trauma center-specific funds could lead to further economic instability, compromise resource allocation, and negatively impact patient care in an already fragile healthcare environment.

|                      | Home discharge | Other discharge | p-value | Correlation with LOS (p-value) |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Grip strength (lbs)  | 45.7           | 34.7            | 0.028   | -0.19 (0.121)                  |
| FVC -day 1 (L)       | 1.69           | 1.28            | 0.029   | -0.23 (0.056)                  |
| FEV1 – day 1 (L)     | 1.25           | 0.88            | 0.001   | -0.25 (0.034)                  |
| NIF – day 1 (cm H2O) | 35.4           | 30.5            | 0.215   | 0.12 (0.319)                   |
| Pain (VAS) – day 1   | 4.31           | 3.69            | 0.310   | 0.28 (0.019)                   |
| FVC -day 3 (L)       | 1.54           | 1.19            | 0.036   | -0.16 (0.246)                  |
| FEV1 – day 3 (L)     | 1.13           | 0.92            | 0.098   | -0.13 (0.366)                  |
| NIF – day 3 (cm H2O) | 40.1           | 30.0            | 0.020   | -0.07 (0.620)                  |
| Pain (VAS) – day 3   | 3.45           | 3.00            | 0.534   | 0.24 (0.083)                   |

## NOTES

**Presentation #30**

**Thursday, 2/27/2020, 7:20 am - 7:40 am**

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**SPIROMETRY NOT PAIN LEVEL PREDICTS OUTCOMES IN ELDERLY PATIENTS WITH ISOLATED RIB FRACTURES**

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**Presenter: Kevin Schuster**

**INTRODUCTION:** Elderly patients with rib fractures are at risk for developing complications and are often admitted to a higher level of care (intensive care units). Being able to predict outcomes in these patients has the potential to selectively focus resources on those at higher risk while avoiding overtreatment of low risk patients. Incentive spirometry, although frequently utilized, may not adequately quantify pulmonary capacity and the need for intensive treatment.

**METHODS:** We prospectively enrolled 70 patients over the age of 65 with isolated rib fractures presenting immediately after injury. After informed consent patients were assessed with respect to: pain (visual-analog scale), grip strength (lbs), forced vital capacity (FVC), forced expiratory volume 1 second (FEV1), and negative inspiratory force (NIF) on hospital days 1, 2, and 3. Outcomes included discharge disposition, length of stay (LOS), new pneumonia, intubation, and unplanned ICU admission.

**RESULTS:** Mean age was 77.9 ( $\pm 10.2$ ) and 33 (47.1%) were female. Thirty-five patients were discharged home, median LOS was 4 days (IQR 3, 7). Pneumonias (2), unplanned ICU admissions (3) and intubation (1) were infrequent. Most spirometry measures predicted discharge home and FEV1 and pain level on day 1 moderately correlated with LOS (table). Within each subject FVC, FEV1 and NIF did not change over 3 days despite pain decreasing from day 1 to 3 ( $p=0.009$ ). Change in pain did not predict outcomes.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Spirometry measurements early in the hospital stay predict ultimate discharge home and this may allow immediate or early discharge. Intensive treatment improved pain but did not translate to improved pulmonary function.

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| Top 5 Themes/Gaps in Post-Trauma Center Care Identified from Focus Groups | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Abandonment by Trauma Center</li> <li>2. Mental Health/Addiction</li> <li>3. Pain</li> <li>4. Physical Limitations</li> <li>5. General Support for Daily Living (Transportation, Financial, etc.)</li> </ol> |
| Patient population  | <p>83% male,<br/> Mean age 39 years<br/> Mean ICU LOS 16 days<br/> Mean Hospital LOS 28 days<br/> Mean NISS 31</p>   |
| Mental Health Screen  | <p>(+) PTSD 32%<br/> (+) Depression 32%<br/> (+) Both 23%</p>  |
| ED Visit (not admitted; n=41)   | <p>Unrelated new Condition 17<br/> Post-trauma/operative infection 13<br/> Related not infection 6<br/> Medication related 5</p>   |
| Unplanned Admissions (n=32)   | <p>Post-trauma/operative infection 17<br/> Related not infection 10<br/> Unrelated new Condition 5</p>   |

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**Presentation #31**

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**THE CENTER FOR TRAUMA SURVIVORSHIP: ADDRESSING THE GREAT UNMET NEED FOR POST-TRAUMA CENTER CARE**

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**Presenter: David Livingston**

**INTRODUCTION:** Returning patients to pre-injury status is the goal of a trauma system. Trauma Centers (TC) provide inpatient care, but post-discharge treatment is fragmented with follow up rates 2 days or have a NISS  $\geq 16$ . CTS visits included physical and behavioral health care by a physiatrist, nurse practitioner, social worker and navigator.

**METHODS:** Patients were screened for PTSD and depression. Patients screening (+) were referred for behavioral health services. Patients were provided 24/7 access to the CTS team. Outcomes include: compliance with appointments, mental health visits, unplanned ED visits and readmissions.

**RESULTS:** Patients universally felt abandoned by the TC after discharge. Between 8/2018 to 8/2019, 108 patients had 386 CTS visits. Outcome data are presented in the TABLE. Average time for each appointment was >1 hour. CTS "no show" rate was 17%. 86% screening (+) for PTSD/depression successfully received behavioral health services. Post-discharge ED and hospital admissions are most often for infections or unrelated conditions.

**CONCLUSIONS:** A CTS fills the gaps in care following TC discharge leading to improved compliance with appointments and delivery of physical and behavioral health services. To achieve optimal long-term outcomes, care must continue after our patients leave the TC.

**Table 1:** The training requirements for vascular surgery (VS) and interventional radiology (IR), compared to 6 months average case volume with a dedicated endovascular trauma service (ETS).

| <b>Procedure</b> | <b>VS</b> | <b>IR</b> | <b>6 months of ETS</b> |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| Vascular Access  | -         | 100       | 106                    |
| Angiography      | 100       | 200       | 182                    |
| Therapeutic      | 80        | 50        | 145                    |
| Stent Deployment | 20        | 25        | 14                     |

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**Presentation #32**

**Thursday, 2/27/2020, 8:00 am - 8:20 am**

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**CERTIFICATION IN ENDOVASCULAR HEMOSTASIS FOR TRAUMA SURGEONS: POSSIBLE AND PRACTICAL?**

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**Presenter: Joseph Herrold**

**Senior Sponsor: Thomas Scalea**

**INTRODUCTION:** Endovascular hemostasis is commonplace with many practitioners providing services. Accruing sufficient experience during training could allow acute care surgeons (ACS) to expand their practice. We quantified case load and training opportunities at our center, where dedicated dual-trained ACS/vascular surgery faculty perform these cases. Our aim was to assess whether ACS fellows could obtain sufficient experience in 6 months of their fellowship in order to certify in these techniques, per the requirements of other specialties (eg: vascular surgery and interventional radiology).

**METHODS:** We performed a retrospective review of 4 years (2015-2018) of endovascular activity at an academic, level I trauma center quantifying arterial access, angiography, embolization, stent placement, and IVC filter procedures. This was compared to the certification requirements for vascular surgery and interventional radiology (Table 1).

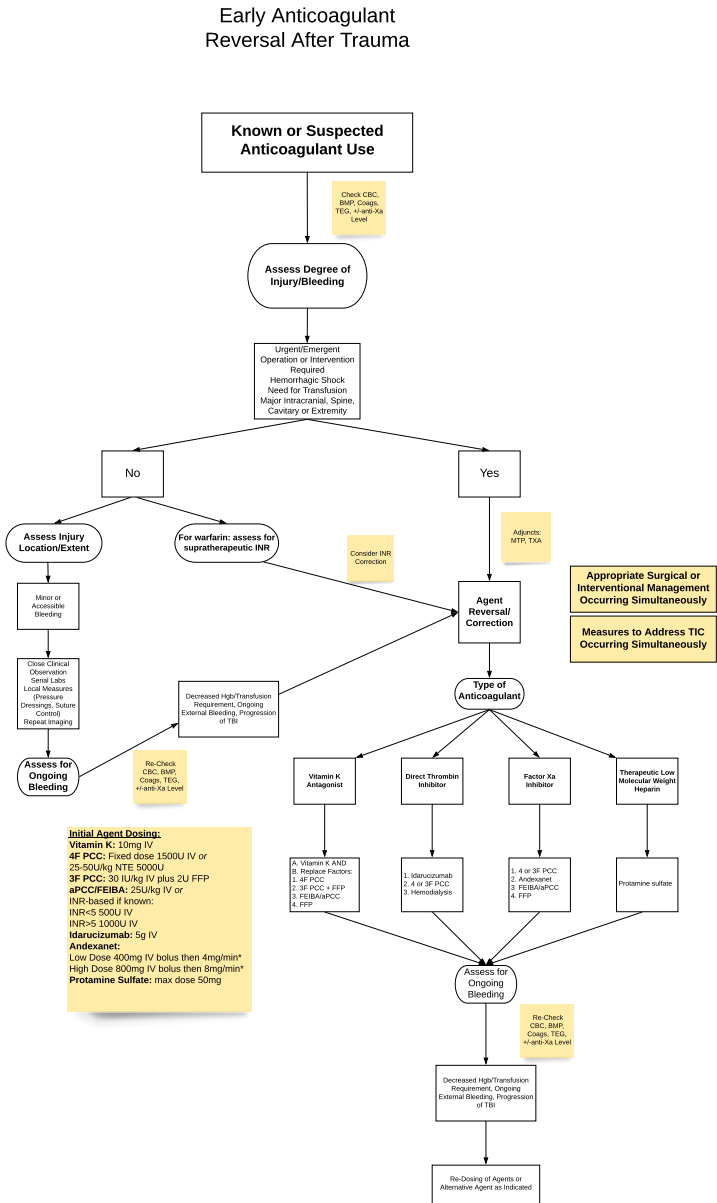
**RESULTS:** Between 2015 and 2018, 881 patients with a mean +/- SD ISS of 21+/-13, underwent 3,587 procedures. Annual rates per procedure, expressed as (mean +/- SD), were arterial access (214+/-39), angiography (365+/-42), embolization (269+/-28), stent (28+/-5), and IVC filter procedures (21+/-7). The case volume over 6 months exceeded or was within 90% of the requirements quoted for vascular surgery and interventional radiology, with the exception of stent-graft deployment (Table 1).

**CONCLUSIONS:** The case volume at a large trauma center with a dedicated endovascular trauma service is sufficient to satisfy the case requirements for endovascular certification. Our trainees are already acquiring this experience informally. It is now time to establish an endovascular trauma curriculum that provides certification in endovascular hemostasis within ACS fellowship training.

**NOTES**

ALGORITHM 2 - ANTICOAGULATION MANAGEMENT AND REVERSAL

Presenter: Kimberly Peck, Scripps Mercy Hospital



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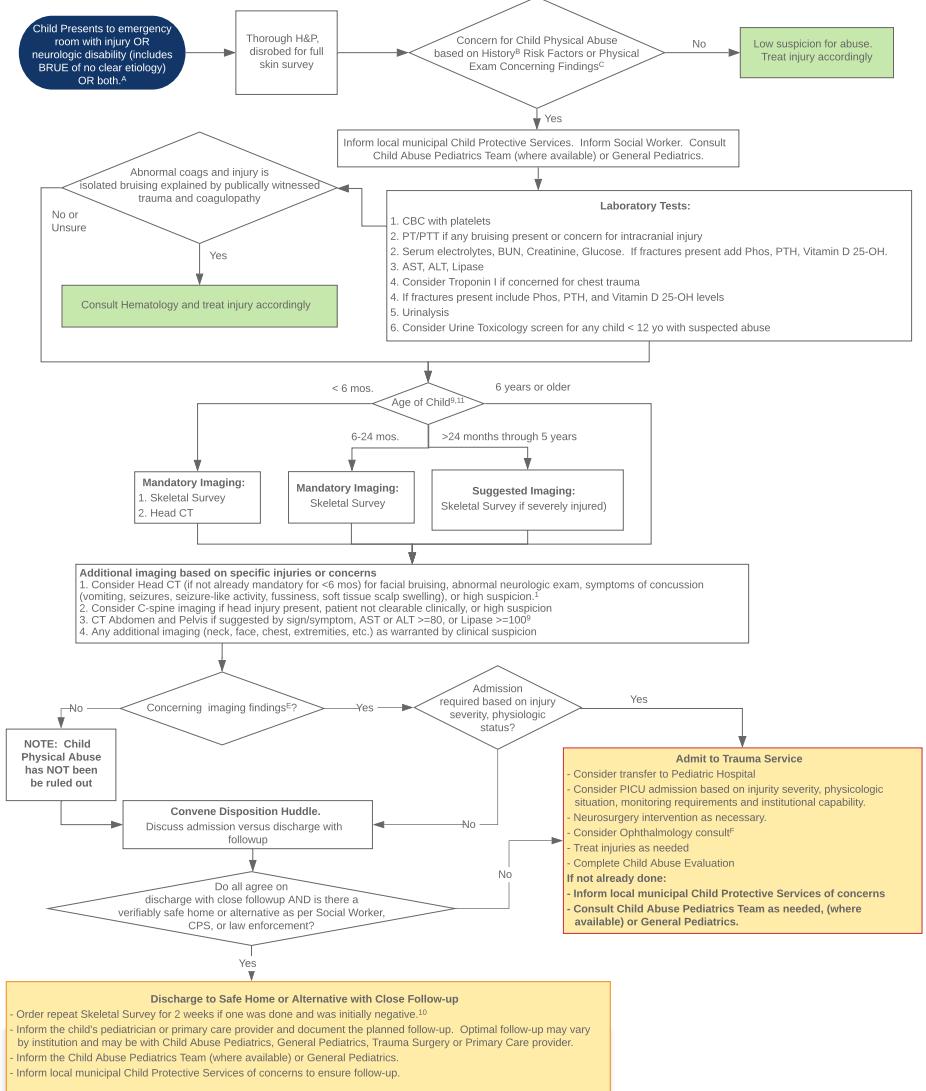
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**ALGORITHM 3 - Child Physical Abuse**

**Presenter: Nelson Rosen, Cincinnati Children's Hospital**



**Child Physical Abuse Trauma**  
**Evaluation and Management Algorithm - DRAFT V6**  
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**Presentation #35**

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**PRO/CON DEBATE: Finger Thoracostomy is Safe in the Hands of EMS and ED Doctors**

Matthew Martin, MD and Kevin Schuster, MD

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**Presentation #36**

**Thursday, 2/27/2020, 4:40 pm - 5:00 pm**

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Gregory J. Jurkovich, MD

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Barbara Latenser (died 2015)

Matthew L. Davis (died 2015)

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**Presentation #37**

**Thursday, 2/27/2020, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

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**PAINT THE CEILING LECTURE: LUCCA: THE STORY OF A MARINE  
K-9 HERO**

**Master Sergeant Chris Willingham, USMC, Retired**

Table 1. Inverse Probability of Treatment Weighted Estimates of the Risk Associated with NSI for each Outcomes among TBI Patients, Stratified by Age n=2,988

| <b>Outcome</b>                               | <b>Probability ( 95% Confidence Interval</b> | <b>P-value</b> |
|--|--|----------------|
| <b>Death at Discharge</b>                    | <b>Risk Difference</b>                       |                |
| 40-59 years                                  | -0.03 ( -0.07,0.01)                          | 0.141          |
| 60-80 years                                  | 0.04 (0.06,0.14)                             | 0.429          |
| >81 years                                    | 0.53 ( 0.18,0.88)                            | 0.003          |
| <b>Discharge to admission location</b>       | <b>Risk Difference</b>                       |                |
| 40-59 years                                  | 0.06 (-0.15,0.27)                            | 0.570          |
| 60-80 years                                  | -0.23 (-0.48,0.01)                           | 0.063          |
| >81 years                                    | -0.36 (-0.49,-0.22)                          | <0.001         |
| <b>Good functional outcomes at discharge</b> | <b>Risk Difference</b>                       |                |
| 40-59 years                                  | 0.12 (0.00,0.24)                             | 0.049          |
| 60-80 years                                  | -0.15 (-0.38,0.07)                           | 0.188          |
| >81 years                                    | -0.44 (-0.69,-0.31)                          | <0.001         |
| <b>Palliative Interventions</b>              | <b>Risk Difference</b>                       |                |
| 40-59 years                                  | -0.04 (-0.08,-0.00)                          | 0.031          |
| 60-80 years                                  | 0.05 (-0.06,0.16)                            | 0.385          |
| >81 years                                    | 0.49 (0.21,0.77)                             | 0.001          |

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**Presentation #38**

**Friday, 2/28/2020, 7:00 am - 7:20 am**

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**NEUROSURGICAL INTERVENTION (NSI) IN GERIATRIC PATIENTS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI): RESULTS FROM THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE SURGERY OF TRAUMA (AAST) GERI-TBI STUDY**

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**INTRODUCTION:** While TBI is the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in geriatric trauma patients, the efficacy of NSI in this population remains controversial. Our objective was to evaluate the association between NSI and in-hospital mortality among geriatric TBI patients.

**METHODS:** This was a retrospective analysis of the AAST MITC Geri-TBI study. Individuals aged  $\geq 40$  years with computed tomography verified TBI, who presented within 24-hours of injury, and underwent neurosurgical interventions were included. We excluded patients with any other body region abbreviated injury scale score (AIS)  $>2$ , head AIS=6, or death within 48-hours. To minimize confounding by injury severity, we created inverse probability of treatment weights to balance covariates between exposure groups and stratified models by age (40-59, 60-81,  $>81$  years).

**RESULTS:** Of 2,988 included patients, 300 (10%) underwent NSI. Compared to patients without NSI, these patients were often younger, with a head AIS $>3$ , GCS 81 years) was associated with increased mortality (RD 0.53, 95% CI(0.18, 0.88),  $p=0.003$ ), receipt of palliative interventions ( RD 0.49, 95%CI (0.21, 0.77),  $p=0.001$ ), and decreased likelihood of good functional outcomes at discharge (RD-0.49, 95%CI (-0.69, -0.31),  $p <0.001$ ) or discharge to preinjury residence (RD -0.36, 95%CI (-0.49, -0.22),  $p <0.001$ ).(Table1)

**CONCLUSIONS:** Outcomes among the oldest TBI patients who receive NSI are poor. This stresses the need to reassess indications for operative interventions, and the importance of early establishment of goals of care in this vulnerable population.

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**Presentation #39**

**Friday, 2/28/2020, 7:20 am - 7:40 am**

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**BLUNT CEREBROVASCULAR INJURY - IS THERE A ROLE FOR UNIVERSAL SCREENING?**

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INTRODUCTION: Blunt cerebrovascular injury (BCVI) is a rare but potentially devastating consequence of trauma.

METHODS: As established screening criteria have limited sensitivity, we implemented universal screening with CT angiography (CTA) of the neck for all major trauma activations at our level 1 trauma center. We hypothesized that a clinically relevant number of patients would have BCVI not identified by our existing or other published screening criteria. All adult blunt trauma activations underwent full-body CT scan incl. CTA neck with a 128-slice scanner. Those with BCVI were reviewed to assess if they would have fulfilled any screening criteria without a universal protocol. Descriptive statistics were performed and results expressed as N (%) or median (25th / 75th percentile).

RESULTS: Over 18 months, 3,437 patients fulfilled inclusion criteria. 85 (2.5%) had BCVI, 66 (77.7%) and 71 (83.5%) of which would have met TQIP and institutional criteria, respectively. Of 35 patients with BCVI grade  $\geq 3$ , 28 (80%) would have fulfilled TQIP or institutional criteria. All patients were severely injured with ISS 18 (12/28) and mortality rate of 15% (N=13). 43 patients (51%) received antiplatelets, 13 (15%) therapeutic heparin, while 14 (17%) had a clear contraindication to anticoagulation. A stroke occurred in 3 patients (4%), 4 (5%) had a bleeding complication from anticoagulation. BCVI is rare, but does occur in severely injured patients. 20% of patients with BCVI grade  $\geq 3$  would have been undiagnosed without universal CTA screening.

CONCLUSIONS: Detection of a BCVI did not necessarily allow for treatment, and both antiplatelet agents and therapeutic heparin caused bleeding complications in some patients.

| <b>Table 1. Study Outcomes</b>                  |  |                             |                |
|---|--|-----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Outcome</b>                                  | <b>REBOA<br/>within 1- Hr<br/>(n=94)</b> | <b>No REBOA<br/>(n=188)</b> | <b>P-Value</b> |
| <b>24-Hour Mortality, %</b>                     | 25%                                      | 16%                         | <0.01          |
| <b>In-Hospital Mortality, %</b>                 | 33%                                      | 23.4                        | <0.01          |
| <b>Lower Limb Amputation, %</b>                 | 3.8%                                     | 0%                          | 0.02           |
| <b>pRBCs Transfusion 24-hours, units [IQR]</b>  | 12 [6-20]                                | 12 [7-23]                   | 0.64           |
| <b>AKI, %</b>                                   | 5.9%                                     | 4.2%                        | 0.71           |
| <b>Time to Laparotomy, minutes [IQR]</b>        | 97 [51-264]                              | 58 [38-83]                  | <0.01          |
| <b>Time to Angioembolization, minutes [IQR]</b> | 273 [103-877]                            | 199 [127-319]               | <0.01          |

pRBCs: Packed Red Blood Cells, IQR: Interquartile Range, AKI: Acute Kidney Injury.

## NOTES



**RESUSCITATIVE ENDOVASCULAR BALLOON OCCLUSION OF THE AORTA (REBOA) IN HEMODYNAMICALLY UNSTABLE PATIENTS WITH PELVIC FRACTURES: WHEN IT'S ALL ABOUT TIME**

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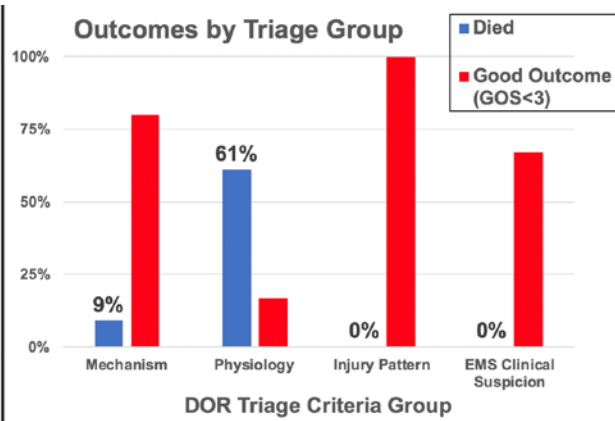
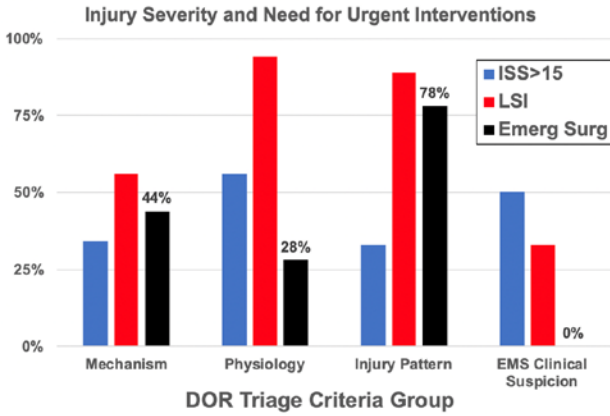
**Presenter: Bellal Joseph**

**INTRODUCTION:** REBOA is a temporizing means of hemorrhage in pelvic fractures. The risk-benefit ratio of REBOA is not well established. The aim of our study was to evaluate the impact of REBOA on outcomes in hemodynamically unstable patients with pelvic fractures.

**METHODS:** We conducted a one-year (2017) analysis of the Trauma Quality Improvement Program. We selected hemodynamically unstable (<90 mmHg) adults with isolated-pelvic fracture (other body regions AIS<2). Patients were stratified into REBOA within 1 hour of admission vs. no-REBOA. Propensity matching was performed (1:2) adjusting for demographics, vitals, injury-parameters, and center-parameters. Primary outcomes were 24-hour mortality, in-hospital mortality, and time to hemorrhage control. Secondary outcomes were complications and 24-hour PRBC transfusion.

**RESULTS:** A total of 843 patients were identified. A matched cohort of 282 was obtained of which 94 received REBOA. Mean age was 47±19y, ISS was 33[22-43], and pelvic-AIS was 3[2-4]. Angioembolization was performed in 32% of patients while 36% underwent an operative intervention. The REBOA group had a higher rate of 24-hour mortality, in-hospital mortality, and lower limb amputation. No difference was found in the number of PRBC units transfused between the two groups or the rate of acute kidney injury. REBOA was associated with a longer time to laparotomy and pelvic angioembolization. Table 1

**CONCLUSIONS:** The use of REBOA in unstable pelvic fracture patients may be associated with adverse outcomes and a delay in definitive hemorrhage control. Further studies are needed to ascertain whether this bridging intervention is worthy of valuable resuscitation time.



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**CHOOSING WISELY: A PROSPECTIVE STUDY OF DIRECT TO OR TRAUMA RESUSCITATION INCLUDING REAL-TIME TRAUMA SURGEON AFTER-ACTION REVIEW**

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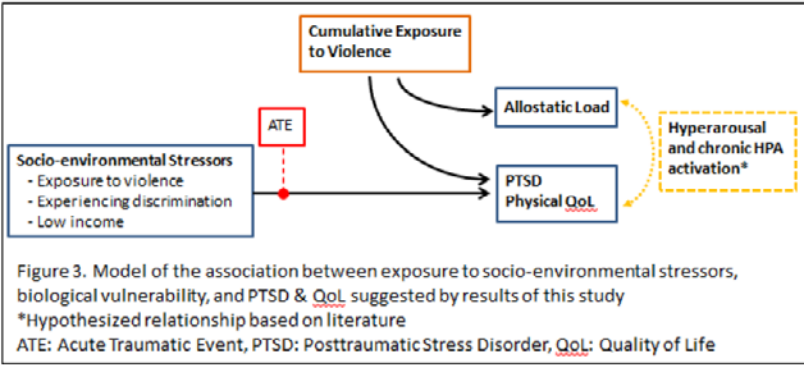
**Senior Sponsor: Matthew Martin**

**INTRODUCTION:** Although several centers have “Direct to OR” (DOR) resuscitation programs, there are no published prospective studies on optimal patient selection, interventions, outcomes, or real-time surgeon assessments.

**METHODS:** DOR cases over 1 year were prospectively enrolled. Demographics, injury types/severity, triage criteria, interventions, and outcomes including Glasgow Outcome Score (GOS) were collected. Detailed time-to-event and sequence data on initial lifesaving interventions (LSI) or emergent surgeries (ES) were analyzed. A structured real-time attending surgeon assessment tool (SAT) for each case was collected. DOR activation criteria were grouped into categories: mechanism, physiology, injury pattern, or EMS suspicion.

**RESULTS:** There were 104 DOR cases; 84% male, 80% penetrating, and 40% severely injured (ISS>15). The majority (65%) required at least one LSI (median of 7 mins from arrival), and 41% underwent immediate emergent surgery (median 26 mins). Blunt patients were more severely injured, more likely to undergo LSI (86% vs 59%), but less likely to require ES (19% vs 47%, all p<0.05). Analysis of DOR criteria categories showed unique patterns in each group for interventions and outcomes (Figure), with EMS suspicion associated with the lowest need for DOR. SAT results found DOR was indicated in 84% and improved care in 63%, with a small subset identified (9%) where DOR had a negative impact.

**CONCLUSIONS:** DOR resuscitation facilitated rapid emergent interventions in penetrating truncal trauma and a select subset of critically ill blunt patients. Unique intervention/outcome profiles were identified by activation criteria groups, with little utility among activations for EMS suspicion. Real-time SAT identified high and low yield DOR groups.



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**Presentation #42**

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**EXPOSURE TO COMMUNITY VIOLENCE POST-INJURY PREDICTS PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS AND PHYSICAL HEALTH AFTER NON-INTENTIONAL INJURY IN ETHNIC AND RACIAL MINORITY PATIENTS**

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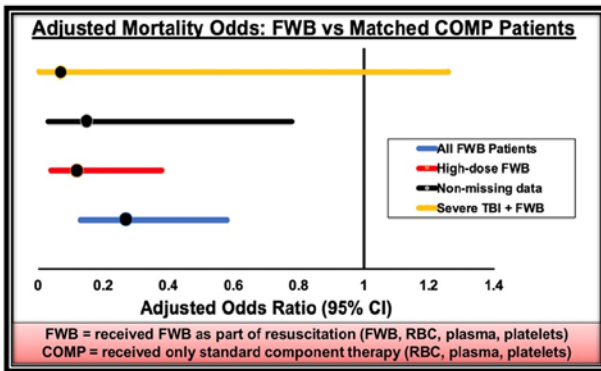
**Senior Sponsor: Marc deMoya**

**INTRODUCTION:** High rates of morbidity exist within the trauma population, including development of posttraumatic stress disorder and poor quality of life. It is well known that chronic socioenvironmental stress (SE), including exposure to community violence, has physical health consequences, but less well understood is how SE stress impacts recovery after injury. The purpose of this study was to investigate the link between exposure to community violence after injury and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), allostatic load, and physical quality of life in a sample of urban racial minority trauma survivors at a large level 1 trauma center.

**METHODS:** This was a longitudinal study of 78 racial minority trauma survivors assessed at 2 weeks and 6 months post-injury. At both timepoints, participants had blood drawn and vitals measured to create an index of allostatic load (AL), a cumulative measure of physiologic dysregulation linked to stress. Validated and reliable survey measures were: Survey of Exposure to Community Violence, PTSD Checklist for DSM-5 (PCL-5), the RAND Short Form 36 (SF-36) to assess physical quality of life.

**RESULTS:** All subjects had a non-intentional mechanism of injury (75% motor vehicle crash). Over 70% of subjects experienced exposure to community violence within the first six months after injury. Increased exposure to community violence after injury was significantly related to higher PTSD symptoms ( $r(65)=.25, p=.043$ ), poor physical QoL ( $r(63)=-.329, p=.008$ ), and allostatic load ( $r(51)=.30, p=.032$ ), all at 6 months.

**CONCLUSIONS:** These results demonstrate the impact of chronic stress and social determinants of health in a patient population especially vulnerable to PTSD after trauma.



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**Presentation #43**

**Friday, 2/28/2020, 8:40 am - 9:00 am**

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**WHOLE BLOOD AT THE TIP OF THE SPEAR: ANALYSIS OF FRESH WHOLE BLOOD RESUSCITATION VERSUS COMPONENT THERAPY IN SEVERELY INJURED COMBAT CASUALTIES**

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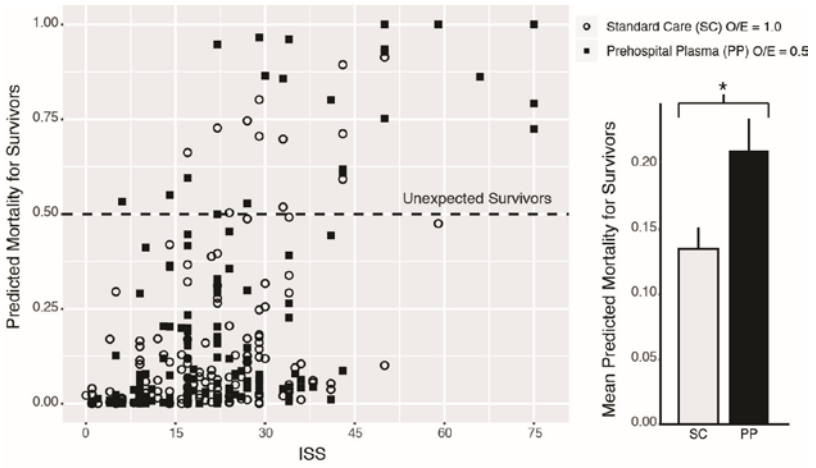
**Senior Sponsor: Matthew Martin**

**INTRODUCTION:** Death from uncontrolled hemorrhage occurs rapidly, particularly among combat casualties. The U.S. military has utilized fresh whole blood (FWB) during combat operations due to clinical and operational exigencies, albeit published outcome data is limited. We compared early mortality between casualties who received FWB versus standard component therapy (COMP).

**METHODS:** Casualties injured in Afghanistan (2008-2014) who received  $\geq 2$  red blood cell containing units were reviewed. COMP patients were frequency-matched to FWB patients on identical profiles by injury type, patient affiliation, tourniquet use, prehospital transfusion, and average hourly unit red blood cell transfusion rates. Logistic modeling adjusting for survivor bias and variability of injury/hemorrhage severity was performed. The primary outcome was 6-hours mortality.

**RESULTS:** Clinically unique strata (29) were comprised of 1,105 matched patients (221 FWB, 884 COMP). The adjusted odds ratio of 6-hour mortality was 0.27 (95% CI 0.13-0.58) for the FWB versus COMP group. The reduction in mortality increased in magnitude (OR=0.15,  $p=0.02$ ) among the subgroup of 422 patients with complete data allowing adjustment for 7 additional covariates. There was a dose-dependent effect of FWB, patients receiving higher FWB dose (>33% of RBC containing units) had significantly lower mortality.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Early death after trauma is primarily from uncontrolled hemorrhage; death within 6-hours is likely a surrogate for hemorrhagic death. FWB resuscitation was associated with a significant reduction in 6-hour mortality versus COMP in combat casualties, with a dose-dependent effect. Findings were robust in all models and support early mortality outcome for hemorrhage control as well as expanded study of whole blood in trauma.



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**Presentation #44**

**Friday, 2/28/2020, 4:00 pm - 4:20 pm**

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**CHARACTERIZATION OF UNEXPECTED SURVIVORS FOLLOWING  
A PREHOSPITAL PLASMA RANDOMIZED TRIAL**

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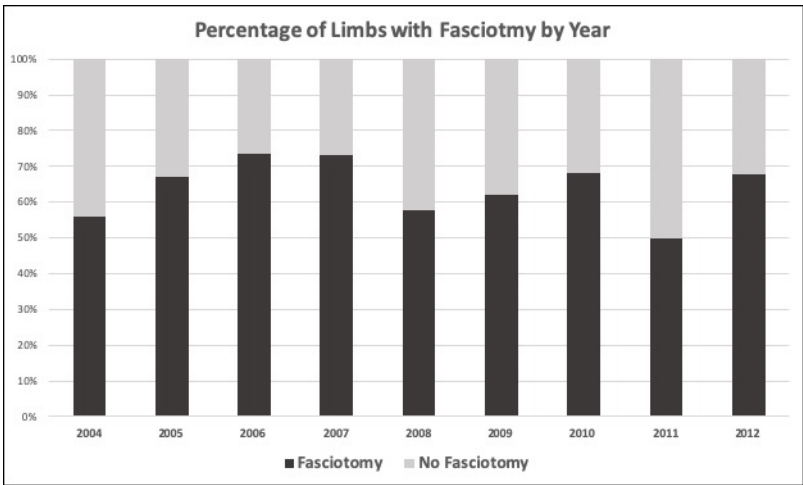
**Senior Sponsor: Jason Sperry**

**INTRODUCTION:** Prehospital plasma improves survival for trauma patients transported by air ambulance. We sought to characterize the unexpected survivors, patients who would have died had they not received prehospital plasma.

**METHODS:** We built a generalized linear model to calculate predicted mortality for patients enrolled in the Prehospital Air Medical Plasma (PAMPer) trial (n=501) using standard care patients for training data. Area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC) was used to evaluate model performance. We defined unexpected survivors as patients who had predicted mortality >50% and survived to 30 days. Observed to expected (O/E) mortality ratios were calculated and compared across study arms.

**RESULTS:** Our model predicted mortality better than the revised trauma score and ISS (0.88, 0.81, and 0.64, respectively). The unexpected survivor cohort is characterized by a high predicted mortality (75% [62%, 91%]), ISS of 34 [27, 50], greater endothelial tissue damage (syndecan-1 64.14 [29.55, 137.51] vs. 113.25 [78.51, 188.14] ng/mL, P=0.002), and high incidence of traumatic brain injury (58%) and blunt mechanism of injury (94%). Despite a greater predicted mortality, plasma patients were more likely to survive (60% vs 24%, P=0.001). Within the unexpected survivor cohort, plasma patients had a lower O/E ratio (0.5 vs 1.0, P<0.01, Figure 1). The prehospital plasma unexpected survivor cohort had greater ICU LOS and ventilator requirements and a higher incidence of multiple organ failure.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Prehospital plasma is associated with an increase in the number of unexpected survivors, and may deliver its greatest benefit as ISS, tissue damage, and the probability of mortality increase.



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**Presentation #45**

**Friday, 2/28/2020, 4:20 pm - 4:40 pm**

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**EFFECT OF EARLY FASCIOTOMY ON LIMB SALVAGE AND  
COMPLICATIONS IN MILITARY LOWER EXTREMITY VASCULAR INJURY**

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**INTRODUCTION:** Military guidelines endorse early fasciotomy after revascularization of lower extremity (LE) injuries to prevent compartment syndrome, but the real-world impact is unknown. We assessed the association between fasciotomy and amputation/limb complications among LE's with vascular injury.

**METHODS:** A retrospectively collected LE injury database was queried for limbs undergoing attempted salvage with vascular procedure (2004-2012). Limbs were categorized as having undergone fasciotomy or not. Injury and treatment characteristics were collected, as were intervention timing data when available. The primary outcome measure was amputation within 30 days. Multivariate models examined the impact of fasciotomy on limb outcomes.

**RESULTS:** Inclusion criteria were met by 515 limbs, 335 (65%) with fasciotomy (median 7.7 hours postinjury). 174/212 (84%) limbs with timing data had fasciotomy within 30 minutes of initial surgery. Compartment syndrome/suspicion of elevated pressure documented in 127 (25%) of limbs (122 had fasciotomy). Tourniquet and shunt use, fracture, multiple arterial/combined arteriovenous injuries, popliteal involvement, and graft reconstruction more common in fasciotomy limbs. Isolated venous injury and vascular ligation more common in non-fasciotomy limbs. Fasciotomy timing not associated with amputation. Controlling for limb injury severity, fasciotomy was not associated with amputation but was associated with limb infection, motor dysfunction, and contracture. 63% of fasciotomies open for >7d, 43% had multiple closure procedures. Fasciotomy revision (17%) not associated with increased amputation or complications.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Fasciotomy following military LE vascular injury is predominantly performed early; frequently without documented compartment pressure elevation. Fasciotomy is independently associated with limb complications and a reconsideration of liberal prophylactic use may be in order.

| Survivability Determination | Immediate Access | Actual Scenario |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Non-Survivable              | 322 (77.8%)      | 389 (94.0%)     |
| Potentially Survivable      | 87 (21.0%)       | 24 (5.8%)       |
| Definitely Survivable       | 5 (1.2%)         | 1 (0.2%)        |
| Cannot Determine            | 0 (0%)           | 0 (0%)          |

Table 1. Prehospital Injury Survivability

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**Presentation #46**

**Friday, 2/28/2020, 4:40 pm - 5:00 pm**

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**PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL  
MULTIDISCIPLINARY INJURY MORTALITY INVESTIGATION IN THE  
CIVILIAN PRE-HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT (MIMIC)**

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**INTRODUCTION:** Advances in trauma centers and systems have substantially reduced death associated with injury. However, there are substantial opportunity to further reduce deaths in the prehospital setting. The goal of this research was to characterize survival potential of prehospital injury deaths in order to develop mitigation strategies and improve trauma systems.

**METHODS:** A steering committee developed prehospital injury survivability definitions and study process. Balanced expert review panels were established from 80 military and civilian reviewers specializing in trauma surgery, orthopedics, neurosurgery, emergency medicine, EMS, and forensic pathology. Panels reviewed injury mortalities from comprehensive medical examiner systems and assigned a determination of survivability to each case based upon principal mechanism of death. Survivability determinations were made based upon the assumption of immediate access to care and in the context of the actual injury scenario. Non-consensus in determination of survivability was remediated through an online adjudication process. Data were entered into an electronic review and response tool (Profiler) for collation and analysis.

**RESULTS:** 436 prehospital mortality cases were assessed by the reviewer panel. Panel consensus of survivability was reached in 414/436 cases (94.9%) (Table 1). Assuming immediate access to care, potentially / definitely survivable mortality was 22.2% of which 90.8% was due to hemorrhage (82.7% truncal, 9.3% junctional, and 8.0% extremity).

**CONCLUSIONS:** This preliminary analysis of prehospital injury mortality develops a perspective of relative importance of injury mortality causation in the prehospital environment. This assessment may provide objective evidence to support the development of mitigation strategies for therapy and injury prevention to improve trauma systems.

Table 1. Outcomes of patients who developed alcohol withdrawal syndrome

|                              | Hospital A | Hospital B | p-value |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|---------|
| Rate of AWS (%)              | 1.11       | 1.25       | 0.728   |
| Injury Severity Score (mean) | 9.15       | 7.98       | 0.001   |
| ICU LOS (mean days)          | 3.52       | 3.50       | 0.917   |
| Intubation rate (%)          | 14.4       | 15.8       | 0.176   |
| Ventilator days (mean)       | 4.99       | 4.21       | 0.11    |
| Complication rate (%)        | 0.3        | 0.1        | 0.42    |
| Mortality rate (%)           | 2.6        | 2.0        | 0.183   |

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**Presentation #47**

**Friday, 2/28/2020, 5:00 pm - 5:20 pm**

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**ORAL ETHANOL VERSUS BENZODIAZEPINES AS PROPHYLAXIS FOR ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME**

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**INTRODUCTION:** Benzodiazepines are associated with adverse outcomes in ICU patients yet remain the common method of prophylaxis for alcohol withdrawal syndrome (AWS). Another method of prophylaxis is oral alcohol. We identified two rural level II trauma centers that use these methods of prophylaxis; Hospital A primarily uses oral alcohol and supplements with benzodiazepines while Hospital B only uses benzodiazepines. We hypothesized Hospital A would have lower rates of AWS.

**METHODS:** A retrospective analysis was performed of trauma patients admitted between 2010 and 2018 with either a positive alcohol/drug screen on admission or a history of alcohol/drug abuse. Both hospitals utilize a similar AWS clinical assessment tool and used identical registrar collection techniques to retrospectively capture patients. An ANOVA logistic regression model was used for data analysis. Lastly, we considered the cost associated with each method of prophylaxis.

**RESULTS:** Hospital A included 3165 patients while Hospital B included 2162 patients with withdrawal rates of 1.11% (35 patients) and 1.25% (27 patients) respectively ( $p=0.728$ ). We noted no significant differences in several of our secondary outcomes shown in Table 1. The cost of oral alcohol is \$0.80 per dose whereas the cost of a typical dose of lorazepam, the most commonly used benzodiazepine, is \$0.50.

**CONCLUSIONS:** We found no difference in AWS rates between these two methods of prophylaxis nor was there a difference in several secondary outcomes. There is no cost benefit with either method. Our data suggests these two methods of prophylaxis are equivalent however a multi-center trial may better answer this question.



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**Presentation #48**

**Friday, 2/28/2020, 5:20 pm - 5:40 pm**

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**DESCRIBING THE DENSITY OF URBAN TRAUMA CENTERS IN THE UNITED STATES 15 LARGEST CITIES**

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**Presenter: Anne Stey**

**Senior Sponsor: Deborah Stein**

**INTRODUCTION:** There has been a proliferation of urban high-level trauma centers. The aim of this study was to describe the density of high-level trauma centers in 15 largest cities.

**METHODS:** The largest 15 cities by population were identified. The American College of Surgeons' (ACS) and states' department of health websites were cross-referenced for designated high-level (level 1 and 2) trauma centers in each city. Trauma centers and associated 20-minute drive radius were mapped. High-level trauma center per square mile and per population were calculated. The minimum distance between high-level trauma centers was calculated.

**RESULTS:** Among the 15 largest cities, 12 had multiple level one trauma centers and 14 cities had multiple high-level trauma centers. There was a median of one high-level trauma center per every 85.3mi<sup>2</sup> and ranged from one center per every 20.1mi<sup>2</sup> in New York to one center per 318.8mi<sup>2</sup> in Houston. There was a median of one high-level trauma center per 356,494 people and ranged from one center per 223,133 people in Columbus to one center per 1,162,751 people in Houston. The median minimum distance between high-level trauma centers in the 14 cities with multiple centers was 3.2 miles and ranged from 0.4 miles in Houston to 16.7 miles in San Antonio.

**CONCLUSIONS:** High-level trauma centers are densely located in 14 of 15 largest US cities with marked 20-minute drive radius overlap. Institution-level data should be evaluated for these areas to determine the effect of overlap on volume, training and outcomes. Such data could allow for better resource allocation in population dense areas.

**Table 1. Regression estimates for helmet laws, other state laws, verified trauma centers and crash characteristics on motorcycle mortality rates, 1999-2015**

| Factor                      | Age Group Cohorts N=850                                |              |              |              |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             | <i>Unstandardized Regression Coefficient (p-value)</i> |              |              |              |
|                             | 16-20  | 21-55        | 56-65        | Over 65      |
| Universal helmet laws       | -0.48(0.007)   | -0.17(0.001) | -0.38(0.04)  | -0.54(0.002) |
| Partial helmet laws         | 0.39(0.001)  | 0.13(0.001)  | 0.22(0.02)   | 0.26(0.006)  |
| Partial helmet x helmet use | 0.01(0.001)  | 0.00(0.5)    | 0.00(0.6)    | -0.00(0.2)   |
| GDL: Passenger restrictions | -0.06(0.01)  | NA           | NA           | NA           |
| Reduced BAC limits          | -0.05(0.6)   | -4.9(0.02)   | 17.7(0.001)  | 13.7(0.007)  |
| Over service                | NA   | -0.38(0.001) | -0.16(0.002) | -0.15(0.03)  |
| Alcohol in transport        | NA   | -0.05(0.3)   | -0.18(0.05)  | -0.27(0.02)  |
| Use or Lose (<21 years)     | 0.14(0.04)   | NA           | NA           | NA           |
| Speed Camera                | 0.15(0.009)  | 0.23(0.02)   | 0.33(0.001)  | 0.29(0.02)   |

**NOTES**

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### **IMPACT OF HELMET LAWS ON MOTORCYCLE CRASH MORTALITY RATES**

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**INTRODUCTION:** Helmets are effective in reducing traumatic brain injury. However, effectiveness of helmet laws has not been well-described. This study assesses the impact of helmet laws on motorcycle fatality rates in the US, 1999-2015.

**METHODS:** Motorcycle fatalities (aged  $\geq 16$  years) and crash characteristics from FARS were obtained from 1999-2015. Motorcycle-related laws and year of effect for all 50 states were collected over the same period to create a pooled time series. Generalized linear autoregressive modeling was applied to assess the relative contribution of helmet laws to motorcycle fatality rates, controlling for  $>30$  crash factors and other major driver laws.

**RESULTS:** Universal helmet laws were associated with 17-54% declines in motorcycle mortality rates during the study period across all age cohorts: 16-20 years ( $B = -0.48 [p = 0.007]$ ), 21-55 years ( $B = -0.17 [p = 0.001]$ ); 56-65 years ( $B = -0.38 [p = 0.04]$ );  $>65$  years ( $B = -0.54 [p = 0.002]$ ). Partial helmet laws were associated with 13-39% increases in fatality rates: 16-20 years ( $B = 0.39 [p = 0.001]$ ), 21-55 years ( $B = 0.13 [p = 0.001]$ ); 56-65 years ( $B = 0.22 [p = 0.02]$ );  $>65$  years ( $B = 0.26 [p = 0.006]$ ). Laws placing the liability for alcohol impairment on host/business contributed to declines in fatality rates for 21-55 years ( $B = -0.38 [p = 0.001]$ ), 56-65 years ( $B = -0.16 [p = 0.002]$ ) and  $>65$  years ( $B = -0.15 [p = 0.03]$ ) cohorts; laws reducing allowable blood alcohol content (BAC) contributed to declining rates for 21-55 years ( $B = -4.9 [p = 0.02]$ ) only. For riders (aged 16-20 years), Graduated Driver License (GDL) laws limiting passengers were associated with declining fatality rates ( $B = -0.06 [p = 0.01]$ ) and helmet usage did not attenuate the countervailing effect of weak laws ( $B = 0.01 [p = 0.001]$ ).

**CONCLUSIONS:** Universal helmet laws were associated with declining mortality rates, while weak helmet laws were associated with increasing mortality rates. Weak laws coupled with helmet use did not mitigate the inflationary effects of weak helmet laws. Assessment of the impact of state laws on helmet use should inform trauma surgeons' advocacy efforts with lawmakers to reduce motorcycle mortality.

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