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Join us in San Diego for the 2016 18th Annual Trauma Conference. We will be at the Hard Rock Hotel San Diego in the Gas Lamp Quarter. The TCAA Conference will be held October 2-7, with Annual Meeting October 4 – 5, 2016. Attend to learn from experts in the field of trauma, gain relevant resources for your trauma programs and systems, and network with other professionals dedicated to trauma care. Watch for more information and a call for Innovative Ideas and Best Practices.



The Hard Rock Hotel San Diego is located just outside of the famed Gaslamp Arch—the gateway to dining and entertainment. The Gaslamp Quarter, in the downtown area of San Diego, is a hub of excitement during the day and night. This delightful neighborhood provides 16 blocks of pedestrian-friendly thoroughfares, abundant with historic architecture and exciting nightlife.

Within walking distance, you'll find the San Diego Marina and Seaport Village, with dozens of charming boutiques, restaurants and cafes. If you are still looking for more for outdoor entertainment, take the boardwalk along the water to explore the USS Midway Museum and the National Salute to Bob Hope and the Military (a grouping of sixteen larger than life-size bronze figures representing the many USO shows Mr. Hope brought to our military personnel).

Sports fans can get the best of both worlds, with awesome bars and pubs in the quarter, and Padres baseball just a block away at PETCO Park. If shopping is your preferred sport, the Horton Plaza, a large, indoor mall with countless major retailers is nearby.

TCAA and San Diego have so much to offer. We hope you take advantage of both!

Trauma Program Reauthorization and Funding Efforts

Earlier this year, the Trauma Center Association of America (TCAA) along with the trauma coalition, succeeded in ensuring that legislation passed the House to provide critical grant funding for trauma and emergency care programs

through 2020. TCAA is working with our congressional champions to introduce similar measures in the Senate so that the legislation can be enacted into law before the programs expire.

In order to see any future funding, the programs must be reauthorized so the House and Senate Appropriations Committee can choose to fund the programs during the appropriations process. Congress is long overdue in funding these vital programs to protect access to trauma centers and improve coordinated trauma systems. Accordingly, TCAA is working with our Senate champions to advance a funding request letter in Congress seeking support for FY 17' funding. Of course, grassroots lobbying will be an important component of our strategy to secure reauthorization and funding in FY '17.

Additionally, TCAA is working with key congressional offices on a trauma reimbursement model. As you may recall, TCAA secured report language in the Senate Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee bill. Notably, the report language calls for expanded NIH emergency and trauma research; a report on large scale traumatic events and modeling and evaluating trauma end emergency care payment reform. TCAA plans on leveraging the report language and galvanizing congressional support around transitioning to a more stable trauma reimbursement model and evaluating and testing long-term alternative trauma payment models.

TCAA's Strategic Plan to Meet the Challenges Facing Trauma Centers and Systems

The TCAA Board of Directors is developing a long range [strategic plan](#) to guide advocacy, professional development, operational expertise and association strength for the next five years. We are taking a fresh look at challenges and issues facing trauma centers and trauma systems across the country. TCAA's mission is to secure the viability of America's Trauma Centers and foster a sustainable national system of trauma care.

TCAA is Recruiting Committee Members

Because of your importance as a TCAA member, we solicit your advice and input to achieve the goals of the strategic plan and overall mission. We invite you to join one of the following committees that are now accepting applications:

- **Advocacy** *(5 openings)*
- **Education & Annual Meeting** *(2 openings)*
- **Injury Prevention** *(5 openings and co-Chair position available)*
- **Member Services** *(2 openings)*
- **Pediatric Trauma Center** *(3 openings)*
- **Reimbursement** *(2 openings)*
- **Systems** *(8 openings and co-Chair position available)*

TCAA joins Hospital Preparedness Partnership Program

TCAA was honored to represent trauma centers in the Inaugural Hospital Preparedness Partnership Program's first quarterly meeting in November hosted by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Division of National Healthcare Preparedness Programs (NHPP). This program was developed to strengthen relationships across the public health and medical communities in order to share hospital and health care system preparedness program updates, discuss innovations and opportunities, as well as data and trends. ASPR NHPP wants to foster better exchange of ideas on how to improve hospital and health care system preparedness and response nationwide. Key partner organizations with an interest and stake in ensuring that the U.S. health care system is prepared to respond to emergencies that impact the public's health were invited to participate. Please review the [HPP Overview Partnership Meeting presentation](#) for additional details.

TCAA Physician Compensation Report Part II: Specialty Physician Compensation

Now Available

TCAA is proud to offer members Part II: Specialty Physician Compensation of the 2015 TCAA Physician Compensation Study. Part I: Trauma Surgeon Coverage and Compensation was completed earlier this fall. The report

was sent to all member CEO's with a TCAA website sub-account on file. Please contact the TCAA office if you did not get the report.

Trauma Finance Fellowship Program Accepting Applications

We are beginning our ninth year of the Trauma Finance Fellowship Program. Our first eight years have been very successful with the completion of 16 Fellowships and the publication of our Trauma Center Finance Resource Manual (nine chapters, a supplement, and growing). This TCAA Member opportunity consists of developing business and management skills, building a trauma finance knowledge base, interpreting data and statistics, and much, much more. Attached you will find the [TCAA Trauma Finance Fellowship Letter](#) and [Application](#). For those of you interested, please **submit your application prior to January 28, 2016**.

Please call (704) 360-4665 or e-mail Jennifer Ward at jennifer@traumacenters.org or Angie at angie@traumacenters.org if you have any questions,

Did you know?

TCAA offers finance consultation phone calls with member hospitals as no charge. The experts at TCAA, along with billing and coding experts from our membership, will answer any questions about trauma center finance.

See you in San Diego October 2-7, 2016



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