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14th Annual Gulf Coast Trauma Symposium

Day 1 – Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Plenary Session

- 7:00 am Registration
- 7:45 am Welcome - Jon Simmons, MD, NRP, Chief, Division of Trauma, Acute Care Surgery, & Burns
- 8:00 am Overview of Trauma Outcomes in our Region – Kayla Hall, MSN, Trauma Program Manager
- 8:30 am Outreach & Injury Prevention - Ashley Williams, MD (Moderator)
1. Violence Prevention Strategies in our Region – Joshua Jones, MA HSCO
 2. Project Inspire – Daphney Portis, MPA
 3. Rwanda – Jon Simmons, MD
 4. Light of the Village – John Eads, MBA, MHA
- 10:00 am BREAK - Visit the Exhibitors
- 10:30 am Promoting Health Equity – Ashley Williams, MD
- 11:00 am WILLIAM A.L. MITCHELL LECTURESHIP - Nicole Stassen, MD**
- “The Pebble in the Pond, The ripple effect on Our Profession on Our Lives”**
- 12:00 pm Lunch on your own
- 1:30 pm Trauma Survivor – Evan Edwards
- 2:15 pm Hospital Quality – Kristen Noles, DNP
- 2:45 pm Ethics & Palliative Care – Noelle Davis, DNP
- 3:15 pm BREAK - Visit the Exhibitors
- 3:35 pm Disaster Management – Maryann Mbaka, MD
- 4:00 pm Pregnancy in Trauma Patients – Tracy Roth, MD
- 4:30 pm Geriatric Trauma – Linda Ding, MD
- 5:00 pm William A.L. Mitchell Reception

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Day 2 – Thursday, March 27, 2025

Plenary Session (Jon Simmons MD NRP, moderator)

- 7:00 am Registration
- 8:00 am Mannitol vs Hypertonic Saline use in EMS – Larry Lee, MD
- 8:30 am Burn Panel – Victoria Miles, MD, Kevin Slaughter, MD, Ryan Deci, MD
- 9:00 am Starting a Prehospital Blood Program – Matt Kutcher, MD
- 9:30 am **JOHN CAMPBELL LECTURESHIP (Title of Talk)– Bryan Cotton, MD**
- 10:30 am BREAK – Visit the exhibitors.
- 11:00 am Trauma System Opportunities for Improvement – Duncan Donald, MD
- 11:30 pm Optimizing Patients with Spinal Cord Injury and Traumatic Brain Injury -Gabriel Rodriguez-Tellado, MD
- 12:00 pm Lunch on your own
- 1:30 pm Post-op Nursing Care for Common Operations– Hayden Alford, MD
- 2:30 pm Advanced Airway and use of Capnography for EMS and ED Nurses – Grace Lagasse, MD
- 3:00 pm BREAK – Visit the exhibitors.
- 3:30 pm Publications that Every Paramedic and Nurse Should Know – Travis Goodloe, MD
- 4:00 pm Initial Management of the Mangled Extremity and Complex Pelvic Fractures – Jeff Brewer, MD
- 4:30 pm What I Wish I Would Have Known as a Paramedic – Jon Simmons, MD

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Day 3 – Friday, March 28, 2025
Course times TBD

Advance Burn Life Support (ABLS)

Burn Care Providers from USA Health and Ochsner LSU Health

ABLS is an 8-hour course designed by the American Burn Association as a premier educational resource for the emergency care of burn injuries. The Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) program provides knowledge for immediate care of the burn patient up to the first 24 hours post-injury. Following a series of lectures, case studies are presented for group discussions. An opportunity to work with a simulated burn patient to reinforce the assessment, stabilization, and the American Burn Association transfer criteria to a Burn Center will be provided. The ABLS program also supports emergency and mass casualty preparedness focusing on triage, burn survivability, patient transportation, and patient treatment. ABLS is relevant to a wide range of professionals who treat individuals with burn injuries including first responders, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and physicians. Testing consists of a written exam and a practical assessment. Upon successful completion, all providers will receive a certificate of completion. Physicians and nurses are also eligible for continuing education credit.

Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC) Dr. Duncan Donald, Dr. Ryan Deci, and Dr. Larry Lee

RTTDC is a one-day course and has been developed to improve the quality of care in rural communities by developing a timely, organized, and systemic response to the care of the trauma patient. The course emphasizes a team approach to address common problems in the initial assessment and stabilization of the injured. In this course, participants will learn how to:

- Organize a rural trauma team with defined roles and responsibilities for the members
- Prepare a rural facility for the appropriate care of the injured patient Identify local resources and limitations
- Assess and resuscitate a trauma patient Initiate the transfer process early
- Establish a performance improvement process
- Encourage effective communication
- Define the relationship between the rural trauma facility and the regional trauma system

Testing consists of a pre- and a post- course exam. Physicians and Registered Nurses receive 8 hours of continuing education credits upon completion of the course.

Trauma Evaluation and Management (TEAM) Dr. Jon Simmons, Dr. Chris Kinnard, and Dr. Walker Plash

The TEAM course offered by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS COT) is an introductory course for medical providers with limited experience or knowledge that focuses on the initial management of trauma patients. The fundamental principles of trauma care included in this course

- Rapid, accurate and physiologic assessment of a patient's condition.
- Resuscitation, stabilization, and monitoring of a patient (according to priority)
- Preparation for a patients' interhospital transfer (if a patient's needs exceed the treating facility's capabilities)
- Introduction to injury prevention strategies.
- Additional training on application of advanced ultrasound techniques for pre-hospital providers.

Testing consists of a pre- and a post- course exam. Continuing education will be available upon completion of the course.