

GEORGIA OFFICE OF EMS/TRAUMA

Department of Public Health

TRAUMA CENTER DESIGNATION PROCESS

- A. Contact the Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services/Trauma (OEMS/T) to review the following process.
- B. Obtain and review “Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient”, current edition, published by the American College of Surgeons.
- C. Each facility seeking designation must appoint a trauma coordinator and a trauma medical director. These individuals will provide leadership for the development of the facilities trauma program and for communication with the OEMS/T staff.
- D. The facility must obtain a trauma registry program approved by OEMS/T, implement the registry into their trauma program development and collect data into the approved registry. Data must be entered into the registry for a period of time, no less than twelve (12) months. This data will then be reported to OEMS/T for review.
- E. The facility seeking designation must notify their intent, in writing, to the Regional EMS Council for their region and the Office of Emergency Medical Services/Trauma (OEMS/T). Recommendations by the Regional Councils will be considered in the designation process.
- F. Obtain a Trauma Center Designation Pre-review Questionnaire (PRQ) obtained from OEMS/T, which must be completed as part of the application process. The PRQ will not be provided until trauma registry data is approved. The PRQ must be submitted ninety (90) days prior to the site visit being scheduled.



- G. The OEMS/T staff along with the site team selected will review the documents submitted. The site team will consist of a Trauma surgeon, Emergency Medicine Physician and a Trauma Coordinator. Other reviewers may be requested based on the facility needs such as data experts, pediatrics, rehabilitation or burns. A time and date for the site review team to evaluate the requesting facility will be established.

- H. Following the facility site review, the team submits recommendations to the State Office of EMS/Trauma who then submits the recommendation to the Medical Director for the Department of Public Health, OEMS/T.

- I. The OEMS/T will then notify the facility and Regional EMS Council of the decision on confirmation or denial of Trauma Center Designation

- J. For re-designation and upgrade refer to policy # (in review) (10-15)

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