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## Upcoming Events

- Indiana State Trauma Care Committee Meeting, ISDH Offices  
February 7, 10 a.m.
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commission meeting,  
February 14, 10 a.m.

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## Triage and Transport Trauma Centers Update

St. Elizabeth-East (Lafayette) and St. Vincent-Anderson are now considered trauma centers for purposes of Indiana's Triage and Transport Rule. Hospitals interested in being considered a "trauma center" for purposes of the Rule must complete and submit forms that the EMS Commission has posted on its website (<http://www.in.gov/dhs/2367.htm>). The forms must be completed and submitted to Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS). The Indiana State Trauma Care Committee (ISTCC) and Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) will review these documents, and the State Health Commissioner will make a recommendation to the EMS Commission, which makes the final decision on "in the process" status. For the most up-to-date information regarding "in the process of ACS-verification," visit: <https://indianatrauma.org/>.

The Triage and Transport Rule was adopted by the EMS Commission in mid-2012, requiring that seriously injured trauma patients be taken to trauma centers. The rule further defined "trauma centers" as including hospitals "in the process of American College of Surgeon (ACS)-verification." To be so considered, a hospital must apply to IDHS and first sufficiently convince the State Health Commissioner that the hospital will become ACS-verified within two years and secondly be approved by the EMS Commission as an "in the process of ACS verification" trauma center. The trauma center designation is only for the purposes of the Triage and Transport Rule and does not extend to reimbursement or other benefits for the hospital as a trauma center.

## ISDH EMS Medical Director's Conference

The ISDH Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention will host a statewide EMS Medical Director's Conference on Friday, January 31 at Fort Benjamin Harrison Garrison Center in Indianapolis. The conference is intended to bring together EMS medical directors from around the state to discuss important emergency medicine topics, such as expectations of medical directors, EMS legal aspects in Indiana, EMS pediatric evidence-based guidelines and more. Registration is now open.

To register, visit: [http://www.eventbrite.com/e/indiana-ems-medical-directors-conference-tickets-9551909017?utm\\_campaign=new\\_eventv2&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=eb\\_email&utm\\_term=eventurl\\_text](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/indiana-ems-medical-directors-conference-tickets-9551909017?utm_campaign=new_eventv2&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eb_email&utm_term=eventurl_text)

If you would like more information about the ISDH EMS Medical Director's Conference, contact Trauma Division Director Brian Carnes, [bcarnes@isdh.in.gov](mailto:bcarnes@isdh.in.gov), 317-234-2865.

## ICD-10 Trauma-Specific Training Course

The ISDH Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention will host an ICD-10 trauma-specific training event for trauma registrars in Indiana. The training will be at ISDH in Rice Auditorium on Thursday, February 27 and Friday, February 28. This two-day training event will provide ICD-10-CM/PCS specific training with an emphasis on trauma (injury) scenarios. This course will be facilitated by a tenured Trauma Data Manager and taught by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) approved ICD-10-CM/PCS trainers. This program will offer 12 CEUs and registration is \$300 per person. Books can also be purchased for an additional \$110 per person. To register, visit: <http://www.kjconsulting.us/id12.html>

## Injury Prevention

### **National Drug Facts Week: January 27-February 2, 2014**

National Drug Facts Week is an observance sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and aimed at shattering myths about drugs and drug abuse for teens. Teens receive incorrect messages from the Internet, TV, music, movies and friends about drug abuse and addiction. About a third of high school seniors have reported using an illicit drug within the past year, more than 10 percent report nonmedical use of prescription painkillers and more than 20 percent report smoking marijuana in the past month.

The interactive National Drug IQ Challenge can be accessed starting January 27, 2014 at <http://drugfactsweek.drugabuse.gov/iqchallenge>. NIDA scientists will host a chat day on January 28, 2014 to provide thousands of teens the answers to their questions about drugs. You can register to ask questions at <https://www.nidachat.org/register.aspx>

## Trauma Registry Rule Signed by Governor

The Trauma Registry rule, signed into law by Governor Pence on October 25, requires all EMS transport providers, hospitals with emergency departments and the State's seven rehabilitation hospitals to report trauma cases to the ISDH trauma registry. The rule has been effective since November 24. [The full text of the Trauma Registry rule can be found here.](#) The ISDH Trauma and Injury Prevention program has been collecting pre-hospital data from EMS providers since February 2013 and now have more than 250,000 runs in our EMS registry.

EMS transport providers must still submit data to both IDHS and ISDH. The ISDH Trauma and Injury Prevention Division is planning statewide training events for all those required by the rule to submit data. To find out more about the training events, visit: <http://www.in.gov/isdh/26127.htm>.

## ISDH Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention: Calendar of Events

To see a list of trauma and injury prevention events for 2014, visit: <http://www.in.gov/isdh/26125.htm>. The calendar will be updated throughout the year and if you have a trauma and/or injury prevention event, contact Trauma Registry Manager Katie Gatz, [kgatz@isdh.in.gov](mailto:kgatz@isdh.in.gov), 317-234-7321 or Jessica Skiba, [jskiba@isdh.in.gov](mailto:jskiba@isdh.in.gov), 317-234-6325, to have your event added to the page.

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