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Upcoming Events

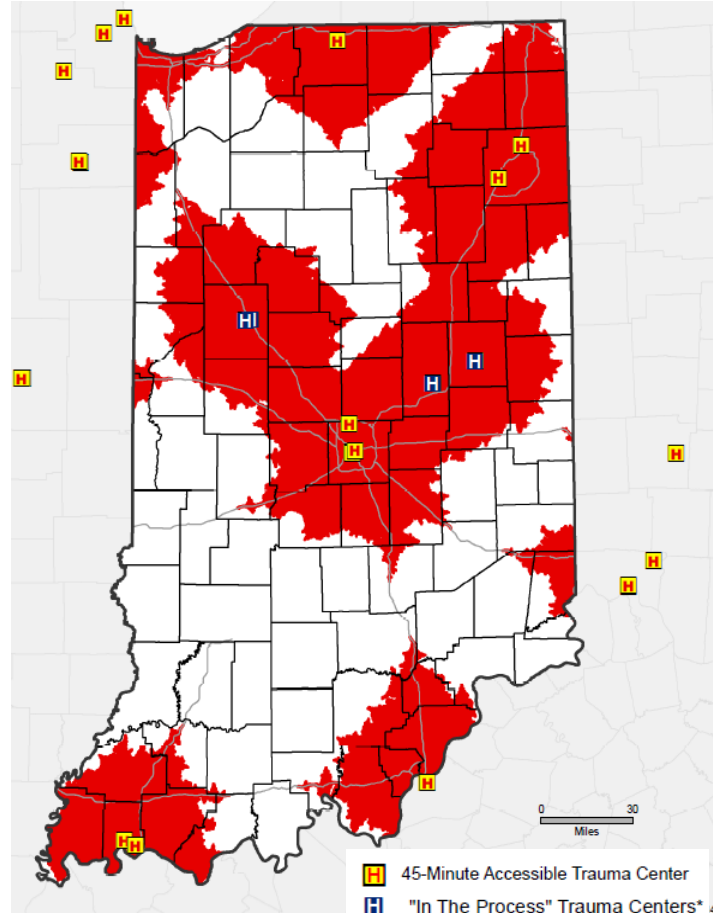
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commission Meeting
April 18, 10 a.m.
- Indiana State Trauma Care Committee Meeting, Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Offices
May 9, 10 a.m.

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"In the Process" Trauma Centers Named

Four Indiana hospitals, Indiana University (IU) Health Ball Memorial, Muncie, St. Elizabeth-East, Lafayette, St. Vincent-Anderson and IU Health Arnett, Lafayette (designated in blue on the map at right), have become trauma centers for purposes of the Triage and Transport Rule. 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 Surgeons (ACS)-verification." The red areas on the map are those now within 45 minutes of a trauma center. It is estimated that now 71% of the population can access a trauma center within 45 minutes and 83% of Indiana interstate miles are within 45 minutes of a trauma center.



45-Minute Accessible Areas
Average Travel Time
based on posted and historical speeds

“In the Process” Trauma Centers Named, continued

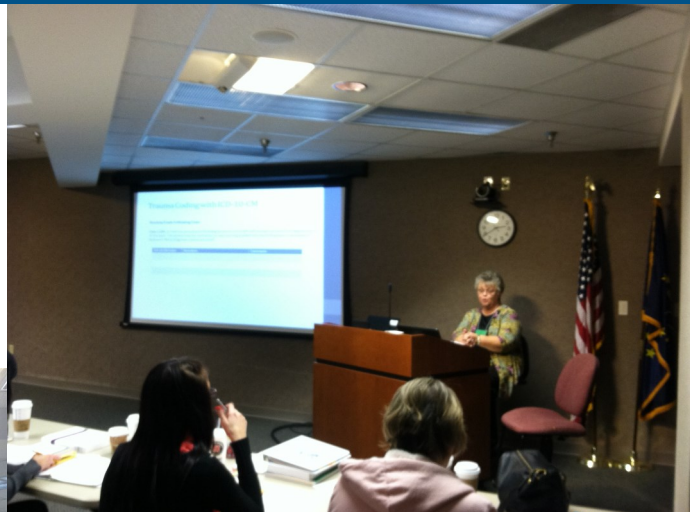
To be so considered for “In the Process” status, a hospital must apply to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and then sufficiently convince the State Health Commissioner that the hospital will become ACS-verified within two years and secondly be approved by the EMS Commission as an “in 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. Hospitals interested in being considered a “trauma center” for purposes of the Triage and Transport 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 IDHS. The Indiana State Trauma Care Committee and 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/>.

Trauma Registry Rule: Training Events

The Trauma Registry rule, signed into law by Governor Pence and effective since November 24, 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 full text of the Trauma Registry rule can be found here](#). The ISDH Trauma and Injury Prevention Division hosted statewide training events for the southern public health preparedness districts from February 17 through February 21, and will travel to the northern half of the state from March 10 through March 14 to train those required by the rule to submit data. To find out more about the training events, visit: <http://www.in.gov/isdh/26127.htm>.

ICD-10 Trauma-Specific Training Course

The ISDH Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention hosted an International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) trauma-specific training event for trauma registrars in Indiana. The training took place at ISDH in Rice Auditorium on Thursday, February 27 and Friday, February 28. This two-day training event provided ICD-10-CM/PCS-specific training with an emphasis on trauma



scenarios and was attended by 30 registrars from 24 hospitals across the state. The course was facilitated by a tenured Trauma Data Manager and taught by American Health Information Management Association approved ICD-10-CM/PCS trainers.

Injury Prevention– Poison Prevention

National Poison Prevention Week: March 16-22, 2014

National Poison Prevention Week was established by the United States Congress in 1961 to focus attention on the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines and chemicals, and to outline steps to prevent poisonings. A poison is defined as “any substance, including medication, that is harmful to your body if too much is eaten, inhaled, injected or absorbed through the skin.” Anything can be poisonous if used in the wrong way, including household items. Like that of all injuries, most poisonings are unintentional; however, some can be inflicted intentionally through self-harm or by another individual. Injuries and poisonings affect all groups of people, regardless of age, race or economic status. In 2011, 1,084 Hoosiers died from poisoning, which accounted for 26.9 percent of all injury deaths.

The toll-free Poison Help Line, 1-800-222-1222, connects callers to their local poison center. Poison centers are more than just help lines for parents of young children and they offer advice to anyone, including adults and health care providers. More than two million poisonings are reported every year to the nation’s poison centers and about 50 percent of poisonings include children under the age of six. During 2011, the Indiana Poison Center reported more than 68,500 calls for help.

Some tips to prevent poisoning include:

- Only take prescription medications that are prescribed to you by a healthcare provider. Never take larger or more frequent doses of your medications, unless indicated by your healthcare provider
- Prevent drug interactions by talking to your doctor about all over-the-counter medications and prescriptions drugs you take and your alcohol use.
- Never share or sell your medications and keep medicines away from children.
- Properly dispose unused, unneeded or expired medications. Prescription drug take back events provide an alternative to flushing drugs down the toilet, placing in the regular trash or leaving drugs in the home where they are susceptible to unintended or illegal use.
- Store all products and medicine in original containers. Never use food containers to store household or chemical products. Return these products to a safe place immediately after use. Follow instructions on household products and medicines.
- Teach your children not to eat berries, mushrooms or other plants around your house and yard.
- Put the Poison Help number, 1-800-222-1222, on or near every home telephone and save it in your cell phone. Share the number with family, friends and babysitters.
- If you suspect a person may have been poisoned and is unconscious or has difficulty breathing, call 911.
- Visit www.PoisonHelp.hrsa.gov for more information about how to prevent poisonings.

Injury Prevention Advisory Council Update

The Injury Prevention Advisory Council (IPAC) is expanding its membership to include more stakeholders from across the state. IPAC’s mission is to work with the ISDH to reduce injury-related morbidity and mortality in Indiana. IPAC’s goals include enhancing the skills, knowledge and resources of the state’s injury prevention workforce and for these partners to share data, best practices and evidence-based programs to improve statewide coordination of injury prevention efforts.

IPAC will meet four times in 2014 in Rice Auditorium at ISDH:

Thursday, March 20: 1 pm-3 pm

Thursday, June 12: 1 pm-3 pm

Wednesday, September 10: 10 am-12 pm

Thursday, November 20: 1 pm-3 pm

Interested partners will also receive email updates about news and research in injury prevention throughout the year to stay up to date. More information about IPAC will be available in the coming weeks. If you are interested in becoming a member of IPAC or would like more information about IPAC, contact Injury Prevention Epidemiologist Jessica Skiba, jskiba@isdh.in.gov, 317-234-6325.

Trauma Staffing Changes

The Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention is pleased to announce the addition of two new staff members:

Camry Hess, Trauma Registry Data Analyst, graduated from Goshen College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry and Environmental Science and from the Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health with a Master's degree in Biostatistics. She worked at the Center for Health Policy at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis prior to joining ISDH.

Murray Lawry, EMS Registry Manager, graduated from Ball State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and a Masters in Public Administration. He is also a certified EMT. Murray has been with the ISDH for a number of years. He transferred to the Trauma Program from the ISDH Hospital Preparedness Program, where he was responsible for the hospitals in Preparedness Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

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, 317-234-7321 or Jessica Skiba, jskiba@isdh.in.gov, 317-234-6325, to have your event added to the page.

Registry Reports

The Indiana Trauma Registry produces regular reports on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis. In addition, certain ad hoc reports are produced upon request. These reports are archived on our web page and can be accessed at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/25581.htm>.

Trauma Times Survey

Trauma Times wants your feedback! Please take this short survey to help us serve your needs: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WYY6TRJ>

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