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## Indiana State Trauma Care Committee (ISTCC) Update

The Indiana State Trauma Care Committee (ISTCC) meeting August 21 included a presentation by Drs. Matthew Vassy and Stephen Lanzarotti from District 10 on the development of their regional trauma system. Thanks to the two trauma centers in Evansville, they have identified the need to move from a hospital-oriented approach to a more regional approach specific to trauma care in southwestern Indiana. The Trauma Regional Advisory Council (TRAC) meets on a quarterly basis and covers topics such as the previous quarter's state data, case studies and other

## September 2015 Calendar of Events:

**September 17 - Injury Prevention Advisory Council (IPAC) meeting (ISDH, Rice Auditorium, 2 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204)**

**September 29 - Indiana Violent Death Reporting System (INVDRS) Advisory Board meeting (ISDH, Rice Auditorium, 2 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204)**

**Social Media: [@INDTrauma](#)**



## Falls Prevention Awareness

Did you know 1 in 3 elderly falls each year? Let's change that statistic! Learn 6 steps to prevent a fall. [www.ncoa.org/6stepstopreventafall](http://www.ncoa.org/6stepstopreventafall) || #FPAD15

Every 13 seconds, a senior is seen in an ER for a fall-related injury. Stay

pertinent business.

Dr. Peter Jenkins, general surgeon at IU Health-Methodist Hospital, has partnered with ISDH and shared with the ISTCC his research focused on identifying risk factors associated with patients transferred from one hospital to another. By using this information, he will be able to designate those that are at the highest risk for adverse outcomes and how to identify them in the field. The next steps are to have preliminary results by October/November that he will share at a future ISTCC meeting. He plans on expanding his research to include EMS and rehabilitation hospital data.

Dr. Gerardo Gomez, Trauma Medical Director at Eskenazi Health, provided the Designation subcommittee update. The subcommittee received two one-year reviews from Community Hospital Anderson and Good Samaritan in Vincennes. After review and follow-up with those two facilities determined that these facilities should maintain their "in the process" status. Also, hospitals that are looking to become verified should not be penalized by the Designation subcommittee because the American College of Surgeons (ACS) change their visits as long as hospitals provide documentation of their interactions with ACS.

Michelle Hoersch, Public Health Advisor, Office of Women's Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Region V, discussed the importance of trauma-informed care and the wide range of sources of the trauma epidemic. She discussed how individuals in the U.S. will have multiple exposures to trauma in their lifetime and based on the type, what impact this would have on our body and our behavior.

Dr. Larry Reed, Trauma Medical Director at IU Health Methodist Hospital provided the PI subcommittee update. He highlighted the three goals that the subcommittee is currently working on: Increasing the number of hospitals reporting to the trauma registry, looking at the emergency department (ED) length of stay at non-trauma centers and increasing the collection of EMS run sheets left by EMS providers. He also talked about some of the newer things that the subcommittee is looking at: Mortality review (comparing Indiana trauma data to the national trauma bank), whether ED length of stay and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) length of stay are related, and the impact that the Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC) has on ED length of stay.

## Trauma Tour 2015 Summary

safe with these

tips: [www.ncoa.org/6stepstopreventafall](http://www.ncoa.org/6stepstopreventafall) #FPAD15

Fall prevention is a team effort! This #FPAD15, learn 6 steps to protect your older loved one from a fall. [www.ncoa.org/FallsTips](http://www.ncoa.org/FallsTips)

### **National Farm Safety & Health Week: September 20-26**

National Farm Safety and Health Week is September 20-26: Ag Safety is not just a slogan - it's a lifestyle #FarmSafety

About 125 people die in tractor-related incidents each year #FarmSafety

### **Child Passenger Safety Week: September 13-19**

Is your child's car seat installed correctly? Visit [safercar.gov/parents](http://safercar.gov/parents) to find an inspection station in your town.

Caretakers! Visit a local inspection tech to make sure your kid's car seat is installed correctly. [www.safercar.gov/cpsApp/cps/index.htm](http://www.safercar.gov/cpsApp/cps/index.htm)

### **Suicide Prevention Week**

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Suicide is Preventable. With Help comes Hope @800273TALK

Do you know the warning signs of suicide? You can learn them on the Lifeline's website: <http://tinyurl.com/o8f374l>

**Indiana Trauma Network has many events throughout the year. Visit our webpage <http://bit.ly/1HKSfkj> to find which events interest you the most!**

Hospitals who have submitted data to the registries

(under the Trauma Registry Rule-update)

<http://www.in.gov/isdh/25942.htm>



*Division setup at the District 6 Trauma Tour in Terre Haute*

The Indiana State Department of Health, Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention completed its statewide trauma tour to the 10 Public Health Preparedness Districts in early August. These tours, designed to open a dialogue with each region's hospitals, EMS providers and the public had 14 trauma registry refresher attendees, 292 attendees and 47 vendors in total. During these tours, the division provided updates on the developments of the trauma system, injury prevention and a brief introduction to the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) grant awarded to the state late 2014. A big thank you to all of the venues, attendees and vendors who made this year's trauma tour a success!



*Attendees at the District 4 Trauma Tour in Lafayette*



*Dr. Elizabeth Weinstein presents to attendees*

## **2nd Annual EMS Medical Directors' Conference 2015 Summary**

The 2nd Annual EMS Medical Directors' Conference was held at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing on August 19. The conference was designed to orient EMS medical directors to evidence-based guidelines and overall EMS best practices. The event was specifically geared towards EMS Medical Directors and those in EMS leadership, but was open to all those in health care. The event included presentations on public policy, medical direction, keynotes and EMS. Nearly 125 attended, a success in the conference's second year.

## **Emergency Medicine Symposium, September 9**



## Emergency Medicine Symposium

September 9, 2015 • 0745 - 1700

Registration begins at 0730

University of Southern Indiana • Carter Hall



For more information, agenda and registration click: <https://www.deaconess.com/Calendars/Professional-Calendar/EMS-Symposium.aspx>

## Injury Prevention Advisory Council Meeting, September 17

The Indiana Injury Prevention Advisory Council (IPAC) will meet on **September 17 at 1 p.m. EDT** in Rice Auditorium of the ISDH Offices (2 N Meridian Street, Indianapolis). A formal agenda will be placed on the IPAC website (<http://www.in.gov/isdh/25395.htm>). 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's vision for the future of injury prevention in Indiana begins with a framework that will ensure that professionals are properly trained with the skills and knowledge necessary to reduce the burden of injury.

If you are interested in becoming a member of IPAC or would like more information, contact Jessica Skiba at [jskiba@isdh.in.gov](mailto:jskiba@isdh.in.gov) or at 317-233-7716.

## Indiana State Department of Health's Healthy Hoosiers Foundation



### Healthy Hoosiers Foundation

#### Mission Statement:

The Healthy Hoosier Foundation (HHF) is dedicated to a wide range of health care issues. We seek to improve the health of our citizens so they can have better, productive and more active lives. In particular, we are dedicated to infant deaths in Indiana. To reduce infant death, the HHF focuses on funding programs at the Indiana State Department of Health that promote smoking cessation, reduce obesity and increase immunizations.

#### About Us:

The Health Hoosiers Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3). The Foundation was approved by the Indiana State General Assembly in 2013 to solicit and accept private funding, gifts, donations, bequests, devises and contributions. The foundation provides funding for programs at the Indiana State Department of Health that promote the health and well-being of Hoosiers.

If you would like to donate click the link: <http://www.state.in.us/isdh/26679.htm> and click "Donate Online."



## National Suicide Prevention Awareness Week, September 7-13

The 2015 National Suicide Prevention Awareness Week runs from Monday, September 7 to Sunday, September 13. In 2013, the latest year for which there is data, 41,100 people died by suicide in the U.S and 943 died in Indiana. The national rate of suicide was 13.0 per 100,000, while Indiana's was 14.4. The National Suicide Prevention Awareness Week aims to draw attention to the problem of suicide in the U.S. by reducing the stigmas around suicide and supporting mental health initiatives. Suicide prevention is everyone's business and anyone can participate in the National Suicide Prevention Week. **The 11th Annual Indianapolis Out of the Darkness Walk will take place September 9 at the Celebration Plaza-White River State Park. Check in begins at 1:30 pm and the walk will be from 3-5pm. [Register Now!](#)**

The World Suicide Prevention Day is September 10, a collaboration between the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) and the World Health Organization (WHO). This year's theme is "Preventing Suicide: Reaching Out and Saving Lives," and will focus on raising awareness that suicide is a major preventable cause of premature death on a global level. Suicide is an international problem and a major public health concern. Suicide claims approximately one million lives worldwide each year, resulting in one suicide every 40 seconds. There is an estimated 10 to 20 suicide attempts per each completed suicide, resulting in several million suicide attempts each year. World Suicide Prevention Day represents a call for action and involvement by all governments and organizations worldwide to contribute to the cause of suicide awareness and prevention through activities, events, conferences and campaigns in their country. By collaborating together in this endeavor, we can indeed save lives.

*More Information:*

[American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#)

[American Association of Suicidology](#)

[International Association for Suicide Prevention](#)



## National Child Passenger Safety Week, September 13-19

National Child Passenger Safety Week 2015 is September 13-19. The goal of the week is to make sure all parents and caregivers are correctly securing all children in appropriate car restraints for the child's age and size, whether it be rear-facing car seats, forward-facing car seats, booster seats or seat belts. On average, nearly two children under 13 were killed and 345 children were injured every day in 2013 while riding in cars, SUVs, pickups and vans. Proper use of car seats, booster seats, and seat belts will help reduce the number of deaths and injuries occurring on America's roads. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2013, 223 passenger vehicle occupants under the age of 13 died while unrestrained in a motor vehicle traffic crash. Those lives may have been saved had they been buckled.

Car seats work best when used correctly. In passenger cars, child



safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers. For infants and toddlers in light trucks, the corresponding reductions are 58 percent and 59 percent, respectively. Most parents are confident that they have correctly installed their child's car seat, but in most cases (59%) the seat has not been installed correctly.

During Child Passenger Safety Week, car seat safety events will be held across the country. The week concludes with National Seat Check Saturday on September 19, when certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians across the country will be available at car seat events to offer advice and instruction to parents and caregivers. The Automotive Safety Program has a list of Child Safety Seat Inspection Stations, which can be found at: <http://www.preventinjury.org/Child-Passenger-Safety/Child-Safety-Seat-Inspection-Stations/List-of-Child-Safety-Seat-Inspection-Stations>

A Parent's Guide to Playing It Safe with Kids and Cars, a product of NHTSA and safercar.gov can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/m8gr4wt>. For Indiana-specific NHTSA data, visit: [http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/departments/nrd-30/ncsa/STSI/18\\_IN/2012/18\\_IN\\_2012.htm](http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/departments/nrd-30/ncsa/STSI/18_IN/2012/18_IN_2012.htm).



## **EMSC Webinar on Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators, September 21**

From 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (Eastern) on Monday, September 21, the EMSC Program will host the webinar [Is Your ED Ready for Children? Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators Lead the Way to Readiness!](#) This special Pediatric Readiness event will address the role of emergency department pediatric coordinators, as well as challenges and strategies utilized in their roles to reduce gaps existing in providing pediatric emergency care.

Presenters will include Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD, primary

investigator and leader of the National Pediatric Readiness Project; Susan Cadwell, MSN NE-BC, director, ED Initiative Clinical Services Group, Health Care Corporation of America; Leslie Flament MS, RN, clinician IV pediatric quality coordinator, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital; and Dale Woolridge, MD, PhD, professor of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Arizona.

## 22nd Annual Trauma & Surgical Critical Care Symposium, October 16



For more information and registration click <http://cme.medicine.iu.edu/cme-activities/live-courses-and-conferences> and search for:

10/16/15  
1:00 AM - 4:15 PM  
[Save Date](#)

**Eskenazi Health 22nd Annual Trauma & Surgical Critical Care Symposium**

Hine Hall (JP) - Auditorium  
Credits Offered: AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ - 6.75  
Course Director: Gerardo Gomez, MD  
Target Audience: Pharmacists, PAs, NPs, Nurses, Paramedics, EMTs, Social Worker, Residents, Fellows, Medical Students  
Parking is on your own. The parking rate at Hine Hall is approximately \$15 for an 8 hour program.

[Details](#)  
[Register](#)

**Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. — State Health Commissioner**  
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**Arthur L. Logsdon, J.D. — Assistant Commissioner, Health and Human Services**

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