

A PARADIGM FOR ACHIEVING SUCCESSFUL PEDIATRIC TRAUMA VERIFICATION IN THE ABSENCE OF PEDIATRIC SURGICAL SPECIALISTS WHILE ENSURING QUALITY OF CARE

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Objectives

 Identify current access to Pediatric Trauma Centers and the need for additional centers

Discuss the collaborative partnerships paradigm

• Summarize program results

• Define potential future steps



The Problem

One in five children are injured each year

 Injury is the leading cause of death in children over 1 year of age

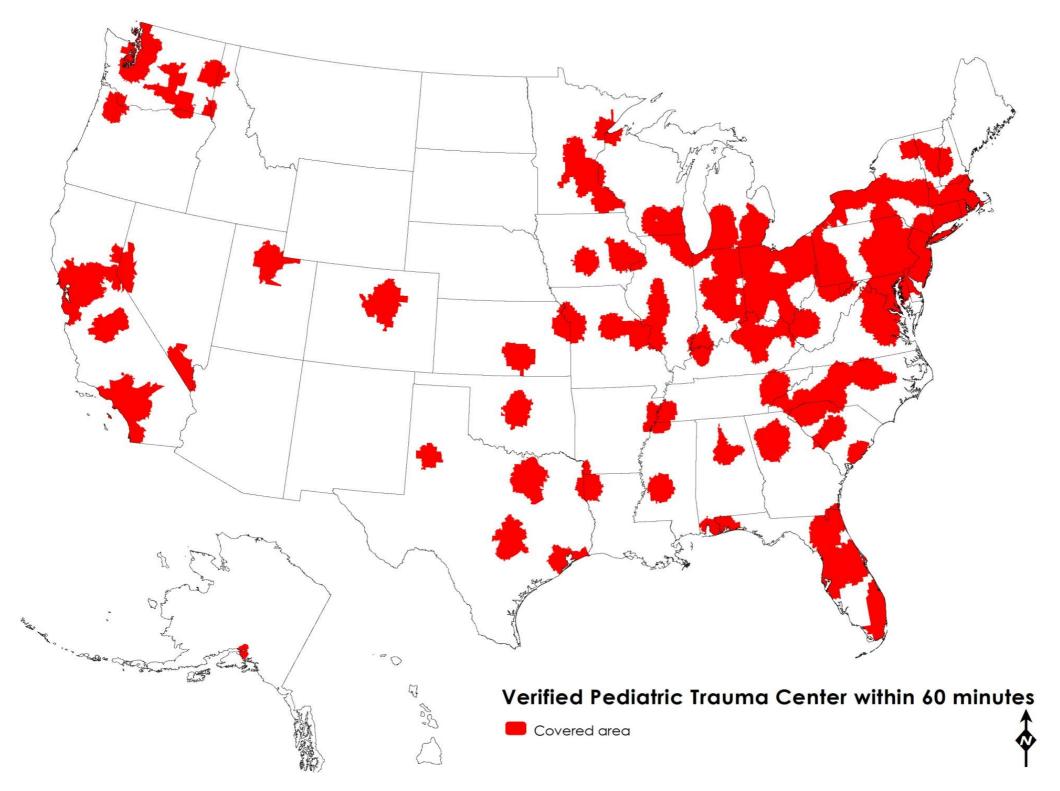
 Verified Pediatric Trauma Centers help but only 10% of children are cared for at these centers





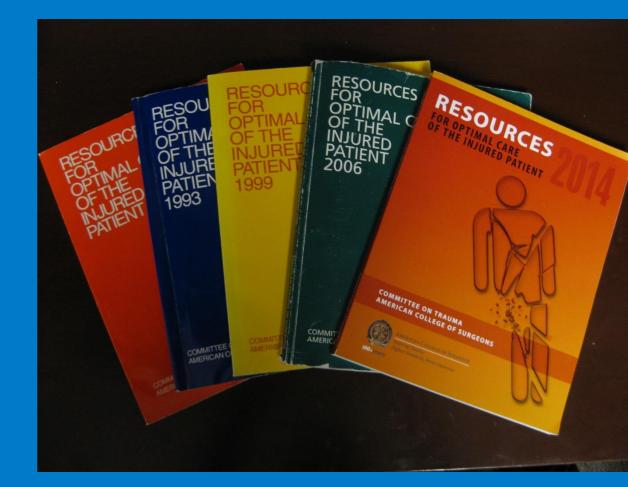
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17.4 Million children without access



American College of Surgeon Committee on Trauma Changes

- 2006 New edition released
- No longer allowed "added qualifications in pediatrics"
- Required participation of a pediatric surgeon to qualify





PEDIATRIC TRAUMA TRANSFORMATION COLLABORATIVE



Hypothesis: ATCs in collaboration with a PTC could achieve successful ACS verification as a pediatric trauma center with measurable improvements in care despite the lack of onsite pediatric surgical specialists.









Goals of Collaborative Partnership

- Support hospitals committed to improving the care of injured children in their regions
- Help provide high quality of care in regions of need to reduce the need to transfer patients away from their families and support systems









Program Description





Participation in monthly performance improvement meetings

- Review of cases identified by participating hospitals
- Video conference participation in monthly multidisciplinary team meetings
- Identification of improvement opportunities and sharing of resources





Guideline development and support

All current trauma guidelines are made available to collaborative partners

Specific needs of individual partners are reviewed and support provided in developing and reviewing new guidelines













Pediatric trauma focused CME/CEU

Comprehensive Children's Injury Center monthly lecture series available on-line 10 hours each year

CME/CEU provided for performance improvement meetings



Pediatric trauma simulation training

- Multidisciplinary trauma team training
- Scenarios based on real cases
- Video based debriefing





Peer to Peer Support

- Physician and nurse shadowing opportunities
- Registrar expertise support
- Program Manager collaboration
- Pediatric Trauma Nurse Practitioner
- 24/7 access to phone consultation









Results



Patient Volumes

- 2,808 pediatric trauma patients
- 81 (3%) required transfer
- Average volume
 - > 128 pre vs. 162 post (p<0.05)
- Transfers
 - > 3.8% pre vs 2.4% post (p<0.05)









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ACS Verification

 St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville, IN successfully verified twice as Level II Pediatric Trauma Center

> All sites had the PTTC listed as one of the key strengths of their program

 Saniora Respirar Fargo, ND verified as Level II Pediatric Trauma Center – First in North Dakota







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HEALTH

Improvement Initiatives

Image/radiation reduction

Cervical Spine clearance

Non-accidental trauma evaluation process

Safe transport checklists for children

Trauma team notification system to include pediatric critical care physician

Pediatric trauma outreach/follow up





Simulation Training

- 13 Four hour sessions
- 129 individuals
 - 23 physicians
 - ➢ 94 nurses
 - 12 ancillary staff
- "Shared Mental Model"
- Role definition
- Clear communication





Solid Organ Management

	Pre	Post	Ρ
LOS	7.7	4.3	0.0319
# of lab draws	10.9	6.0	0.0014
% repeat abdominal CT scan	46.4	11.0	0.0001
Total abdominal CT scans (mean)	1.7	1.1	<0.0005









Future Steps

- Expand the number of partners
- Increase collaborative learning opportunities across centers
- Increase the quality and benchmark metrics across sites to improve care and patient safety
- Grow the neurosurgery, orthopaedic and emergency pediatric care components of the collaborative program



Thank You!

