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**Trauma Advisory Committee Annual Report**

The Trauma Advisory Committee meets quarterly (July/October/January/April) on the fourth Tuesday of the month. We have a robust roster with several dedicated members and new members added on this year – most notably with pediatric trauma surgery representation. Please see attached roster.

This year, we continued outreach to our community hospitals and were able to provide Trauma Assistance Team visits followed by the American College of Surgeon Committee on Trauma’s *Rural Trauma Team Development* [RTTD] course to the hospitals below:

- July 10-11, 2018, Redington Fairview Hospital
- March 28-29, 2019, PenBay Medical Center

We also audited two CALS (Community ALS) courses in May to see if this could be an alternate option to the RTTD course for hospitals should they choose.

We currently are in the process of setting up visits at:

- Rumford Hospital, September 2019
- Calais Regional Hospital, TBD
- Maine Coast Memorial Hospital, Ellsworth TBD
- Down East Community Hospital, Machias, TBD
- Northern Light AR Gould, Presque Isle, TBD

This spring, we completed a Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Guideline, which is intended to assist hospitals with the safe disposition of their patients with isolated mild traumatic brain injury who show non-significant findings on their imaging with the goal of allowing the patients to safely stay in their community and be cared for by their local resources. This was a collaboration of the three trauma centers with input from our community hospitals. The guidelines are published on the Maine EMS/TAC website and the trauma centers are in the process of rolling out the education to their sending hospitals. Our next initiative will focus on pediatric injuries, specifically stove burns and dog bites. We are working with our Injury Prevention and Rural Health representatives.

Lastly, we continue to try and move forward with a Trauma Registry. We have met several barriers, but in the interim, our trauma centers are forming a “TQIP Collaborative” so as to be able to collate their data at the state and regional level.

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