

Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC)[®]

Who should attend the course?

The basic premise of the course is the assumption that, in most situations, rural hospitals can provide three individuals to form the core of a trauma team consisting of a Team Leader (a physician or physician extender), Team Member One (a nurse), and Team Member Two (an additional individual who could be a nurse, aide, technician, pre-hospital provider, or clerk).

Therefore, the rural hospital should have those individuals who will perform in these roles attend the course along with other individuals such as respiratory, radiology, and laboratory technologists, additional nurses, pre-hospital personnel, etc. who might be involved in supportive roles to the trauma team.

The total course participants is limited to 30 participants.

How is the course presented?

The course is designed to be given in one day of approximately 8 hours.

Where can the course be presented?

The course can be presented in any facility with a large enough room to hold 20-30 participants for the didactic portion of the course with good lighting, good acoustics, and the ability to accommodate a large projection screen and equipment for PowerPoint presentation.

Additional space in this room, or additional rooms, is required to set-up the team performance teaching stations. These stations must be far enough apart to allow reasonable conversational speech levels between the instructors and participants without interference from the other stations.

ACCREDITATION

The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Educations (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

CME CREDIT

The American College of Surgeons designates this educational activity for a maximum of 8.25 *PRA Category 1 Credits*[™]. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in this activity.

Rural Trauma Team Development Course Curriculum

Course Objectives

1. Describe components of their state, regional, and local trauma system as it currently exists.
2. Identify components of an effective trauma system.
3. Describe what is necessary to develop a rural trauma team.
4. Describe what is necessary to prepare for their local hospital's treatment of the critically injured trauma patient.
5. Outline the components of the Primary Survey, Decision for Transfer to Definitive Care, and Secondary Survey.
6. Demonstrate the concepts of the Primary Survey, Decision for Transfer to Definitive Care, and Secondary Survey as applied in simulated injured patient scenarios

Who will present the course?

RTTDC[®] is taught by surgeons, emergency physicians, trauma nurses, and paramedics who are experienced trauma care providers and trauma course instructors.

Who should be contacted to arrange a course for your hospital?

Lisa LaRock, RN, Trauma Program Manager at (570) 887-4640 or by e-mail at lalock_lisa@guthrie.org. Please include a contact person from your institution.

What obligations does your hospital have?

A questionnaire will be sent to the rural hospital prior to the course. The faculty will use the answers to determine what sections of the course might be stressed during the course proper and what should be presented during the elective portion of the course.

After the course there is brief evaluation paperwork that will be completed by the course director and coordinator. It is extremely important that the post course evaluation by the students is collected, as this information will be pooled with that from other courses across the country allowing for effective updates and revisions.

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Course Medical Director: P. Jason Granet, MD

Course Coordinator: Lisa LaRock, RN

Course Schedule

Registration
Introductions
Rural Trauma Systems
Airway
Break
Breathing
Circulation
Disability
Exposure/Environment & Transfer to Definitive Care
Secondary Survey
Lunch (provided)
Lumberjack Video & Discussion
Team Performance Scenarios / Team Rotations
Break
Surgical Skills Lab
Post-Course Evaluation / Adjournment



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in collaboration with the
American College of Surgeons Committee
on Trauma present:

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Demographic Information: Course Date: _____

Name: _____

MD DO PA NP RN EMT EMT-P

Support Staff / Clerical Administration Last 4 # of SSN: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Medical Specialty: _____ Resident

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

E-mail address: _____

Contact Phone: (____) ____ - ____ Work Home Cell

ADA Special needs: _____

Special Dietary Requests: _____

You Pick a Date: _____

You Pick a Location: _____

Rural Trauma: What is it?

Rural trauma is the “neglected disease” of the twenty-first century.

Why RTTDC[®] was developed?

The Rural Trauma Team Development Course has been developed by the ad hoc Rural Trauma committee of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma to help rural hospitals with development of their trauma teams.

It is hoped the course will improve the quality of care in their community by developing a timely, organized, rational response to the care of the trauma patient and a team approach that addresses the common problems in the initial assessment and stabilization of the injured. It is the purpose of RTTDC[®] to increase the efficiency of resource utilization and improve the level of care provided to the injured patient in the rural environment.