

PHHS BLOCK GRANT SUCCESS STORY 2016

EMS TRAUMA CARE SYSTEMS

CALIFORNIA EMS AUTHORITY HOSTS STATE TRAUMA SUMMIT.

Issue: Trauma is the leading cause of death and disability for persons aged 1-44 years old in United States.¹ California has 78 Trauma Centers across the state, and a State Trauma System to provide service and clinical guidance for ongoing trauma issues. One objective of the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) is to connect and share trauma-related information among EMS administrators, prehospital staff, trauma surgeons, and trauma nurses by presenting the annual state Trauma Summit.

Intervention: PHHS Block-Grant funded EMSA staff organized a State Trauma Summit on June 7-8, 2016, in San Francisco. EMSA staff created online registration through the Eventbrite website and provided the notification for registration through the EMS Authority website, as well as trauma-related e-mail distribution lists, inviting EMS administrators, medical committees, prehospital personnel, and the state trauma regions staff. Speakers from highly respected academic trauma societies provided insight into California's trauma system, highlighting accomplishments and providing opportunities for improvement of trauma care. The Trauma Summit also provided clinical highlights from case studies, best practices from the state's five Regional Trauma Coordinator Committees, and pediatric trauma care. Other administrative topics included the review of the draft State Trauma Plan and its impact on California, and California Trauma Regulation revisions.

Impact: Over 150 participants attended the Summit. Evaluations were received and reviewed by the State Trauma Coordinator and the State Trauma Advisory Committee and included excellent reviews on topics and speakers. Reviewers noted how helpful this information will be to aid the attendees with their administration and clinical duties. The State Trauma Advisory Committee and EMSA staff agreed that the Summit should be held again in 2017 within budget consideration and allowance by the EMS Authority.