

<b>Date Position Begins:</b>	03/01/2025
<b>Appointment Term:</b>	Two years or membership term completion, whichever is shorter; Potential for reappointment for a second, 2-year term or until membership term completion, whichever is shorter
<b>Membership Requirement:</b>	Membership in Central or Regional Committee on Trauma
<b>Participation Structure:</b>	Advocacy and Health Policy Program Area supports all areas of the COT
<b>Reporting Structure:</b>	Position reports to the Chair of the Advocacy and Health Policy Program Area, liaises with the Stop the Bleed® Chair, may oversee work groups
<b>Effort Requirement:</b>	Approximately 5-10 hours per month; Participation in COT Annual Meeting and COT Trauma Meetings during Congress
<b>Experience/Skills Desired:</b>	Demonstrated interest in advocacy efforts; experience with trauma system development; detailed knowledge of the Stop the Bleed® program

**Advocacy and Health Policy Program Area Overview**

This committee has the important task of working in conjunction with both the Regional and Central Committees on Trauma (COT), the ACS Division of Advocacy and Health Policy (DAHP), ACSPA-SurgeonsPAC, ACS Surgeons Voice, and ACS Chapters, to continually analyze, advocate, and provide input on trauma-related legislation at all levels of government (local, state, and federal) and to facilitate advocacy efforts for COT projects and programs. Key COT focus areas anticipated for 2025-2026 include funding and support for the development of Regional Medical Operations Coordination Centers (RMOCCs) and a National Trauma and Emergency Preparedness System (NTEPS), promulgation of prehospital blood availability, continued funding of military-civilian partnerships, funding and advocacy for injury prevention efforts to include advancement of hospital based violence intervention programs and the continued legislation and support for ACS Stop the Bleed programs.

**Vice Chair Advocacy and Health Policy Program Area General Responsibilities**

This position functions as a program area vice chair; please refer to the general expectations/requirements for the program area vice chair position.

**Vice Chair Advocacy and Health Policy Program Area Specific Responsibilities**

- Actively champion and promote the principles of inclusive excellence in all aspects of project work
- Collaborate with the Advocacy and Health Policy Program Area Chair to understand the strategic direction and intention for the program area as defined by the strategic project plan
- Champion the development of Regional Medical Operations Coordination Centers (RMOCCs) and a National Trauma and Emergency Preparedness System (NTEPS) as a key strategic priority
- Collaborate with the Stop the Bleed® Program Area Chair to understand the strategic direction and intention for the Stop the Bleed® program area and its needs within the advocacy realm at both the state and federal levels
- Work to promote legislative support for the Stop the Bleed® program at both the state and federal levels, collaborating closely with the Stop the Bleed® Chair
- In the absence of the chair, lead meetings of the Advocacy Program Area
- Provide strategic leadership and oversight to related work groups as may be formed
- Partner with COT staff for the strategic planning and execution of all approved tactics and deliverables

[Click here to apply](#)

