

# AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS COMMITTEE ON TRAUMA

**A trauma system consultation provides policymakers, operational personnel, and key stakeholders with valuable insights and specific recommendations that will help overcome barriers, improve efficiency, and advance system performance to a higher level.**



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## Trauma Systems Consultation Program

- Developed by the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons
- Built on a public health framework that focuses on an inclusive model to enable optimal utilization of all system resources
- Provides a comprehensive, on-site trauma system review
- Utilizes a select multispecialty expert team tailored to the needs of the specific system

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## Need for Regional Trauma Systems

- Injury is a major public health problem, causing great loss of life and productivity.
- Injury is the leading cause of death during the first four decades of life, and among the top 10 causes in all decades of life.
- Organized systems of care have been shown to save lives after injury.
- Trauma systems are essential to combat the injury epidemic across the spectrum, ranging from injury prevention, to specialized care, to rehabilitation.
- Across the U.S. and the world, regional trauma systems vary dramatically in their level of organization and function.
- Trauma systems at all levels of maturity can benefit from an external analysis leading to additional development or refinement.

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## Target Audience

- National, state, or regional policymakers charged with trauma system development and operations.
- Key system stakeholders, including leaders from:
  - Trauma surgery
  - Emergency medicine
  - Nursing
  - Prehospital
  - Rehabilitation
  - Injury prevention



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## The Benefits

- A hand-chosen multidisciplinary team of national trauma system experts provides an independent and comprehensive assessment, including:
  - ⦿ Critical analysis of the current system status including its challenges and opportunities
  - ⦿ Recommendations for system improvement and enhancement
  - ⦿ Priority recommendations in areas requiring the most focused attention
- The consultation process and final report may assist the requesting agency with leveraging change or with securing additional resources.

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