

**14th Annual New England Regional Trauma Registry Conference:
April 22, 2026**

Virtual 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Sponsored by the New England Regional Level 1 Trauma Program Committee

Program Overview: This program will be a dynamic and interactive exchange among interested professionals who deal with trauma registry issues on a daily basis. It is meant to fill a knowledge and experience gap, primarily by working in regions and centers to compare experiences, backgrounds, and best practices.

Target Audience: Trauma Registry Staff, Trauma Program Managers, Trauma Performance Improvement Coordinators/ Nurses.

9:00	9:10	Welcome/Introduction	
		Topics/Speakers	Objectives: Upon completion, the participant will be able to:
9:10	9:40	Keynote - From Data to Impact: Elevating Trauma Care Through Precision, Quality and Insight Kathy Cookman, BS, CSTR, CAISS, EMT-P, FMNP .5 Data Management	1) Recognize the critical role of high-quality clinical documentation in ensuring accurate trauma data capture, regulatory compliance, and optimal patient outcomes. 2) Understand the importance of precise data abstraction and coding practices, including their direct impact on benchmarking, reimbursement, research and prevention. 3) Anticipating the evolving role of trauma data professionals in a technology-driven environment, including the integration of AI, data validation tools, and automation
9:40	10:20	Protecting Data Quality During Trauma Registry Software Transition Michelle Pomphrey, MLT, RN, CSTR .67 Data Management	1) Identify key risks to data quality and integrity during trauma registry software transition. 2) Describe methods for validating and reconciling trauma registry data during migration. 3) Apply best practices for maintaining data accuracy and completeness during system implementation.
10:20	10:30	Break	
10:30	11:30	Trauma Registry: Validation, Accuracy, and Turning Data Into Action Meghan Myc BSN, RN, TCRN, CSTR Data Manager Trauma and Burn Services University of Colorado Hospital Level I Trauma Center ABA Verified Burn Center 1.0 Data Management	1) Describe how to develop and implement effective data quality plans, applying weekly, monthly, and quarterly validation practices to ensure accuracy, consistency, and sustained data integrity. 2) Explain how to utilize trauma registry data to identify opportunities for improvement and support consistent, data-driven performance improvement processes. 3) Demonstrate how to organize, analyze, and visualize trauma registry data to communicate trends clearly, support PI initiatives, and show true loop closure during survey and verification processes.
11:30	12:00	Transitioning to a New Trauma Registry Database: Strategies for Successful Transition Deborah Gleason, CSTR, CAISS, CPC Amy Sharpe, CSTR, CAISS .5 Data Management	1) Describe key strategies and team structures essential for planning and executing a trauma registry vendor transition. 2) Identify common technical, operational, and data-quality challenges that arise during registry implementation and their impact on program performance.

			3) Apply lessons learned—including validation approaches, staffing considerations, and phased feature activation—to strengthen future trauma registry transitions.
12:00	12:30	Lunch Break	
12:30	1:30	Injury to Insight: Cracking the AIS & ISS Kathy Cookman, BS, CSTR, CAISS, EMT-P, FMNP 1.0 Coding and Scoring	1) Analyzing a trauma scenario to identify injuries. (<i>I will prepare 2 scenarios just in case time permits</i>) 2) Assigning the most appropriate AIS code for each verified injury (<i>multiple choice including localizer</i>) 3) Assigning and understanding ISS (<i>Explaining the final ISS, including NISS and where it places the record(s) in the severity matrix</i>)
1:30	2:00	Open Forum for Speakers Kathy Cookman, BS, CSTR, CAISS, EMT-P, FMNP Michelle Pomphrey, MLT, RN, CSTR .5 Coding and Scoring Concepts	1) To provide insight into proper AIS code assignment based on questions received. 2) To provide insight into proper ISS assignments based on questions received.
	2:00	Questions / Adjourn	

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