

**UAMS MEDICAL CENTER
TRAUMA SERVICES MANUAL**

SUBJECT: Trauma Continuing Education Requirements

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PURPOSE:

To outline the continuing education requirements for participants in the UAMS Trauma Panel.

POLICY:

I. CME Requirements

A. Trauma panel members (including Trauma Program Manager, Trauma Surgeons, Emergency Medicine Physicians, Orthopaedists, Neurosurgeons, and SICU physicians) are expected to maintain educational and technical competency in the care of injured patients. Panel members are expected to review current practice standards and understand developing technology and information regarding trauma care. Panel members may satisfy the continuing education requirements in several ways:

1. 18 hours over a three year period (6 hours annually) – ADH requirement; hours can be internal or external.
2. Maintenance of Certification (MOC) for board certified physicians.
- ❖ The exceptions to the outlined CME Requirements include: Trauma Medical Director, who must have 36 hours over 3 year period (12 hours annually).

B. External trauma-specific CME is the recommended method and can be obtained from several sources, including by not limited to:

1. National or regional trauma conferences
2. Skills courses
3. Online trauma learning sites
4. Programs and lectures given by visiting professors or invited speakers
5. Reverification of national board certification

C. Internal Education Process

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The internal education process, conducted by the trauma program and the trauma liaisons based on the practice-based learning and the PIPS program, is a second method of obtaining CME relevant to the panel members' practice.

Internal educational opportunities are identified in several ways.

1. Hospital trauma in-services and symposia
2. Case-based learning exercises
3. Grand rounds with local speakers focused on trauma
4. Internal educational conferences focused on trauma
5. Trauma-related publications disseminated (1/2 credit per article reviewed with return of correct answers to two questions). See II. below.
6. Trauma-related presentation preparation to provide education to peers and other health care providers (i.e. nursing, paramedics) (2 hours credit per presentation)
7. Trauma-related presentations providing education to peers and other health care providers (1 hour credit per presentation)

II. Internal Education Credits (IEC Credits)

- A. The trauma medical director, trauma program director, and the respective liaisons will identify topics for internal education. The trauma program personnel and liaison will work to identify relevant didactic material to transmit the necessary knowledge of skills. The trauma program personnel and liaison will identify critical teaching points within the educational material and highlight them to ensure learning of the critical teaching points.
- B. The educational material is archived in the trauma program office and will be sent out to the appropriate trauma panel members. Once the material has been viewed and responses returned to trauma personnel as such, the panel member will qualify for an internal education credit (IEC).