

UAMS MEDICAL CENTER
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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. Continuing Medical Education (CME)/Continuing Education (CE) Requirements

- A. Per the *Arkansas Trauma System Rules and Regulations*, “Category 1 CME is necessary to maintain knowledge in the field. The physicians or mid-level practitioners caring for trauma patients in the ED shall obtain the required verifiable 18 hours of Category 1 trauma-specific CME, or 18 hours of trauma-specific internal education every three years.”
- B. Trauma panel members (including Trauma Program Manager, Trauma Surgeons, Emergency Medicine Physicians, Orthopedists, Neurosurgeons, and SICU physicians) are expected to maintain educational and technical competency in caring for injured patients. Panel members are expected to review current practice standards and understand developing technology and evolving care regarding trauma care. Panel members may satisfy the continuing education requirements in several ways:
 - 1. Six hours annually verifiable external CME, or 18 hours over three years
 - 2. Six internal education credits (IEC) annually, or 18 hours over three years
 - 3. Combination of internal or external credits (one hour of CME = one hour of credit)
 - a. The exceptions to the outlined CME Requirements include Trauma Medical Director and Trauma Program Manager (per the American College of Surgeons, these individuals must have 12 hours annually verifiable CME (CE for non-physician), or 36 hours over three years).

Key point: If employed at UAMS < 1 year, required CME hours will be pro-rated at 0.5 hours per 1 month employed.

- C. Trauma registrars are expected to accrue at least 24 (8 annually) trauma-related CE during the verification cycle. The trauma-related CE may be obtained internally or externally.
- D. External trauma-specific CME/CE 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. New or Renewal of National Board Certification will count for 33 hours of trauma-related CME (per the American College of Surgeons Verification Review Committee)
 - 5. Programs and lectures given by visiting professors or invited speakers
- E. Internal Education Process

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The internal education process, conducted by the trauma program and the trauma liaisons based on practice-based learning and the PIPS program, is a second method of obtaining CME/CE 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. Departmental M&M conferences (0.5 credit per hour of conference time)
4. Grand rounds with local speakers focused on trauma
5. Internal educational conferences focused on trauma
6. Trauma-related publications disseminated (1 credit per article reviewed with a return of correct answers to two questions). See II below.
7. Trauma-related presentation preparation to provide education to peers and other health care providers (e.g., nursing, paramedics) (2 hours credit per presentation)
8. Trauma-related presentations providing education to peers and other health care providers (1-hour credit per presentation)
9. Author of a trauma-related manuscript that is published in a peer-reviewed journal (10 hours per published manuscript for senior author and 2 hours for middle author)
10. Author of a trauma-related book or book chapter that is published (10 hours per chapter)

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 the learning of the essential teaching points. Evidence of completion of this training will be maintained throughout the verification cycle.
- 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).

References:

- *Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient 2022 Standards.*
- Trauma Programs: VRC Standards FAQs, American College of Surgeons Verification Review Committee <https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/quality/verification-review-and-consultation-program/trauma-verification-faqs/vrc-standards-faqs/>