

Texas EMS Trauma & Acute Care Foundation

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It is time to submit RAC Q's annual subscription to the Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation (TETAF). Our organization is dedicated to assisting trauma service area regional advisory councils operationalize the rules and regulations defined by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation agrees to provide the following services to subscribing regional advisory councils for the defined subscription fee.

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Your subscription includes participation in our statewide legislative education efforts. TETAF, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3), works with our subscribers to improve the EMS, trauma and acute care delivery system. TETAF focuses on educational efforts to inform state leaders and the public of the impact of injury, illness and the need for a stand ready system for rapid response. During the Texas legislative session subscribing RACs will receive frequent legislative updates. Each subscribing RAC may designate individuals from the RAC to sit on the eight standing committees of TETAF – Acute Care, Disaster Preparedness, Education, EMS, Injury Prevention, Pediatric, RAC and Trauma – and have the opportunity to assist in goal development of these divisions.

System Development

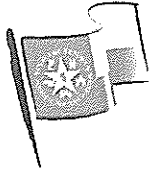
TETAF conducts seven conference calls annually targeting system development and regional improvements. These calls focus on best practice models demonstrated by one of our general subscribers. Topics range from professional education, injury prevention, stroke system development, trauma system development and registry development. The calls are coordinated by the staff of TETAF. Additionally, regulatory updates and periodic scientific updates will be provided. Subscribers will receive the call schedule in advance and access numbers. Reminder notifications will be sent ten days prior to the call.

Consulting Services

Each subscribing region may request assistance in organizational development, development or assistance with revision to Bylaws, Standard Operating Procedures, Record Management, and Human Resource Management. Subscribers should schedule a specific call with the TETAF staff to define the specific needs of the RAC. Objectives, timelines and deliverables of the consultation must be agreed to prior to the consultation visit.

Educational Programs

TETAF will provide educational opportunities such as AAAM courses, trauma registrar courses, surveyor credentialing courses, trauma coordinator courses, TOPICS, trauma activation billing, and the EMS & trauma registry summit. Subscribing RACs may coordinate with TETAF staff to determine the feasibility of bringing certain programs into their region to increase the accessibility of these programs to a larger population. Individuals attending a program from a subscribing RAC will receive a reduction on registration for TETAF initiated programs. A discount will be offered, if possible, on other national and state programs sponsored by TETAF.



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Trauma Facility Designation Surveys

TETAF offers the opportunity for Level III and Level IV Trauma Facilities to coordinate their Trauma Facility Designation site surveys with in-state site survey teams composed of persons selected by TETAF versus the American College of Surgeons. The surveys are conducted by individuals who are active in the Texas Trauma System. These individuals are independent, qualified persons who complete a training course and are mentored by seasoned state reviewers who determine if applicant hospitals meet the Level III and Level IV Essential Criteria as defined by the Texas Department of State Health Services/Office of EMS and Trauma Services Coordination. The site surveys are completed for a competitive fee and hospitals located within a TETAF subscribing RAC will receive a discounted fee for this service. Facilities seeking trauma facility site surveys must contact TETAF directly to schedule the review.

TETAF will maintain the Surveyor Credentialing Process to ensure all independent surveyors are trained and evaluate all trauma programs objectively and consistently. TETAF will monitor all trauma center designation surveys to ensure consistent, objective surveys.

Trauma Facility Survey Consultation

TETAF offers Level III and Level IV trauma facility consultations through the same process as the site survey process. Sample designation plans may be shared. Trauma facilities requesting consultation assistance must contact TETAF directly to schedule the consultation. While some consultation can occur remotely, onsite hospital consultations, if requested, will incur an additional fee billed to the hospital.

Comprehensive Clinical Management Program (CCMP) for EMS Providers

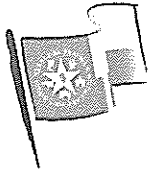
TETAF will continue to work with the Texas Department of State Health Services to develop CCMP certification for EMS agencies in Texas. TETAF will seek approval from DSHS to be a certifying organization for CCMP and will provide consultation services to EMS agencies located within a subscribing RAC requesting such services.

CCMP Certification Consultation

EMS Providers requesting consultation assistance with CCMP must contact TETAF directly to schedule the consultation. While some consultation can be provided remotely onsite consultations, if requested, will incur an additional fee billed to the EMS entity.

Stroke Center Designation Reviews

TETAF will seek approval from the Texas Department of State Health Services to be a survey organization for Stroke Center Designation. If TETAF is approved as a survey organization, survey visits will be coordinated by site survey teams composed of independent, qualified persons selected by TETAF to determine if applicant hospitals meet the Essential Criteria as defined by the Texas Department of State Health Services.



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Stroke Center Consultation Service

TETAF offers Stroke Center consultation assistance similar to the trauma facility consultation program. Facilities interested in the stroke center consultation should contact TETAF directly to schedule the consultation review. While some consultation can occur remotely onsite hospital consultations, if requested, will incur an additional fee billed to the hospital.

Resource Assistance

Subscription-only pages on the www.tetaf.org website will be a resource to assist RACs, EMS, trauma centers, stroke centers and providers in the system to gain an understanding of how “others” complete specific tasks through examples and best practice models.

EMS/Trauma/Acute Care Registry Development

TETAF is moving forward with the evaluation of an effective statewide or regional EMS, trauma and acute care registry that has the opportunity to provide outcome data.

Injury Prevention

TETAF will conduct research utilizing statewide data to enhance and develop injury prevention.

Other Services

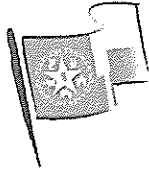
TETAF stands committed to furthering the development of the EMS, trauma and acute care systems in Texas and will be responsive to subscribing RACs needs.

TETAF has developed a Mentorship/Advisory Committee comprised of individuals with a long standing commitment to EMS, trauma and acute care. This committee will provide mentorship programs for subscribing RACs.

TETAF is developing a clearinghouse for Public Service Announcements and also a grant notification service. These services should be operational in late 2009.

The RAC’s annual subscription fee payable to TETAF is XXXXXXXX. The subscription fee is due by August 31, 2009 and will cover TETAF services for the 2009 calendar year. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

TETAF is committed to enriching our service to our subscribers and is consistently searching for options to improve our services and programs to add to our scope of resources. If you have questions regarding any of the services provided through this subscription, please contact the Dinah Welsh, CEO of TETAF at 512-917-1128 or at dwelsh@tetaf.org



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Please list the exact contact information for your RAC below and submit with your subscription fee. Also, please complete the attached document to indicate which individuals from your RAC will serve on the eight divisions of TETAF.

Southeast Texas Trauma RAC

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Title/Position: _____

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