



Trauma Clinical Community Newsletter

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Trauma Clinical Community (Trauma CC) Sub-Community (SC) Updates

En Route Combat Casualty Care (CCC) SC

The En Route CCC SC will continue identifying gaps in manning, training, and equipping in patient movement to be closed across the Enterprise. Additionally, the SC is finalizing its maritime and en route considerations for relevant Joint Trauma System (JTS) Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs). Please contact [CDRs Noelle Griffith and Ben Walrath](#) if you are interested in joining this SC.

Surgical CCC SC

The Surgical CCC SC will be developing maritime considerations for relevant JTS CPGs. Please contact [CDR Jacob Glaser](#) if you are interested in joining the Surgical CCC SC.

Critical Care SC

The Critical Care SC will collaborate with other Military Health System entities to finalize its protocol for sepsis and continue developing the protocol for the initial treatment and resuscitation of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). If you are interested in contributing your subject-matter expertise to this Sub-Community, please contact [CDR Michael Tripp](#).

Prehospital/Tactical CCC SC

The Prehospital/TCCC SC will address issues related to battlefield medicine, tactical medicine, and prehospital medicine in the deployed combat environment. Please contact [CDR Ricks and HMCM Craig](#) if you are interested in joining this SC.

Liaison Council

The Liaison Council will connect official and unofficial Navy Medicine representatives to military and civilian Trauma-related organizations and will enable information-sharing. If you would like to get involved in this Sub-Community, please reach out to [CDRs Bradley and Polk](#).

Custom Surgical Packs Contamination

Over 100 Avid & Cardinal Health custom and single surgical packs have had debris within the packaging at a number of medical treatment facilities (MTFs). There is no discernable pattern in type of discrepancy, lot number, or item affected. Avid & Cardinal Health are working with Defense Health Agency (DHA) Medical Logistics (MEDLOG) to resolve this issue as this has had significant impact on the ability of specific operating rooms (ORs) to provide service and care to those in need.

The Navy encourages those affected to follow guidance provided by DHA MEDLOG that promotes careful inspection prior to the use of quarantine packs and recommends reporting discrepancies to vendors/manufacturers of the compromised surgical packs. If debris is encountered in a custom surgical pack at your command, please:

1. Take photos and share information with your command's logistics.
2. Send [LCDR Robert Cuento](#) the following information for Bureau of Medicine M5 tracking: photos, date discovered, lot number, vendor, custom pack name, and specific item.



Trauma Strategy Management Office (TSMO) Update

In March, the TSMO developed and submitted a policy memorandum to provide guidance for establishing Navy Medicine trauma partnerships. This policy memorandum was submitted to the Fleet Forces and Regions for review and comment. Once adjudicated it will be submitted to the Surgeon General for final approval. In April, the TSMO developed a high-level timeline for the establishment of a Trauma Partnership with Penn Medicine. The partnership with Penn Medicine will initiate with the stand-up of a Hospital Corpsman Trauma Training Program in MAR 2020.

Call for Newsletter Content Submissions

The Trauma CC Newsletter will provide updates on the Clinical Community, as well as prominent patient safety and quality issues and success stories relevant to Trauma Care at Navy Medicine. We would especially like to share perspectives from the deckplate and therefore, we need your input! If you have a story, photos, or information to share, please reach out to the Trauma Advisory Board (TAB) Acting Chair and Chair, [CDRs Matthew Bradley and Travis Polk](#).