



COLLABORATIVE EXPECTATIONS

FLTQIP Objectives

To improve quality and reduce costs, FLTQIP has the following objectives:

- Improve the quality of care for trauma patients in Florida
- Inform the Trauma System Advisory Council of FLTQIP activities and outcomes
- Ensure data accuracy and integrity for all Florida trauma centers
- Collaborate with the trauma medical directors and care providers at each FLTQIP hospital in a process to identify and promulgate “best practices”, based on learning from the FLTQIP and ACS-TQIP data registry.

The FLTQIP Collaborative consists of the FLTQIP Steering Committee with representation from the level 1, level 2, pediatric trauma referral centers and the Florida Department of Health and is expected to report to the Florida Trauma Services Advisory Council

Hospital Expectations

Your hospital must meet the following criteria in order to be considered eligible participants in this CQI:

- Timely submission of data to the NTDB reports
- Identify a clinical champion that will be a trauma surgeon
 - The clinical champion will lead the hospital in FLTQIP quality improvement (QI) efforts
 - The clinical champion or an assigned trauma surgeon designee will attend 3 collaborative meetings held concurrently with the Florida Committee on Trauma Business Meetings
 - If the Trauma Medical Director is not the surgeon champion, then the Trauma Medical Director must be fully supportive of the program and the designated surgical champion with regard to collaborative QI efforts
- Identify a trauma program manager
 - The trauma program manager will be the administrative lead for FLTQIP at the facility or appoint a performance improvement specialist as the administrative lead
 - This person will also provide institutional support for full project participation
 - The trauma program manager or the performance improvement specialist will attend the meetings held concurrently with the Florida Committee on Trauma Business Meetings

- Assign a dedicated trauma registrar to collect data:
 - The registrar should have access to an appropriate computer with high speed internet connectivity
- Focus on Quality Improvement:
 - Enroll and maintain active program participation in the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma's Trauma Quality Improvement Program (ACS- TQIP)
- Commit to using FLTQIP and TQIP data elements and data definitions:
 - These will be updated annually and are available on the web-site www.FLTQIP.org
- Commit to using the Association for Advancement of Automotive Medicine (AAAM) 2005 version with 2008 update of the Abbreviate Injury Scale for injury coding in the trauma registry
- Provide FLTQIP with the individual trauma center's ACS TQIP identification information.
- Commitment to participate in quality improvement initiatives developed by the FL TQIP Collaborative
- Commitment of members of the facility's FLTQIP team in attending the meetings held concurrently with the Florida Committee on Trauma Business Meetings:
 - The team will include at a minimum the surgeon champion and trauma program manager/performance improvement specialist
 - While not all members may be able to attend every meeting, we require an equivalent alternate of the same discipline (i.e., a trauma attending surgeon may substitute for another trauma attending surgeon)
 - The physician alternative must be one of the trauma surgeons from the attending call panel and be fully familiar with the FLTQIP
- Collaborate with other participating sites:
 - Participation of each site in process improvement is essential to the success of the program, including sharing of and learning from best practices
- Confidentiality and collegiality
 - Written reports will be blinded and show only de-identified data
 - We will strive at all times to promote a friendly and collegial atmosphere
 - Centers are strictly forbidden from using FLTQIP or ACS-TQIP data for competitive advantage or marketing

FLTQIP– Role and Responsibilities

The FLTQIP Steering Committee will serve as an important resource for participating hospitals and is responsible for the following administrative duties:

- Analyze data and generate reports for feedback and discussion at FLTQIP Collaborative meetings
- Provide training to data coordinators and trauma registrars on the data elements, data definitions and methods of data abstraction based on the work of NSQIP,

National Trauma Data Standard-Data Dictionary, and NTD

- Organize and lead a Scientific Advisory Committee and Writing Group that will be responsible for leadership, coordination of continuous quality improvement efforts, development and review of manuscripts, and distribution of the program's findings
- Provide timely and informative feedback to each participating hospital
- Monitor participant performance throughout the year to ensure that participants are meeting expectations. In instances where participants are not meeting the participation expectations established by the FLTQIP Collaborative, the FLTQIP Collaborative will alert participants through verbal and/or written communications of their performance issues as soon as the issue is identified

Contact Us

If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please feel free to contact Andrew Kerwin, MD FLTQIP Executive Director at fltqip@floridacot.org.