
NTDB® data points

Annual Report 2006: New cover, new report

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The 2006 Annual Report of the National Trauma Data Bank® (NTDB), Version 6.0 is an updated analysis of the largest aggregation of trauma registry data ever assembled. The NTDB now contains more than 2 million records. This 2006 report is based on 1,191,215 records from 2001 through 2005. The NTDB uses a rolling five-year time frame for the annual analysis in order to focus on the most recent, highest-quality data. Before analysis, NTDB data are subjected to a quality screening for consistency and validity.

The mission of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (COT) is to develop and implement meaningful programs for trauma care. In keeping with this mission, the NTDB is committed to being the principal national repository for trauma center registry data. We estimate that 67 percent of level I and 56 percent of level II trauma centers in the U.S. have contributed to the NTDB.

The purpose of this report is to inform the medical community, the public, and decision makers about a wide variety of issues that characterize the current state of care for injured persons in our country. It has implications in many areas, including epidemiology, injury



control, research, education, acute care, and resource allocation.

Many dedicated individuals on the COT, as well as at trauma centers around the country, have contributed to the early development of the NTDB and its rapid growth in recent years. Building on these achievements, our goals in the coming years include improving data quality, updating analytic methods, and enabling more useful interhospital comparisons. These efforts will be reflected in future NTDB reports to participating hospi-

tals as well as in future annual reports. The new 2006 report has a new cover (see picture, above).

Throughout the year, we will be highlighting the work of the NTDB through brief monthly reports in the *Bulletin*. The full NTDB *Annual Report Version 6.0* is available on the ACS Web site as a PDF file and a PowerPoint presentation at <http://www.ntdb.org>.

If you are interested in submitting your trauma center's data, contact Melanie L. Neal, Manager, NTDB, at mneal@facs.org.