



Getting Started Checklist for NTDB

- Check with your trauma registry vendor to confirm that you have fully implemented the current version of the ACS National Trauma Data Standard: Data Dictionary.
- Discuss NTDB participation with your registry vendor to be sure your registry is ready for NTDB.
- Submit a completed [ACS TQP Application](#).
- Ensure your hospital has signed the current BAA/DUA with The American College of Surgeons (last updated 2013).
- Pay the annual NTDB Submission Fee.
- Visit the [NTDB website](#) for more information about program deliverables and expectations.

Getting Started Checklist for ACS TQIP

- Check with your trauma registry vendor to confirm that you have fully implemented the current version of the ACS National Trauma Data Standard: Data Dictionary.
- Discuss TQIP participation with your registry vendor to be sure your registry is ready for TQIP.
- Submit a completed [ACS TQP Application](#).
- Ensure your hospital has signed the current BAA/DUA with The American College of Surgeons (last updated 2013). If your center currently submits to NTDB you should already have an updated BAA/DUA on file.
- Execute a TQIP Hospital Participation Agreement (this will be sent after you have submitted a completed application).
- Pay the annual [TQIP Participation Fee](#).
- Visit the [TQIP website](#) for more information about program deliverables and expectations.

Getting Started Checklist for ACS Verification

- Ensure your hospital has signed the updated BAA/DUA with The American College of Surgeons. If your center currently submits to NTDB or TQIP, you should already have an updated BAA/DUA on file.
- Submit a completed [ACS TQP Application](#).
- Make sure your trauma center participates in TQIP or another risk-adjusted benchmarking program that includes the components outlined in the [CD 15-5 Requirements and Rationale document](#). (CD 15-5)
- Submit a completed [ACS Site Visit Application](#) 13-14 months prior to your preferred visit timeframe or current anniversary date.
 - If you are pursuing Level I Trauma Center Verification, complete the [OTL form](#) and return it to the VRC office with a copy of the OTL's curriculum vitae.
- Pay the annual [VRC Participation Fee](#).
- Visit the [VRC website](#) for more information about standards, completing the Pre-Review Questionnaire (PRQ), and site visit expectations.