

## *Save the Date!*

Special Session: Friday AM, March 13, 2026

**Title: Beyond the Battlefield: War Wound Care for the General Surgeon**

Moderator: Christopher M Dodgion, MD, MSPH, MBA, FCS (ECSA), FACS

*Overview:*

General surgeons, whether practicing in civilian, military, or humanitarian contexts, may be faced with caring for patients suffering from devastating war-related injuries. This panel will present an integrated perspective—technical, systemic, and psychosocial—on caring for such patients in resource-limited and high-stress environments.

Panelists will share insights into the operative management of high-velocity ballistic injuries, blast trauma, and burns; system design for resilient trauma care during mass casualty and prolonged austere care; and the psychological dimensions of caring for patients with catastrophic injuries. A pediatric perspective will ensure attention to the most vulnerable patients.

The session will also emphasize transferable lessons: how innovations from conflict zones can inform domestic readiness for mass casualty incidents, and how strategies for system and team resilience apply broadly across the trauma community.

International Panel #1: Friday PM, March 13, 2026

**Title: Global Integration of Teletrauma Capability for the Care of the Injured Patient**

Moderator: Zain Hashmi, MD, FACS

*Overview:*

Telehealth has been increasingly used worldwide to improve provider-to-provider communication, extend expertise, and deliver timely care to patients in medically underserved and geographically remote areas. In trauma care, telehealth can potentially strengthen local capacity, improve access, and facilitate rapid consultation when distance and resources pose significant barriers. In this session, leaders from global teletrauma initiatives will share their experiences, challenges, and solutions in using telehealth to support trauma care in rural and remote environments. This discussion will allow participants to learn from successful international models, understand barriers and facilitators across diverse settings, and consider how lessons from diverse environments may inform the design and implementation of sustainable teletrauma programs in their own practice.

International Panel #2: Friday PM, March 13, 2026

Title: **Blood Deserts: Global Challenges and Solutions in Trauma Care Access**

Moderator: Nakul P. Raykar, MD, MPH, FACS

*Overview:*

This panel addresses the critical challenge of "blood deserts" – geographic regions with limited or delayed access to blood products, significantly impacting trauma patient outcomes. The session will explore the scope of this problem globally and in the United States, examine innovative solutions from various perspectives, and provide actionable strategies for trauma care providers.

International Panel #3: Friday PM, March 13, 2026

Title: **A Modern Approach to Clinical Decision Support Across Diverse Resource Practice Settings**

Moderator: Lacey N LaGrone, MD, MPH, MA, FACS

*Overview:*

Everyday patients across resource settings receive care that research has shown to be inferior to other treatment plans, or even harmful. Clinicians exist in a world where information is growing at a more rapid pace than ever, but where the information they need, when they need it, is either unavailable, or only available behind a paywall or a prohibitively tedious user experience. Further, clinical guidance, in the form of guidelines, algorithms, protocols and other tools to support clinical decisions, is often developed by, and for, the highest resource settings, and therefore irrelevant in rural, combat, austere, or in most global clinical practice settings. A panel of global experts in clinical guidance content generation, knowledge dissemination, artificial intelligence for evidence synthesis and access, and resource-adaptive clinical decision support will describe the current scenario, and with audience active engagement, collectively conceive of a way forward that benefits all of us our patients.