

Date Position Begins:	March 2027
Appointment term:	Two years; potential for reappointment for a second, 2-year term conditional on continued membership on the COT or RCOT
Membership requirement:	Membership in Central or Regional Committee on Trauma
Participation structure:	The Atom Course sits within the Education Program Area, under the Surgical Skills Courses
Reporting structure:	Position reports to the Surgical Skills Chair, who reports to the Trauma Education Medical Director
Effort requirement:	Approximately 5-10 hours per month via Zoom and independent work; participation in COT Annual Meeting and COT Trauma Meetings during Congress
Experience/Skills Desired:	Approved faculty for ATOM Course

ATOM Course Overview

The Advanced Trauma Operative Management (ATOM) course increases surgical competence and confidence in the operative management of penetrating injuries to the chest and abdomen.

ATOM Course Education Program Chair General Responsibilities

This position functions as a program area work group lead; please refer to the general expectations/requirements for the program area work group lead position.

ATOM Course Director Specific Responsibilities

- Maintain a continuous presence to serve as champion for the ATOM course and help facilitate the management of the course.
- Collaborate with the Surgical Skills Chair and Trauma Education Medical Director to understand and help operationalize the strategic direction and intention for the trauma education surgical skills courses program
- Participate as part of the Education Program Area (especially the other Trauma Ed Surgical Skills Courses) and liaise with the other Program Areas; collaborate with the Chairs of other Trauma Education programs to ensure strategic alignment across the portfolio. Contribute to cross-program recommendations, coordinated revision planning, policy development, and continuous improvement initiatives.
- Promote the development of new ATOM course sites and course promulgation to further disseminate this education.
- Work to identify funding opportunities for sites and states to provide this education.
- Evaluate ATOM course outcomes, perform appropriate needs assessments, and provide recommendations for revision updates in keeping with the defined revision cycle.
- Provide subject matter expertise and support for policy development and enforcement for the course across all sites.
- Partner with COT staff for the strategic planning and delivery of quality ATOM education.

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