

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 Advocacy and Health Policy Program Area supports all areas of the COT
Reporting Structure:	Position reports to the Chair of the Advocacy and Health Policy Program Area, liaises with the Stop the Bleed® Chair, may oversee work groups
Effort Requirement:	Approximately 5-10 hours per month; Participation in COT Annual Meeting; COT Trauma Meetings during Congress.
Desired Experience:	Demonstrated interest in advocacy efforts; experience with trauma system development; detailed knowledge of the Stop the Bleed® program

Advocacy and Health Policy Program Area Overview

This Program Area has the important task of working in conjunction with both the Regional and Central Committees on Trauma (COT), the ACS Division of Advocacy and Health Policy (DAHP), the ACS Chapters, and the ACS Professional Association, which houses SurgeonsVoice and SurgeonsPAC, to continually analyze, advocate, and provide input on trauma-related legislation at all levels of government (local, state, and federal) and to facilitate advocacy efforts for COT projects and programs. Key COT focus areas anticipated for 2027-2028 include funding and support for the development of Regional Medical Operations Coordination Centers (RMOCCs) and a National Trauma and Emergency Preparedness System (NTEPS), promulgation of blood availability, continued funding of military-civilian partnerships, funding and advocacy for injury prevention efforts to include advancement of hospital based violence intervention programs and firearm injury prevention, and support for ACS Stop the Bleed programs and access to bleeding control kits.

Vice Chair Advocacy and Health Policy Program Area General Responsibilities

This position functions as a program area vice chair; please refer to the general expectations/requirements for the program area vice chair position.

Vice Chair Advocacy and Health Policy Program Area Specific Responsibilities

- Collaborate with the Advocacy and Health Policy Program Area Chair to understand the strategic direction and intention for the program area as defined by the strategic project plan
- Champion the development of Regional Medical Operations Coordination Centers (RMOCCs) and a National Trauma and Emergency Preparedness System (NTEPS) as a key strategic priority
- Collaborate with the Stop the Bleed® Program Area Chair to understand the strategic direction and intention for the Stop the Bleed® program area and its needs within the advocacy realm at both the state and federal levels
- Support other advocacy initiatives of the ACS and the COT as needed in the absence of the chair, lead meetings of the Advocacy Program Area
- Provide strategic leadership and oversight to related work groups as may be formed
- Partner with COT staff and medical directors for the strategic planning and execution of all approved tactics and deliverables

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