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Annual Conference

November 13–15 | Anaheim, CA

Program

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Welcome to the 2026 TQIP Annual Conference

We are excited to gather together for this year's Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) Annual Conference. Our 2026 conference theme is "Collaboration: Better Together." As you and your teams join us at the conference, we hope this theme provides an opportunity to reflect on all the achievements you have made at your centers working together and with other departments to improve quality.

Our keynote speaker for this year is Louie Gravance. A former Disney Institute instructor, Louie will talk about how to foster cultures of accountability, creativity, and exceptional customer care. His Disney-honed insights, combined with actionable strategies, help organizations create environments where employees thrive and customers are delighted.

In a first this year, we are hosting a film screening of *The Chaplain & The Doctor*, which follows palliative care physician Dr. Jessica Zitter and hospital Chaplain Betty Clark as their innovative collaboration improves care for patients. They will also present their work in a plenary session during the meeting.

Our Trauma Survivor, Dr. Joshua Taylor, will talk about his journey from surgeon to survivor and back again.

This year's program weaves together inspiring stories, clinical best practices, and performance improvement efforts to demonstrate the power of collaboration to improve quality. Throughout the conference, you will have many opportunities to network with your peers and gain useful, relevant knowledge to help improve the quality of care that you and your team deliver.

Thank you for your commitment to improving outcomes for trauma patients.
We hope you enjoy your time in Anaheim!

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Medical Director, ACS Trauma Quality Programs

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Chair, ACS Committee on Trauma

Agenda

Agenda and speakers are subject to change. The views expressed by individual speakers are their own and do not necessarily reflect those of the American College of Surgeons. Please refer to the mobile app for up-to-date information. All times are Pacific Time (PT).

Meal/Break | General Session | Breakout Session

TIME	ROOM	SESSION TITLE	TRACK
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12			
2:00–6:00 pm	ACC North 200 Level	**Registration**	
4:00–6:00 pm	ACC 204ABC	**The Chaplain & The Doctor Film and Q&A**	
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13			
7:00 am–5:00 pm	ACC North 200 Level	**Registration**	
7:00 am–5:00 pm	201A	**Speaker Ready Room**	
7:00–8:30 am	Exhibit Hall	**Breakfast**	
8:30–9:30 am	ACC North 254-261	**TQIP Update** Moderator: Avery Nathens, MD, PhD, MPH, FACS	
9:30–10:00 am	Exhibit Hall	**Break**	
10:00–11:30 am	ACC North 262C-264C	**NTDS at 20: Celebrating the Milestone and Preparing for What's Next** Moderator: Amy Svestka, BA, CSTR	Registry
10:00–11:30 am	ACC North 254-261	**TQIP 101** Moderator: Ian Rowland, MHA	
10:00–11:30 am	ACC North 251A-253C	**Building Better Together: Designing High-Performing Trauma System Partnerships Through Collaboration** Moderator: Lillian Kao, MD, MBA, MS, FACS	
10:00–11:30 am	ACC 204ABC	**Multidisciplinary Collaboration** Moderator: Matthew Martin, MD, FACS	
11:30 am–1:00 pm		**Lunch**—On Your Own	
1:00–2:00 pm	ACC North 254-261	**The Chaplain & The Doctor** Moderator: Avery Nathens, MD, PhD, MPH, FACS	
2:15–3:15 pm	ACC North 262C-264C	**The Trauma Registry Orchestra** Moderator: Amy Svestka, BA, CSTR	Registry
2:15–3:15 pm	ACC 204ABC	**Stronger Systems, Better Outcomes: EMS and Trauma Center Alignment Through Collaboration** Moderator: Melissa Smith, MSN, RN	
2:15–3:15 pm	ACC North 251A-253C	**VRC Academy: How We Fixed It** Moderator: Jon Perlstein, MD, FACS	
2:15–3:15 pm	ACC North 254-261	**Stronger Together: How Collaboration Strengthens Performance in Trauma Centers** Moderator: Kristen Chreiman, MSN, RN, CCRN, TCRN	Leadership
3:15–3:45 pm	Exhibit Hall	**Break**	
3:45–4:45 pm	ACC North 254-261	**Keynote Address by Louie Gravance: Service Is Your Superpower!** Moderator: Avery Nathens, MD, PhD, MPH, FACS	
5:00–6:00 pm	Various ACC 200 Rooms	**Collaborative Meetings**	
6:00–7:30 pm	Exhibit Hall	**Welcome Reception & Exhibits Open**	

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14			
7:00 am–7:00 pm	Exhibit Hall	**Exhibits**	
7:00 am–5:00 pm	ACC North 200 Level	**Registration**	
7:00 am–5:00 pm	201A	**Speaker Ready Room**	
7:00–8:00 am	Exhibit Hall	**Breakfast**	
7:00–8:00 am	202AB	**The Surgeons' Table: Open Mic with TQIP Leadership**	
8:00–9:30 am	ACC North 254-261	**TQIP Academy: How We Did It** Moderator: Thomas Duncan, DO, FACS, FICS	
8:00–9:30 am	ACC 204ABC	**Regional Collaboration for the Care of Pediatric Patients** Moderators: Regan Williams, MD, MS, FACS and Katie Russell, MD, FACS	
8:00–9:30 am	ACC North 251A-253C	**Collaboration When Disaster Strikes** Moderator: Jeannette Capella, MD, MEd, FACS	
8:00–9:30 am	ACC North 262C-264C	**No Silos, No Spectators: Building Stakeholder Engagement to Drive Collaboration** Moderator: Patricia Turner, MD, MBA, FACS	Leadership
9:30–10:00 am	Exhibit Hall	**Break**	
10:00–11:30 am	ACC North 254-261	**TQP Mortality Reporting System: Learning Across Systems to Avoid Repeating Mistakes** Moderator: Shannon Castle, MD, FACS	
11:30 am–12:45 pm	Exhibit Hall	**Lunch**	
1:00–2:00 pm	ACC North 254-261	**TQP Best Practices Guidelines (BPG) for Transfusion in Trauma** Moderator: Bryce Robinson, MD, MS, FACS	
2:15–3:45 pm	ACC North 254-261	**Oral Abstracts—Registry and Data Validation** Moderator: Amy Svestka, BA, CSTR	Registry
2:15–3:45 pm	ACC North 262C-264C	**Oral Abstracts—Building Better Systems Through Collaboration & Innovation** Moderator: Shobhan Vachhrajani, MD, PhD, FRCSC	
2:15–3:45 pm	ACC North 251A-253C	**Oral Abstracts—Performance in Practice** Moderator: Douglas Schuerer, MD, FACS	
2:15–3:45 pm	ACC 204ABC	**Oral Abstracts—Community Impact in Action** Moderator: LeAnne Young, MSN, RN, TCRN	
3:45–4:15 pm	Exhibit Hall	**Break**	
4:15–5:15 pm	ACC North 254-261	**Trauma Survivor Session—Joshua Taylor** **The Tables Have Turned: Reflections of a General/Trauma Surgeon Turned Trauma Patient** Moderator: Melissa Smith, MSN, RN	
5:30–7:00 pm	Exhibit Hall	**Poster Session**	

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15			
7:00–10:30 am	Exhibit Hall	**Exhibits**	
7:30–10:30 am	ACC North 200 Level	**Registration**	
7:30–10:30 am	201A	**Speaker Ready Room**	
7:00–8:30 am	Exhibit Hall	**Breakfast**	
7:30–8:30 am	Various ACC 200 rooms	**Collaborative Meetings**	
8:45–10:15 am	ACC North 254-261	**Trauma Registry Showdown: Are You in Tune?** Moderator: Kyra Pellikan, BS	Registry
8:45–10:15 am	ACC North 251A-253C	**Rural-Urban Collaboration: Advancing Trauma Care Through Regional Partnerships** Moderator: Michael Person, MD, MPH, MBA, FACS	
8:45–10:15 am	ACC North 262C-264C	**VRC Session: Partnering for Bettering Outcomes** Moderator: Jon Perlstein, MD, FACS	
8:45–10:15 am	ACC 204ABC	**Nuts and Bolts to Starting and Sustaining a Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program** Moderator: Rochelle Dicker, MD, FACS	
10:15–10:45 am	Exhibit Hall	**Break**	
10:45–11:45 am	ACC North 254-261	**Bridging the Gap: Pediatric Readiness Strategies for Adult Trauma Centers** Moderator: Aaron Jensen, MD, MEd, MS, FACS	
11:45 am–12:15 pm	ACC North 254-261	**Closing Session** Moderator: Avery Nathens, MD, PhD, MPH, FACS	

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Learning Objectives

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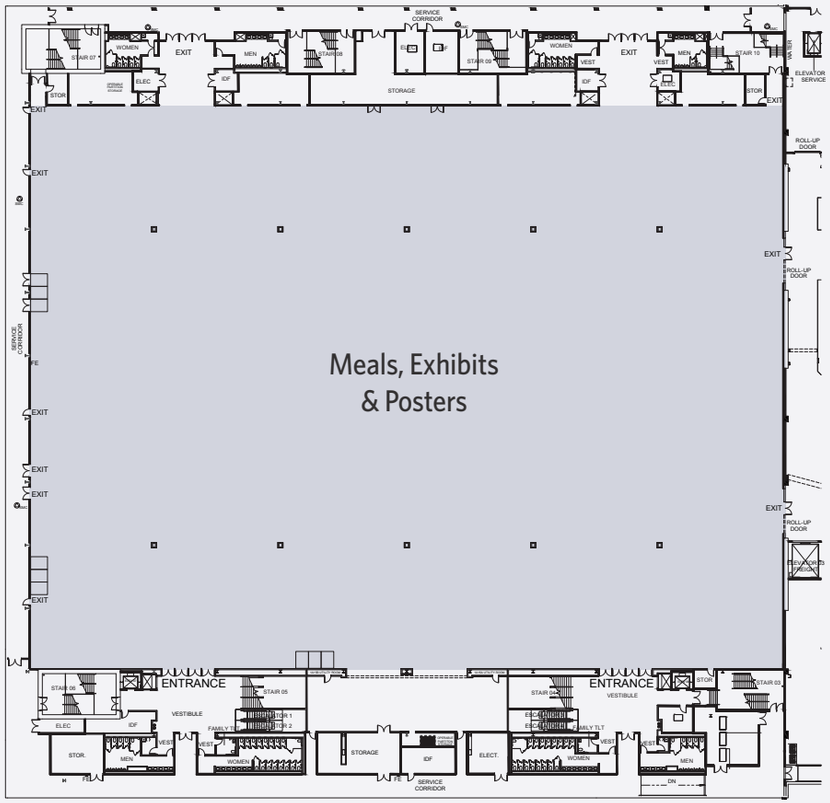

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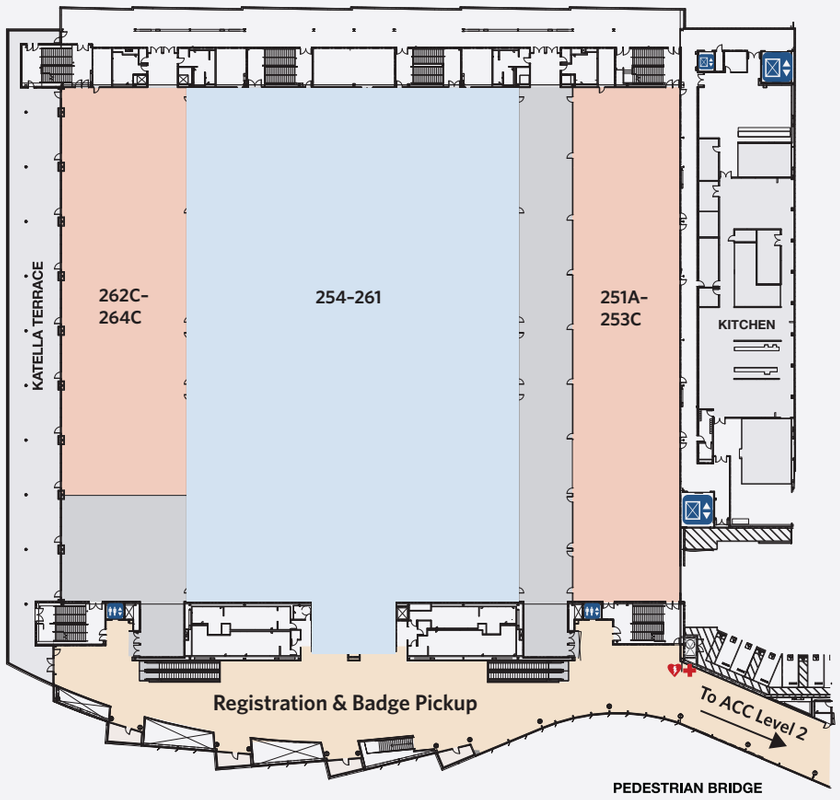

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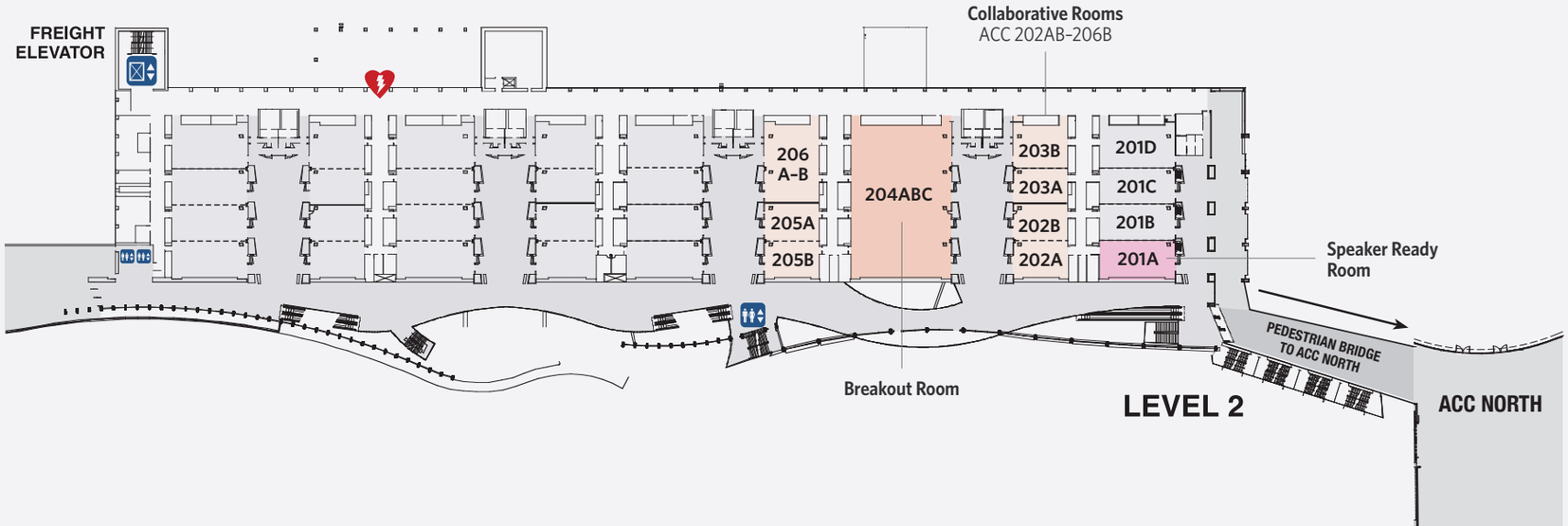

NTDS 20th Anniversary,
as Reported in NTDS

NTDS 20TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

REPORTING CRITERION: Report for the trauma data community celebrating the 20th anniversary of the National Trauma Data Standard (NTDS).

ELEMENT INTENT
To celebrate your contributions in collecting accurate, actionable data to improve the care of injured patients.

DESCRIPTION
Year in which NTDS data dictionary celebrates 20th anniversary, and all the work it takes every year for hospitals to abstract and submit high-quality data.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- Reported as YYYY
- Refers to the 20th NTDS Data Dictionary admission year and follows a Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) Annual Meeting filled with celebration, cookies, and animated movie characters.
- The null value "Not Applicable" is reported if you can't accept that it's been 20 years or if you've ever accidentally copied ACS staff on an email that was meant for your coworkers.

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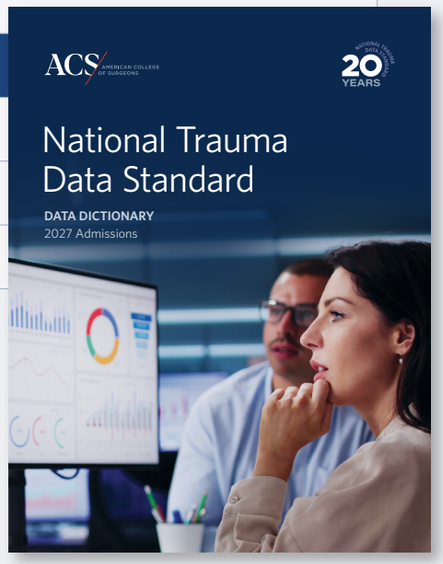
11223303	2	Year is a myth



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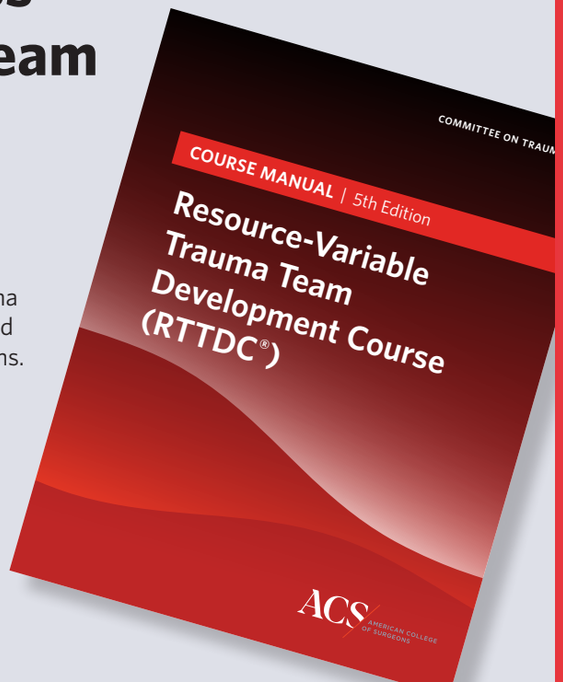

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