Getting Started Checklist for Level III... 

☐ Make sure your trauma center participates in NTDB and plans to contribute data in every TQIP quarterly call for data.

☐ Check with your trauma registry vendor to confirm that you are fully compliant with the National Trauma Data Standard (NTDS), and that all relevant fields have been appropriately mapped. We are asking Level III centers to continue to only submit the Core Dataset (all NTDS data variables without Process Measures) when they join TQIP. At this time, we are not asking Level III centers to collect or submit Process Measures.

☐ Check with your trauma registry vendor to confirm that you have fully implemented the NTDS data dictionary.

☐ Submit a completed ACS TQIP Information Form.

☐ Ensure your hospital has signed the updated BAA/DUA with The American College of Surgeons.

☐ Execute a Hospital Participation Agreement.

☐ Pay the annual adult Level III TQIP fee of $7,000.

☐ Obtain commitment from the Trauma Medical Director (TMD) or his/her designee to oversee ACS TQIP implementation and administration at your hospital. The TMD or designee must agree to participate in periodic conference calls and attend the ACS TQIP Annual Meeting and Training.

☐ Agree to employ a qualified, dedicated registrar/abstractor to collect and submit data to TQIP (in most cases, this is your current registrar).

☐ The registrar must regularly participate in ACS TQIP training activities, including monthly educational experiences, quarterly webinars, and the TQIP online course.

☐ Provide funding (travel and accommodations) for your registrar and other trauma team members to attend the ACS TQIP Annual Meeting and Training meeting each year.