

TraumaSystems evaluation & planning committee



ACS TRAUMA SYSTEM CONSULTATION PROGRAM FACT SHEET

WHAT IS A TRAUMA SYSTEM CONSULTATION?

The Trauma System Consultation program of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS/COT) provides a comprehensive, on-site trauma system review covering 18 general sections under the 3 core functions within the public health model:

- Trauma System Assessment
- Trauma System Policy Development
- Trauma System Assurance

Through briefings, dialogue with system participants, and a prereview questionnaire, the team provides a critical analysis of the current system status and formulates recommendations for system improvement and enhancements.

WHEN AND BY WHOM SHOULD A CONSULTATION BE REQUESTED?

An ACS/COT trauma system consultation is appropriate for trauma systems at various stages of development and maturity. It is most useful when there is a clear commitment to the further development of the system.

The ACS will consider trauma system consultation requests from any agency with the authority to speak on behalf of the system to be reviewed. Consultations may be performed on various jurisdictional levels including:

- Country
- Multi-State
- Single State
- Regional
- Local (city or county)

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

A multidisciplinary team of national trauma system experts provides an independent assessment of the trauma system and formulates recommendations for logical next steps in system development. Team members include:

- Trauma Surgeons
- Emergency Medicine Physicians
- Trauma Coordinators
- EMS Directors

The credibility of the team members and the objectivity of the process serve to facilitate system improvement and may assist the requesting agency with leveraging change or with securing additional resources.

WHAT IS THE BIS FACILITATION PROCESS?

The Benchmark Indicator and Scoring (BIS) Facilitation Process is a self-assessment tool included in the 2006 HRSA Model Trauma System Planning and Evaluation document. It is designed to allow trauma care systems at local, regional, and state levels to establish baseline indicators across a broad range of activities, to identify areas in the greatest need of improvement, and to measure progress toward the attainment of various objectives over time.

The Trauma System Evaluation and Planning Committee has designed a program to provide participants with the information and skills necessary to use the self-assessment process to its greatest advantage, regardless of the developmental level of the trauma system to which it is being applied.

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