

# COALITION FOR NATIONAL TRAUMA RESEARCH (CNTR)

## ORGANIZATIONAL PRINCIPLES

**I. MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:** This agreement is entered into by the founding members of the Coalition for National Trauma Research (CNTR), which includes:

National Trauma Institute	(NTI)
American Association for the Surgery of Trauma	(AAST)
ACS Committee on Trauma	(COT)
Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma	(EAST)
Western Trauma Association	(WTA)
American Trauma Society	(ATS)

## **II. BACKGROUND:**

The Member Organizations comprise the principal national academic and professional societies for trauma surgeons, trauma research and trauma-related programs. These organizations have existed separately in the past and will continue to do so, as each institution has its own mission and activities.

No federal program exists to organize or substantially fund a national trauma research program. Therefore these organizations have agreed to work together to develop the mechanisms and funding needed to address the critical need for translational trauma research. These organizations have joined together in a formal coalition to achieve a heightened level of collaboration and ultimately to be successful.

The combined expertise of CNTR organizations includes substantial investigator communities, federal advocacy and communications expertise, trauma systems and measurement competencies, and connection to trauma centers and the survivor community. CNTR speaks for more than 8,000 professionals in the field of trauma.

The purpose of this agreement is to set the roles and commitments of CNTR to achieve its mission as set forth below.

## **III. MISSION:**

CNTR goals include:

- Consistent and significant federal and other research funding for research that increases understanding of the mechanisms of trauma injury and improves and advances clinical practice
- A common research agenda that establishes priorities and eliminates redundancies

- A robust trauma research infrastructure, including a National Trauma Research Repository and a Trauma Clinical Trials Network

**IV. GOVERNANCE:** The Executive Committee shall govern CNTR.

A. The CNTR Executive Committee shall include a designee from these member organizations: AAST, NTI, COT, EAST, and WTA. AAST and NTI shall have two additional members each. Representatives from AAST and NTI shall be co-chairs of the Executive Committee. Each of these organizations is represented on the Executive Committee and each organization determines its representative on the Executive Committee. Each member shall serve a two-year term and initial terms shall be staggered.

B. The Executive Committee shall keep minutes of all meetings. Organizations' representatives are expected to maintain open communication with their respective organizations so that CNTR plans and proceedings are well-known and understood at all levels.

C. The Executive Committee shall meet by teleconference or in person no less than quarterly.

**V. COMMITTEES**

In addition to the Executive Committee, other committees that are established and supported include the following.

A. Federal Relations—this committee is charged with planning and implementing strategies to educate members of Congress as well as federal agencies about trauma, its impact on the American population, both civilian and military, the economic burden of trauma; and for achieving a sustained level of federal funding for trauma research.

B. Trauma Research Agenda Committee—this committee is charged with the development and maintenance of a national research agenda that identifies and prioritizes specific clinical issues.

C. Clinical Trials Network Committee—this committee is charged with developing a formal network of trauma centers that will participate in national trauma studies. These trauma centers are required to have the researchers and infrastructure necessary to achieve the required results.

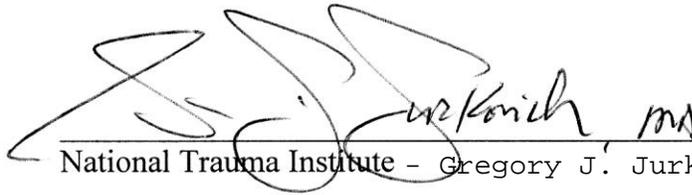
D. Trauma Research Data Repository Committee—this committee is charged with developing a database of the clinical research data collected from federally-funded trauma research studies, and to develop the methods and policies to encourage ongoing use and of the resulting data for further enquiries and research following the initial studies.

**VI. AMENDMENT TO THIS AGREEMENT:** Additional member institutions of CNTR may be added as determined by the Executive Committee. This agreement can be amended and revised as agreed upon by the Executive Committee.

**VII. APPROVALS:** The undersigned organizations signify approval of this agreement, which is in effect as of October 27, 2014.



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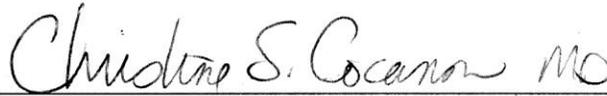
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