



Massachusetts Department of Public Health

TRAUMA SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

June 9, 2025

*Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality
Massachusetts Department of Public Health*

Meeting Agenda

- Department Reminder – Open Meeting Law
- Trauma Registry Update
- Prehospital Blood Transfusion Discussion and Vote
- Discussion about Future Trauma Systems Committee Meetings
- Public Comment (if time allows)

Open Meeting Law: G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25

- The purpose of open meeting law (OML) is to ensure transparency in the deliberations on which public policy is based.
 - This requires that meetings of public bodies be open to the public.
- All meetings of a public body must be open to the public.
 - A meeting is any deliberation by a public body with respect to any matter within the body's jurisdiction.
 - A deliberation is a communication between members among members of a public body.
- A public body is any multi-member board, commission, committee or subcommittee within the executive or legislative branches (except the Legislature) of state government
 - This includes any body created to advise or make recommendations
- Under OML the public is permitted to attend meetings.
 - Individuals in meetings may not address the public body without the permission of the chair.
 - Public participation is allowed at the discretion of the chair.
- For more information on Open Meeting Law, please visit:
 - <https://www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law>

Massachusetts Trauma Registry Updates

- All data through Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Quarter 4 were due March 16, 2025
- Quality improvement activities are ongoing
- CY 2025 data specifications will be posted after review

| Quarter | Reporting Period | Data Submission Deadline |
|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| CY 2025 Q1 | January 1-March 31 | July 13 |
| CY 2025 Q2 | April 1-June 30 | September 12 |
| CY 2025 Q3 | July 1-September 30 | December 12 |
| CY 2025 Q4 | October 1-December 31 | March 13 |

*All dates are subject to change by the Department.

Trauma Registry Data Submissions from Community Hospitals

- Community Hospitals continue to receive support from DPH and the vendor ESO to improve reporting
- Nearly all community hospitals that have submitted data have completed submissions
 - 2 community hospitals have historic data to be submitted to the Trauma Registry for FFY2021 through CY2023
 - 4 community hospitals have not completed successful data submission to the Trauma Registry for CY2024

| Count of Community Hospital Trauma Registry Submissions by Year | | | | |
|---|----------------------|--|---|--------------|
| Year | Number of Facilities | # Community Hospitals Missing All Data for Time Period | # Community Hospitals Reporting some Quarters | # Up to Date |
| FFY 2021 | 44 | 2 | 0 | 42 |
| FFY 2022 | 44 | 2 | 0 | 42 |
| CY2022 Q4 (10/1/2022-12/31/2022) | 44 | 2 | 0 | 42 |
| CY 2023* | 44 | 2 | 2 | 40 |
| CY2024 | 44** | 4 | 2 | 38 |

*Signature Brockton Hospital exempt from CY2023 Q2 through CY2024 Q2 due to Feb 2023 fire

**Melrose Wakefield Hospital became designated trauma center Jan 2024,

**North Adams Regional Hospital became community hospital June 2024

Data Source: Massachusetts Trauma Registry, extracted 06/02/2025

Trauma Registry Data Submissions from Designated Trauma Centers

- All Massachusetts Trauma Centers have successfully submitted data to Trauma Registry CY2024 Q1 through Q4
- CY2024 Q4 (10/01/2024-12/31/2024) data submission were due March 16, 2025
- Submissions are being reviewed for data quality

| Count of Trauma Center Registry Submissions by Year | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---|--|--------------|
| Year | Number of Facilities | # Trauma Centers Missing All Data for Time Period | # Trauma Centers reporting some Quarters | # Up to Date |
| CY 2024 | 18 | n/a | n/a | 18 |

Data Source: Massachusetts Trauma Registry, extracted 06/02/2025

Prehospital Blood Transfusion Discussion

- Low Titer Type O+ Whole Blood (LTOWB) or Packed Red Blood Cells (PRBC) Transfusion Protocol
- Requires a level of oversight not typical of other medical director option protocols.
- Implementation of this protocol will require a specific letter of approval from the Office of Emergency Medical Services.
- Assessment of a proposed program for approval will include assessments of blood bank participation, storage protocols training content and availability as a regional resource.

Discussion about Future Trauma Systems Committee Meetings

- What are the two biggest problems you see for trauma care in MA over the next two years?
- What are the two best ways you can think of to improve trauma care in MA over the next two years?
- Keeping in mind that the Trauma Systems Committee is an advisory committee, what do you envision as the potentially biggest contributions of the Committee over the next two years?

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