Five-Year Plan
Office of Trauma
State Trauma System Plan
December 2005–December 2010

A report of the Florida Office of Trauma and the goals and activities planned for the next five years.
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December 2005

The Department of Health, Office of Trauma was pleased to provide a report on the Comprehensive Assessment of Trauma Care to the legislature last year.

Based on the recommendations of this report, Chapters 318.14, 318.18, and 395.4036, Florida Statutes (F.S.), were amended during the 2005 session, which directed the department to implement $7.5 million dollars to the 21 state-approved trauma centers. Key projects for the State Trauma System Implementation Committee from 2000-2005 included the transfer and consultation criteria development, hospital partnership development, trauma service area review, trauma regions development, trauma registry development/implementation, disaster planning, Health Resources and Services Administration grants recipients with over/under triage and bombs, burns, and blasts. Congratulations to the members of the 2000–2005 State Trauma System Implementation Committee who worked to implement this plan.

The Florida Department of Health's, Office of Trauma, is pleased to present Florida's 2005–2010 Office of Trauma, State Trauma System Plan. This plan outlines goals, objectives, strategies, and activities to continue providing Florida with a road map to future statewide collaborative efforts within the continuum of care. This plan encompasses stakeholders from injury prevention, pre-hospital, Emergency Medical Services, acute care hospitals, trauma centers, rehab facilities, trauma agencies, quality improvement and research, disaster preparedness and public health preparedness.

Significant progress has been made in establishing the needs of Florida’s trauma victims. The committee identified critical concerns and now shares with you those concerns and their goals to continue the inclusive trauma system in the following State Trauma System Plan December 2005–December 2010.

Sincerely,

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Secretary, Department of Health
Executive Summary

The State Trauma System Plan December 2005 — December 2010 is the second five-year State Trauma System Plan designed to improve the existing trauma system and meet the needs of all trauma victims in an inclusive trauma system. The first plan, published in December 2000, serves as the foundation for the development and enhancement of current and future goals, objectives, and strategies.

The process for development of the State Trauma System Plan December 2005 — December 2010 incorporates elements of the Florida Sterling Council’s Sterling Criteria for Organizational Performance Excellence. The criteria provide a systematic approach to evaluate and improve processes and organizational performance based on a rigorous and comprehensive set of criteria, which include all the essential elements of a high-performing organization and provide a comprehensive framework for aligning resources, integrating approaches, and improving organizational effectiveness and capabilities.

The Office of Trauma’s approach to implement the Sterling Management System for its strategic planning process includes a systematic four-phase process for strategy development and action plan deployment. The four-phase process includes Plan, Develop, Implement, and Review. The Plan phase includes a foundation review of existing goals, objectives, and strategies; identification, analysis, and prioritization of key organizational factors; and a gap analysis of current and future strategies. The Develop phase includes identification and prioritization of strategic goals; development of strategic objectives and strategies; and determination of resources, timelines, funding implications, and measures of success. Communication of strategies to staff and stakeholders and development of detailed action plans complete the Implement phase. Reviews of measures, outcomes, action plans, and an annual review of the five-year plan ensure strategies and actions stay current with organizational, customer, and stakeholder needs and changing requirements. The State Trauma System Plan December 2005 — December 2010 is the result of these processes and is outlined in this document.
Mission, Vision and Values

TRAUMA MISSION: Facilitate, promote and ensure that residents and visitors in Florida receive quality trauma care through planning, preparedness, and quality assurance.

TRAUMA VISION: All traumatically-injured patients in Florida will receive quality care at a trauma center within the Golden Hour.

TRAUMA VALUES:

- **Customers** — we put the patient first — always!
- The following values guide all our interactions with customers, stakeholders, employees and peers:
  - **Excellence** — we achieve and maintain quality results and outcomes through continuous performance improvement and learning.
  - **Commitment to service**: we dedicate ourselves to provide services unconditionally and without partiality.
  - **Accountability**: we take full responsibility for our behavior and performance.
  - **Empowerment**: we create a culture that encourages people to exercise their judgment and initiative in pursuit of our goals.
  - **Integrity** — our guide for our actions — which incorporates our commitment to honesty, fairness, loyalty, and trustworthiness — is in the best interests of our customers and employees.
  - **Respect** — we recognize and honor the contributions of one another in our daily activities and create an environment where diversity is appreciated and encouraged.
  - **Teamwork** — we encourage active collaboration to solve problems, make decisions, and achieve common goals.
Goal 1 Leadership: Have a viable, active state lead agency with authority, responsibility and resources to plan, implement and evaluate an inclusive trauma system for Florida.

Goal 2 Injury Prevention and Control: Have a state trauma system that is an active partner in a state-coordinated system for reducing injury-related morbidity and mortality.

Goal 3 Emergency/Disaster Preparedness Plan: Have a trauma system prepared to respond to emergency and disaster situations in coordination with state disaster plans.

Goal 4 Pre-Hospital Care — Transport: In coordination with the goals of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) State Plan, to establish guidelines specific to the transport of trauma patients that result in timely and safe delivery to trauma care.

Goal 5 Definitive Care — Trauma Centers: Establish a statewide network of trauma centers, meeting minimum state standards for operation and provision of quality trauma care, in coordination with all other trauma system participants.

Goal 6 Definitive Care — Medical Rehabilitation: Establish rehabilitation centers as active participants in Florida’s inclusive trauma system, resulting in coordinated post-acute care for trauma victims.

Goal 7 Evaluation, Quality Management & Performance Improvement: Establish a statewide system evaluation, quality management, and performance improvement process.

Goal 8 Regional System Evaluation: Establish regional system evaluation, quality management, and performance improvement in areas without a trauma agency.

Goal 9 Trauma Registry: To provide an accurate and accessible trauma registry to support trauma system evaluation, performance improvement, public health planning, injury prevention, and outcomes research.
## GOAL 1

**LEADERSHIP**

Have a viable, active state lead agency with authority, responsibility and resources to plan, implement and evaluate an inclusive trauma system for Florida.

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<td>1A Designate the Office of Trauma within the Department of Health (DOH) as the lead office with responsibility to implement and maintain a comprehensive trauma system.</td>
<td>1998–Ongoing</td>
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<td>Trauma Stakeholders and Community Organizations</td>
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<td>1B Develop and implement a statewide multidisciplinary trauma system committee, with membership to include the entities listed in Chapter 395, Florida Statutes, including the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing, to provide overall guidance to trauma system planning.</td>
<td>1998–Ongoing</td>
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<td>May be accomplished with current funding.</td>
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<td>1C Develop coordinated guidelines, standards and rules that clearly define trauma system standards, consistent with Florida Statutes, to ensure and enforce compliance.</td>
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<td>1D Develop and seek adequate funding for Florida's inclusive trauma system.</td>
<td>2005–2010</td>
<td>DOH AHCA</td>
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<td>1E Develop adequate, permanent/recurring funding for all components of local and regional trauma agencies, trauma centers and the DOH.</td>
<td>2005–2010</td>
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<td>Trauma Stakeholders, Community Organizations, and Elected state, county, &amp; local officials</td>
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**Measures of success:**

- Establish communication linking local, regional, and state trauma organizations.
- Develop strategies to work with Florida Hospital Association, Florida Alliance, and Florida Legislature to increase funding.
- The lead agency has developed and implemented a statewide multidisciplinary trauma system committee to provide overall guidance to trauma system planning and implementation strategies.
- The trauma system plan clearly describes the system design and is used to guide system implementation and management.
- Designated funding for the trauma system support infrastructure (lead agency) is legislatively appropriated.
- Legislative authority (statute and rule) plans, develops, implements, manages and evaluates the trauma system and its component's parts including the identification of the lead agency and the designation of trauma facilities.
- Legislative authority states that all trauma system components, EMS, injury control, emergency management, and planning documents link together for the effective implementation of the trauma system.
- Administrative rules direct the development of operational policies and procedures at the state, regional and local levels.
- The lead agency has clearly defined trauma system standards, facility transfer protocols, triage protocols, and data collection standards and has sufficient legal authority to ensure and enforce compliance.
- The lead agency has implemented/evaluated a statewide multidisciplinary committee for planning and meets quarterly.
GOAL 2
INJURY PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Have a state trauma system that is an active partner in a state-coordinated system for reducing injury-related morbidity and mortality.

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<td>2A Develop and implement strategies for trauma system participants to effectively contribute to primary prevention and research activities for injury prevention.</td>
<td>1998–Ongoing</td>
<td>DOH FCOT</td>
<td>Trauma Stakeholders, OIP, BSCI, EMS</td>
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<td>2B Coordinate with the development of the State Injury Prevention Plan, and incorporate relevant information into the State Trauma System Plan.</td>
<td>2000–Ongoing</td>
<td>DOH OIP</td>
<td>Trauma Stakeholders, FCOT, BSCI, EMS</td>
<td>No additional funding required.</td>
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<td>2C Promote the use of successful injury prevention strategies to local community leaders and encourage community partnerships.</td>
<td>2006–2010</td>
<td>DOH OIP</td>
<td>FCOT, BSCI, EMS</td>
<td>No additional funding required.</td>
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<td>2D Assure that there are appropriate trauma public awareness and injury prevention programs.</td>
<td>1998–Ongoing</td>
<td>DOH DOH (Trauma)</td>
<td>OIP, BSCI, EMS</td>
<td>May be accomplished with current funding.</td>
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**Measures of success:**

- Establish community partnership in local area.
- Clearly define high-risk groups at the local and state levels.
- Decrease specified injuries in high-risk groups.
- Utilize web site and disseminate information.
- Develop strategies for primary prevention activities.
- Identify existing programs and partnerships within geographic area.
- A public information and education program exists that heightens public awareness of trauma as a disease, the need for a trauma system, and the preventability of injury.
GOAL 3
EMERGENCY/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Have a trauma system prepared to respond to emergency and disaster situations in coordination with state disaster plans.

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<td>3A Establish coordinated emergency and disaster planning criteria for all participants in Florida’s trauma system.</td>
<td>1998-2011</td>
<td>DOH EOC DOH (Trauma)</td>
<td>EMS, PHP</td>
<td>May be accomplished with current funding.</td>
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<td>3B Establish emergency/disaster response plans to assure trauma system readiness for all components of the trauma system.</td>
<td>1998-2011</td>
<td>DOH EOC DOH (Trauma)</td>
<td>EMS, PHP</td>
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<td>3C Encourage active trauma system participant involvement in local, regional, and state disaster preparedness planning.</td>
<td>2000-2010</td>
<td>DOH EOC DOH (Trauma)</td>
<td>EMS, PHP</td>
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Measures of success:

- Trauma system plan has established clearly defined methods of integrating with disaster preparedness plans (all hazards).
- Trauma system plan has defined methods of integrating the trauma system plan with the EMS, emergency disaster, and Public Health Preparedness plans.
- Trauma system plan includes identification of additional resources, both work force and equipment, necessary to respond to mass casualty situations.
- The trauma system and the disaster management system have formal established linkages for support integration and operational management.
- The trauma system has completed gap analysis based on resource assessment for trauma disaster preparedness.
GOAL 4
PRE-HOSPITAL CARE: TRANSPORT

In coordination with the goals of the EMS State Plan, to establish guidelines specific to the transport of trauma patients that result in timely and safe delivery to trauma care.

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<td>4A Develop a partnership between trauma centers, EMS providers, and acute care hospitals.</td>
<td>2000–Ongoing</td>
<td>DOH, EMS</td>
<td>Trauma Stakeholders, EMS Advisory, AHCA, FHA, FCOT</td>
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<td>4B Evaluate the effectiveness of the adult and pediatric trauma triage criteria with regard to determination of appropriate destinations.</td>
<td>2000–Ongoing</td>
<td>DOH, EMS</td>
<td>Trauma Stakeholders, EMS Advisory, AHCA, FHA, FCOT</td>
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<td>4C Assure that EMS personnel are prepared to meet the challenges of providing health services competently.</td>
<td>2000–Ongoing</td>
<td>DOH, EMS</td>
<td>EMS Advisory</td>
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Measures of success:

- The trauma system is supported by an EMS system that includes communication, medical oversight, pre-hospital triage, and transportation.
- There are mandatory system-wide, pre-hospital triage criteria to ensure that trauma patients are transported to an appropriate facility based on their injuries.
- There is a procedure for communication among medical facilities when arranging for inter-facility transfers.
GOAL 5
DEFINITIVE CARE: TRAUMA CENTERS

Establish a statewide network of trauma centers, meeting minimum state standards for operation and provision of quality trauma care, in coordination with all other trauma system participants.

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<td>5A Establish and implement a process and timeframe for the periodic review of trauma center standards.</td>
<td>1998-Ongoing</td>
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<td>5B Review the assignment of counties to trauma service areas and the distribution of available trauma centers and make recommendations accordingly.</td>
<td>1998-Ongoing</td>
<td>DOH DOH (Trauma)</td>
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<td>5C Evaluate the trauma center standards revisions that were effective June 2005. Develop and implement further revisions as appropriate.</td>
<td>2005-Ongoing</td>
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<td>5D Develop educational materials for acute care hospitals on all aspects of the hospital partnership concept.</td>
<td>2005-Ongoing</td>
<td>DOH DOH (Trauma)</td>
<td>Trauma Stakeholders</td>
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Measures of success:

- DOH should ensure the numbers, levels and distribution of trauma centers required to meet system demands are available.
- DOH should ensure trauma center standards are monitored for compliance. Deficiencies are recognized and corrective action is implemented.
- Variations in standards are monitored and received annually and improvements made.
- Customer evaluations are implemented for EMS/hospital partnerships.
GOAL 6
DEFINITIVE CARE: MEDICAL REHABILITATION

Establish rehabilitation centers as active participants in Florida’s inclusive trauma system, resulting in coordinated post-acute care for trauma victims.

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<td>6A Establish guidelines for development of regional trauma plans that address medical rehabilitation needs of trauma victims.</td>
<td>2006</td>
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<td>6B Develop and implement an integrated site survey process for the trauma center program and the brain and spinal cord injury program.</td>
<td>2007</td>
<td>DOH</td>
<td>Trauma Centers, BSCI</td>
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Measures of success:

- The trauma system leadership informs and educates constituencies and policy makers through community development activities and targeted media messages aimed at medical rehabilitation needs of trauma patients.
- The trauma system clearly defines the roles of all acute care hospitals within the system jurisdiction specialty population (spinal cord patients are identified and appropriate policies are implemented and tracked).
- BSCI program and trauma center site surveys are based on 395.4025, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and DOH/BSCI standards of care, customer evaluations are done by out of state surveyors and hospital personnel.
- The lead agency has incorporated within the trauma center standards requirements for inter-facility transfers.
GOAL 7
EVALUATION, QUALITY MANAGEMENT & PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT

Establish a statewide system evaluation, quality management and performance improvement process.

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<td>7A Develop a process for statewide review of trauma center performance, to identify trends and promote improved trauma care through a quality management environment.</td>
<td>2006</td>
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<td>7B Establish a process to incorporate trauma center quality management into the system quality management program at state level.</td>
<td>2007</td>
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<td>7C Develop and implement a method for evaluating trauma system effectiveness, including identification of future plan goals and objectives based on the outcome of the evaluation.</td>
<td>2007</td>
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<td>7D Identify and evaluate existing tools for trauma system evaluation, including the American College of Surgeons’ trauma system evaluation process.</td>
<td>2007</td>
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<td>7E Develop comprehensive process to evaluate the effectiveness of the inclusive trauma system at the local, regional, and state level.</td>
<td>2008</td>
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**Measures of success:**

- Collected data is used for strategic and budgetary planning.
- Collected data from a variety of resources is used to review the appropriateness of trauma system policies and procedures.
- Education for trauma system participants is developed based on a review and evaluation of trauma system data.
- Trauma data reports are generated by the trauma system no less than once per year and are disseminated to trauma system leaderships and stakeholders to evaluate and improve care.
- The multidisciplinary trauma system committee regularly reviews trauma system data reports to monitor trauma system performance and to determine the need for system modifications.
- Pre-hospital care providers collect data by a run report on each patient, provide data to the hospital, and have a mechanism to evaluate the data.
GOAL 8
REGIONAL SYSTEM EVALUATION

Establish regional system evaluation, quality management and performance improvement in areas without a trauma agency.

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<td>8A Develop and implement a comprehensive regional trauma system to address trauma issues at the local level.</td>
<td>2005-2010</td>
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<td>Association of Florida Trauma Agencies, Trauma Stakeholders, and Community Organizations</td>
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<td>8B Establish trauma regions that include EMS and trauma system stakeholder groups.</td>
<td>2005-2007</td>
<td>DOH</td>
<td>Association of Florida Trauma Agencies, Trauma Stakeholders, and Community Organizations</td>
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<td>8C Establish appropriate roles for trauma agencies to assist in furthering the operation of trauma systems at the regional level.</td>
<td>2005-2007</td>
<td>DOH</td>
<td>Association of Florida Trauma Agencies, Trauma Stakeholders, and Community Organizations</td>
<td>May be accomplished with current funding.</td>
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<td>8D Establish a process for periodic evaluation of human resource needs at the regional level.</td>
<td>2005-Ongoing</td>
<td>DOH</td>
<td>Association of Florida Trauma Agencies, Trauma Stakeholders, and Community Organizations</td>
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Measures of success:
- Establish community, local, regional partnership in trauma regions.
- Identify existing resources and services within trauma regions.
- Provide for ongoing communication with stakeholders, elected officials and policy leaders.
- Legislation to determine trauma regions and integrating emergency medical services, emergency and public health preparedness, and local health care systems.
- Education for state, regional and local constituencies and policy makers fosters collaboration and cooperation for trauma regional planning system enhancement.
GOAL 9
TRAUMA REGISTRY

To provide an accurate and accessible trauma registry to support trauma system evaluation, performance improvement, public health planning, injury prevention, and outcomes research.

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<td>9A Develop a comprehensive, periodic reporting process that ensures accurate data and timely availability.</td>
<td>2007</td>
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<td>Trauma Stakeholders, EMS</td>
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<td>9B Present to providers a regular review and comparison of patient outcomes at a state level to facilitate and ensure an effective quality improvement process.</td>
<td>2007</td>
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<td>May be accomplished with current funding.</td>
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<td>9C Develop inter-departmental and external partnerships to share and integrate data for the purpose of improving patient outcomes and facilitating planning throughout the course of patient care.</td>
<td>2008-2009</td>
<td>DOH</td>
<td>Trauma Stakeholders, EMS, BSCI, OIP</td>
<td>May be accomplished with current funding.</td>
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<td>9D Implement a more responsive, uniform and streamline data set and electronic collection process that is more readily integrated with quality assurance process and other data sets.</td>
<td>2008-2009</td>
<td>DOH</td>
<td>Trauma Stakeholders, EMS, BSCI, OIP</td>
<td>May require additional funding to implement new technologies.</td>
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Measures of success:

- The department has a computerized data management system based upon industry standards to collect, link and provide for the reporting of trauma outcomes, research and performance improvement.
- The lead agency prepares annual reports on trauma care in the state, regional and local areas.
- Datasets from pre-hospital, trauma, acute care, rehabilitation, vital statistics and others throughout the continuum of care are linked for the purpose of system planning, injury prevention, performance improvement and research.
- The trauma system implements and regularly reviews a standardized report on patient care outcomes as measured against state and national norms.
Appendix A

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Appendix B — Trauma Centers Location Map

Pensacola
1. Baptist Hospital**
2. Sacred Heart Hospital***/**
3. West Florida Regional Medical Center**

Jacksonville
4. Shands Jacksonville Medical Center*

Daytona Beach
5. Halifax Medical Center**

Melbourne
6. Holmes Regional Medical Center**

Orlando
7. Orlando Regional Medical Center*

Lakeland
8. Lakeland Regional Medical Center**

Saint Petersburg
9. Bayfront Medical Center**
10. All Children’s Hospital***

Tampa
11. Saint Joseph Hospital***/**
12. Tampa General Hospital*

Fort Myers
13. Lee Memorial Hospital**

West Palm Beach
14. Saint Mary’s Hospital***/**

Delray Beach
15. Delray Medical Center***/**

Pompano Beach
16. North Broward Medical Center**

Fort Lauderdale
17. Broward General Medical Center*

Hollywood
18. Memorial Regional Hospital*

Miami
19. Jackson Memorial Hospital Ryder Trauma Center*
20. Miami Children’s Hospital***

Gainesville
21. Shands at the University of Florida

*Level I
**Level II
***Pediatric Trauma Referral Center
Appendix C — Acronyms and Components of an Inclusive Trauma System

Acronyms

AHCA: Agency for Health Care Administration
ACS: American College of Surgeons
A.R.N.P.: Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
BSCI: Brain and Spinal Cord Injury
D.O.: Diploma in Osteopathy
DOH: Department of Health
EMS: Emergency Medical Services
EOC: Emergency Operations Center
F.A.C.S.: Fellow of the American College of Surgeons
FCOT: Florida Committee on Trauma
FHA: Florida Hospital Association
M.D.: Medicinae Doctor (Doctor of Medicine)
M.S.: Masters of Science
M.S.N.: Masters of Science in Nursing
M.S.P.H.: Masters of Science in Public Health
OIP: Office of Injury Prevention
Ph.D.: Doctor of Philosophy
PHP: Public Health Preparedness
R.N.: Registered Nurse
STSPIC: State Trauma System Plan Implementation Committee
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- The 21 Trauma Centers of Florida
- Florida Committee on Trauma
- State Trauma System Plan Implementation Committee
- American College of Surgeons
- Out of State Consultants (site visit consultants)
- EMS Advisory Council
- Agency for Health Care Administration
- American Burn Association
- Florida Hospital Association
- Florida Homes for the Aged
- Florida Health Care Association
- Department of Elder Affairs
- Department of Health
- BSCI Program & Association
- Office of Injury Prevention
- Office of Public Health Preparedness
- Bureau of EMS
- Emergency Operations Center
- EMS Providers and Directors
- Emergency Room Nurses and Flight Programs
- Trauma Agencies
- Trauma Registrars
- American Trauma Society
- Hospice