

SUBJECT: **TRAUMA QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE - TRAUMA HOSPITAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (THAC-QI)**

REFERENCE NO. 615

PURPOSE: Care of the injured patient requires a system approach to ensure optimal care. To assist the EMS Agency, the Trauma Quality Improvement Committee shall assess, monitor, and facilitate the Quality Improvement (QI) process for the Los Angeles County Trauma Centers.

AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code Division 2.5
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 7, Section 100256
California Evidence Code, Section 1157.7
California Civil Code, Part 2.6, Section 56.

PRINCIPLE: The proceedings of the Trauma Quality Improvement Subcommittee shall be free from disclosure and discovery. (Section 1157.7, California Evidence Code)

POLICY:

- I. The THAC-QI Committee shall be responsible for:
 - A. The ongoing review of the Los Angeles County Trauma Center System Regional Quality Improvement Program.
 - B. Developing new and validating current system QI filters.
 - C. Identifying system issues, developing a plan for improvement, and monitoring results.
 - D. Coordinating and compiling focused studies/research on selected issues.
 - E. Developing quality management recommendations for the trauma system.
- II. The membership of THAC-QI Committee will represent both private and County-operated trauma centers and a geographical cross section of Los Angeles County. THAC-QI Committee Membership shall consist of the following:
 - A. One physician representative from each Regional Quality Improvement Committee (R-QIC), and alternate.
 - B. One Trauma Program Manager from each R-QIC, and alternate.
 - C. EMS Agency Trauma QI Coordinator.

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Director, EMS Agency

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Medical Director, EMS Agency

- D. EMS Agency Trauma System Program Manager
 - E. Other individuals whose presence is germane to the quality assurance/improvement process may be invited as ad hoc members:
- III. Quality Improvement Subcommittee (THAC-QI) Procedures:
- A. The THAC-QI Committee shall meet every other month.
 - B. Meeting location and agenda shall be the responsibility of the EMS Agency Trauma QI Coordinator.
 - C. Each R-QIC chair or representative shall provide a report on the region's activities, and a summary of the quarterly system indicators.
 - D. Unresolved systems issues shall be forwarded, with written recommendations, to THAC for action.
 - E. Unresolved institutional issues shall be forwarded, with written recommendations, to the Trauma System Quality Improvement Committee for action.
 - F. The EMS Agency Trauma QI Coordinator shall maintain an official attendance roster which shall include the Evidence Code 1157.7 section regarding confidentiality.
 - G. The EMS Agency shall maintain all records in a confidential manner.

CROSS REFERENCE:

Prehospital Care Policy Manual:

Ref. No. 614, **Trauma System Quality Improvement Committee - (Ad Hoc)**

Ref. No. 616, **Trauma Hospital Regional Quality Improvement Program**

Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient, 2006; American College of Surgeons.