



16th Annual SERTAC Conference:
The Cutting Edge in Trauma
Friday October 3rd, 2025

7am - 8 am: Registration & Breakfast

Duration: 1 Hour

Description: Check in, grab a plate, and find a seat!

Welcome to the Trauma Show: No Guts, No Glory!

Duration: 10 Minutes

Speakers:

- Keli Anderson, BSN, RN, SERTAC Chair, Trauma Program Coordinator – Ascension St. Joseph
- Ginger Knapp, MSN, RN, CEN, SERTAC Treasurer, Trauma Program Manager – Froedtert Hospital

Description: Welcome to the 2025 “Cutting Edge in Trauma” SERTAC Conference!

Top 10 Hot Topics in Trauma

Duration: 45 Minutes

Speaker: Dr. Michael Englehart, Trauma Medical Director – Billings Clinic, Montana

Description: A review of current challenges and research topics in trauma, blood transfusion, trauma resuscitation, and the surgical care of trauma patients.

High Stakes & Heartbeats: Responding to OB Emergencies with Confidence

Duration: 45 Minutes

Speaker: Courtney Pickar, MC, RNC-OB, ACNS-BC, C-ONQS, C-EFM – Perinatal CNS, Ascension St. Joseph

Description: Attendees will learn about some of the unique physiologic changes of pregnancy. Then incorporate that knowledge to recognize and understand warning signs of common OB emergencies and the interventions.

Pediatric Burns: What Makes Kids Different and Not Just Little Adults

Duration: 45 Minutes

Speaker: Kathey Wilson-Kocovsky, BSN, RN – Burn Program Manager, Children's Wisconsin

Description: This presentation will highlight the key differences between pediatric and adult burn patients, emphasizing the unique considerations in pediatric burn care. Attendees will review updated ABA pre-hospital guidelines and best practices for initial burn management. The session will conclude with an interactive photo-based trivia activity—Accident vs. Abuse—to enhance recognition of potential non-accidental injuries.

All Hands on Deck: Navigating Recovery After Gun Violence

Duration: 1 Hour

Speakers:

- Terri deRoos Cassini PhD: Medical Director of Trauma Psychology Program
Froedtert and The Medical College of Wisconsin
- Colleen Trevino, PhD: Trauma Quality of Life Clinic Director
Froedtert Hospital and The Medical College of Wisconsin
- Becca Laszkiewicz, MSN: Trauma Nurse Navigator
Froedtert Hospital
- Mark Briggs, BA: 414 Life Hospital Responder Supervisor
The Medical College of Wisconsin

Description:

This case study presentation will feature a multidisciplinary healthcare team discussing the entire continuum of care, from initial scene response to outpatient recovery for victims of gun violence. Each team member will highlight the critical role of collaboration and communication in providing comprehensive, trauma-informed support, while focusing on the unique emotional and psychological challenges faced by these patients. The session aims to equip healthcare professionals with strategies that promote healing and resilience in victims of gun violence in all phases of care.

Noon: Lunch Session

Duration: 1 Hour

Description: Refuel and visit our vendors!

Rural Trauma Care in the Big Sky – Big Challenges, Big Opportunities

Duration: 1 Hour

Speaker: Dr. Michael Englehart – Trauma Medical Director, Billings Clinic

Description: Montana is one of the most rural states in the US with unique environmental,

geographic, and educational barriers to the care of trauma patients. We will discuss the current challenges we face and unique solutions to address these challenges with the help of some case-based discussion.

Trauma-Informed Care: A Nurse's Approach

Duration: 45 Minutes

Speakers:

- Rachel Cortez, RN, CEN, SANE-A, SANE-P – Forensic Nurse Supervisor, Ascension Wisconsin
- Jamie Counsell, MLS, BSN, RN – SANE Program Lead, Mercyhealth WI & IL

Description: When we have a better understanding of the underlying traumas in our patient population our patients have better outcomes and compliance with their care. Better outcomes also leads to lower stress for staff. Come listen and interact with two nurses whose careers revolve around patient trauma and how they can help you improve your approach and provide better care in your role, whether it be as a Nurse or as EMS personnel in the field.

Challenging Patient Care During Vehicle Extrication

Duration: 1 Hour 40 Minutes

Speakers:

- Deputy Chief Andrew Norris – Pewaukee Fire Department
- Division Chief Dennis Graff – City of Waukesha Fire Department
- Chief Flight Nurse Nick Lehouillier - Flight for Life
- Operations and Safety Manager Jeremy Desotell - Flight for Life
- North Base Manager Brad Goch - Flight for Life

Description: Fire departments across the country respond to vehicle accidents daily. Patient care on a roadway can be challenging but becomes more challenging when the patient is trapped in the vehicle and requires the vehicle to be extricated in order to remove the patient for transport. 2 local fire departments will demonstrate the process of decision making for patient care and vehicle extrication in a coordinated effort to provide pre-hospital care of a trauma victim involved in a serious motor vehicle accident.

Note: DRESS FOR THE WEATHER! This is planned to be outdoors.

1700 pm: That's a Wrap! ...But the Learning Lives On

Duration: 10 Minutes

Speaker: Tom Thrash – SERTAC Coordinator, Region 7

Description: As a reminder, CEU's will be obtained after completion of the full day of activities and must be claimed within 7 days of the event.