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On behalf of the South East Regional Trauma Coordinating Committee (RTCC), I would like to extend an invitation to our first "face-to-face" meeting, which will take place at the beautiful Temecula Creek Inn in Temecula California, on January 9, 2009.

As you may know, in July 2008 a Statewide Trauma Systems Summit was convened by the Emergency Medical Services Authority in Sacramento. The Summit presented the history of trauma systems development in California and addressed the benefits and barriers of regionalizing trauma care in the state. Summit participants reached consensus to develop five working groups/regions (RTCC's) to explore processes, to identify resources and to improve care for trauma patients in California.

The South East RTCC includes the Counties of San Diego, Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono. The Steering Committee, composed of local and State Emergency Medical Services administrators, Trauma Surgeons, and Trauma Program Managers has had a number of conference calls to do the initial work, which will be presented in January 2009. We have worked to identify basic roles and responsibilities, resource gaps and system issues. At this time we would like to present this information to you and ask for your input to ensure that all concerns will be addressed as we move forward towards regionalization. To be successful, this must be an inclusive process and your participation and input is extremely important.

The steering committee created four sub-committees/working groups: Trauma Triage, Quality Improvement, Finances, and Repatriation. In just three months a tremendous amount of work has been done, in an attempt to collect information on processes in use by trauma systems and trauma hospitals within our region and to share experiences. I am sure you will identify yourself with some of the working groups and provide us with your thoughts and expertise.

Please accept our invitation to participate in the first meeting of the South East RTCC. Your contributions are essential to a successful outcome.

Attached you will find a proposed agenda to what we expect to be a very productive day in January.

See you all in Temecula on January 9, 2009.

Happy Holidays,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raul Coimbra".

Raul Coimbra, MD, PhD, FACS
Professor of Surgery
Chair, South East RTCC Steering Committee



South East Regional Trauma Coordinating Committee

Conference Agenda (Preliminary)

January 9, 2009

7:30 AM– 4:30PM

Temecula Creek Inn (To Be Confirmed)

- 7:30 – 8:00** **Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:00 – 8:10** **Welcome and Introduction**
Raul Coimbra, MD, PhD, FACS
- 8:10 – 8:30** **Statewide Perspective on Trauma Systems**
R. Steven Tharratt, MD, MPVM
Director, Emergency Medical Services Authority
- 8:30 – 8:45** **Overview of Statewide trauma system development activities**
Bonnie Sinz, RN
Chief, EMS Systems Division
Emergency Medical Services Authority
- Johnathan Jones RN, BSN**
Trauma Coordinator, EMS Systems Division
Emergency Medical Services Authority
- 8:45 – 8:50** **Description of Meeting Format**
Raul Coimbra MD, PhD, FACS
- 8:50 – 9:15** **Trauma Triage (25 minutes)**
Cindi Stoll RN, BSN, PHN, CEN
- 9:15 – 9:40** **Quality Improvement (25 minutes)**
Sharon Pacyna RN, BSN, MPH
Dorothy Kelley RN, MSN, CEN, NE-BC

- 9:40 – 10:00** **BREAK (20 minutes)**
- 10:00 – 10:25** **Funding (25 minutes)**
Virginia Hastings
- 10:25 – 10:50** **Repatriation (25 minutes)**
Les Gardina, RN, MSN, RN, PHN, CEN
Ryan Kelly, BS
- 10:50 – 11:20** **Discussion (30 minutes)**
- 11:20 – 12:00** **Lessons learned from the Train Crash in Los Angeles**
Chief Ernst (*To Be Confirmed*)
- 12:00 – 1:30** **Lunch Break - Networking**
- 1:30 – 3:30** **Break Out sessions (time to work on sub committee issues with broader input from participants which are not members of the steering committee)**
- **Trauma Triage**
 - **Quality Improvement**
 - **Funding and Repatriation**
- 3:30 – 3:45** **Coffee Break**
- 3:45 – 4:15** **Break Out Session Reports**
- 4:15 – 4:30** **Summary of the Day and Future Steps**
Raul Coimbra, Bonnie Sinz, Johnathan Jones
- 4:30** **Final Comments**
Brent Eastman MD, FACS