

American College of Surgeons
Point Counterpoint
Conference XLII
May 15 & 16, 2025

Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor
at Camden Yards
110 S. Eutaw Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

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Accreditation

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this program, the participant will be able to:

- Detect methods for blending current practices with new knowledge to shape the best delivery of applicable acute critical care
- Describe and explain the proper delivery of care in the prehospital environment for the critically ill patient
- Identify the best attainable methods of care for the resuscitation of the traumatically injured patient utilizing the appropriate personnel, procedures, and processes
- Analyze the controversies in the appropriate approaches of surgical techniques in the care for the critically injured patient
- Explain the best practices of care for the critically injured patient utilizing previous case studies
- Develop strategies for ensuring appropriate transition of the critically injured patient to post-discharge

COURSE CONTENT

This meeting will address relevant issues in trauma, emergency general surgery, and acute care. The format of Point Counterpoint - a pro/con debate, panel discussions, and breakout sessions - will allow for critical analyses of the current body of evidence with interaction from the moderators, the presenters, and the meeting participants.

COURSE DIRECTOR

Thomas M. Scalea, MD, FACS, MCCM
The Honorable Francis X. Kelly Distinguished Professor in Trauma
Director, Program in Trauma
University of Maryland School of Medicine
Physician in Chief, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center

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REGISTRATION/GENERAL INFORMATION

Early registration is encouraged. Space is limited. The registration fee includes tuition, two continental breakfasts, and two luncheon plenary sessions. A processing fee of \$100 will be withheld from all refunds requested after this date. All major credit cards are accepted and registration can be easily completed on our website, mdcot.com. All checks should be made payable to MDCOT. Refunds will be given if cancellation notice is received prior to **April 30, 2025**.

CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

We are once again honored and pleased to hold the 42nd annual meeting of Point Counterpoint May 15-16, 2025, in Baltimore Maryland. This two-day program will focus on state-of-the-art management strategies from common clinical issues, as well as challenging and controversial topics. Back by popular demand, Point Counterpoint will again offer afternoon breakout sessions tailored to the specifics of a wide range of "hot button" trends and relevant topics. This choice of sessions will appeal to a wide variety of participants.

We have attempted to make the content more broadly applicable to nurses, advanced practice professionals, and physicians from a variety of disciplines. Gathering all who care for these challenging patients for two days can only serve to make us all better.

The Charles C. Wolferth, Jr., MD, Memorial Lecture will be delivered on Thursday by David H. Livingston, MD, FACS. On Friday, Kathleen Martin, DNP, RN, CNE will present the Sharon M. Henry, MD / Maryland COT Lecture.

Point Counterpoint will assemble an expert group of faculty. We intend this to be evidence-based and expect a lively intellectual exchange.

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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Please make sure to make your hotel reservation by Sunday, April 20, 2025 to receive the block rate.

ROOM RESERVATION INFORMATION:

Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards

110 S Eutaw Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

Block rate is \$149/night (plus tax and occupancy; parking isn't included)

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Cancellation Policy: 72 hours prior to arrival

Check-in: 3:00 p.m. | Check-out: 11:00 a.m.

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HOTEL PARKING GARAGE

Rates can vary and are subject to change. We suggest and encourage viewing online options for parking areas within close proximity to the hotel. Light Rail and carpooling are convenient, go-green options.

TRAVEL

Driving directions, airport shuttle service, train schedules, and routes into the city are available at <https://mdcot.com>.

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thomas M. Scalea, MD, FACS, MCCM: Program Director, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center	Sharon Henry, MD, FACS, Program Chair, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center
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7:30 - 8:00 a.m.	Registration/ Continental Breakfast/ Meet with Vendors
8:00 - 8:10 a.m.	<i>Welcome and Introduction: Thomas M. Scalea, MD, FACS, MCCM</i>
	<i>2025 Dedication: Dr. Scalea dedicates the 2025 American College of Surgeons Point Counterpoint Conference to "the early champions of trauma care on the east coast. We have modern, sophisticated trauma care systems because they had the vision many years ago."</i>

Plenary Session 1:	MODERATOR: Thomas M. Scalea, MD, FACS, MCCM
8:10 - 8:50 a.m.	<i>Debate: "Tourniquets for Extremity Injury Save Lives" PRO: CAPT Travis Polk, MD, FACS (US Navy) CON: Sharon M. Henry, MD, FACS</i>
8:50 - 9:30 a.m.	<i>Debate: "Liberal Trauma Center Policies are Better for Patients" PRO: Matthew E. Lissauer, MD, FACS, FCCM CON: Thomas M. Scalea, MD, FACS, MCCM</i>
9:30 - 10:10 a.m.	<i>Debate: "Video Review is Essential to Improving Trauma Care" PRO: Megan T. Quintana, MD, FACS CON: David T. Efron, MD, FACS</i>
10:10 - 10:30 a.m.	Break/ Refreshments/Meet with Vendors

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Plenary Session 2:	MODERATOR: Mayur Narayan, MD, MPH, MBA, MHPE, FACS, FCCM, MAMSE
10:30 -11:10 a.m.	<i>Debate: "Artificial Intelligence Improves the Care of Surgical Patients"</i> <i>PRO: Divya Kewalramani, MD</i> <i>CON: Michael B. Aboutanos, MD, MPH, FACS</i>
11:10 a.m.-12:10 p.m.	<i>Panel : "How to Maintain Longevity and Fulfillment in Your Career"</i> <i>Panelists: Leah M. Aakjar, MD; Jamie Coleman, MD, FACS; Adrian E. Park, MD, FRCS, FACS; Grace F. Rozycki, MD, MBA</i>
12:10-12:30 p.m.	Break/Refreshments/Meet with Vendors
	LUNCH AND CHARLES C. WOLFERTH, JR., M.D, MEMORIAL LECTURE
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	<i>"For Our Patients (Why Medicine is Still the Best Gig)"</i> <i>Introduction: Thomas M. Scaleda, MD, FACS, MCCM</i> <i>Speaker: David H. Livingston, MD, FACS</i>

Breakout Session A:	Physicians MODERATOR: Megan Quintana, MD, FACS
1:30 - 2:10 p.m.	<i>Debate: "Child's Class C Cirrhosis and the Acute Abdomen-Just Say Yes"</i> <i>PRO: Jamie Diaz, MD, FCCM</i> <i>CON: Steven B. Holsten, Jr., MD, MBA, FCCM</i>
2:10 - 2:50 p.m.	<i>Debate: "The Surgical Abdomen in Trauma: A Scope is Always Justified"</i> <i>PRO: Babak Sarani, MD, FACS, FCCM</i> <i>CON: Carrie L. Valdez, MD</i>

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Breakout Session A:	Physicians MODERATOR: Megan Quintana, MD, FACS
2:50 - 3:30 p.m.	<p><i>Debate: "Bariatric Emergencies Should be Handled by Bariatric Surgeons"</i></p> <p>PRO: Mark D. Kligman, MD, FASMBS</p> <p>CON: LD Britt, MD, MPH, DSc(Hon), FACS, FCCM, FRCSEng(Hon), MAMSE</p>
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Break/ Refreshments/Meet with Vendors

TIME	PROGRAM SCHEDULE - DAY 1 - THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025 (CONTINUED)
Breakout Session B:	Nursing MODERATOR: Tamara C. Baughman, BSN, RN, CEN, TCRN
1:30 - 1:55 p.m.	<p><i>"ECPR/ECMO VA vs VV in Trauma"</i></p> <p>Stefhan Dassoulas, RN</p>
1:55 - 2:20 p.m.	<p><i>"Maternal Resuscitation"</i></p> <p>Amy Borth, CRNP</p>
2:20 - 2:45 p.m.	<p><i>"Management of the Burned Trauma Patient Prior to Transfer"</i></p> <p>Emily Werthman, PhD, RN, CBRN</p>
2:45 - 3:10 p.m.	<p><i>"Hypocalcemia in Massive Transfusion: Whole Blood/Trauma Diamonds/When to Consider Ca"</i></p> <p>Barbara McLean, APRN, CCNS</p>
3:10 - 3:30 p.m.	<p><i>"Sexual Assault in the Trauma Patient"</i></p> <p>Debra S. Holbrook, MSN, RN, SANE-A, FNE A/P, DF-AFN, FAAN</p>
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Break/ Refreshments/Meet with Vendors

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TIME	PROGRAM SCHEDULE - DAY 1 - THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025 (CONTINUED)
Plenary Session 3:	Challenging Trauma Cases (With Audience Participation)
4:00 -5:00 p.m.	<p><i>Challenging Trauma Cases Panel</i> Moderator: LD Britt, MD, MPH, DSc(Hon), FACS, FCCM, FRCSEng(Hon), MAMSE Panelists: Deborah M. Stein, MD, MPH, FACS, FCCM; Michael B. Aboutanos, MD, MPH, FACS; Jeremy W. Cannon, MD, SM, FACS, AC; Paula A. Ferrada, MD, FACS, FCCM, MAMSE</p>
Case 1	<i>Mary Matecki, MD, Resident, George Washington University</i>
Case 2	<i>Moshumi Godbole, MD (presenter), Emery Cuellar, MD, Residents, Jefferson Einstein Hospital</i>
Case 3	<i>Omar Itani, MD, Resident, Eastern Virginia Medical School</i>
5:00 - 5:15 p.m.	<p><i>Adjourn/Closing Remarks:</i> Thomas M. Scalea, M.D., FACS, MCCM</p>

TIME	PROGRAM SCHEDULE - DAY 2 - FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025
7:30 - 8:00 a.m.	<i>Registration/Continental Breakfast/Meet with Vendors</i>
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	<p><i>Welcome and Introduction:</i> Thomas M. Scalea, MD, FACS, MCCM</p>

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Plenary Session 4:	MODERATOR: Elliott R. Haut, MD, PhD, FACS
8:15 - 8:55 a.m.	<i>Debate: "Cooling in Traumatic Arrest Saves Lives"</i> <i>PRO: Paula A. Ferrada, MD, FACS, FCCM, MAMSE</i> <i>CON: Samuel A. Tisherman, MD, FACS, FCCM, FCCP</i>
8:55 - 9:35 a.m.	<i>Debate: "Early Pressors are the Better Approach to Sepsis Management"</i> <i>PRO: Justin E. Richards, MD</i> <i>CON: Carrie A. Sims, MD, PhD</i>
9:35 - 10:15 a.m.	<i>Debate: "Abdominal CT is a Useful Roadmap Prior to Trauma Laparotomy"</i> <i>PRO: Jill C. Streams, MD, FACS</i> <i>CON: Matthew C. Vasquez, MD, CDR, USN</i>
10:15 - 10:55 a.m.	<i>Debate: "Extracorporeal Support in Trauma Improves Survival"</i> <i>PRO: Emily C. Esposito, DO</i> <i>CON: Brandon M. Parker, DO, E-AEC</i>
10:55-11:15 a.m	<i>BREAK/Refreshments/Meet With Vendors</i>
11:15 - 12:15 p.m.	<i>Moderator: David H. Livingston, MD, FACS</i> <i>Panel: "Trauma Recovery and Rehabilitation: Navigating the Hospital to Community Transition Successfully"</i> <i>Panelists: Anne E. Rizzo, MD, FACS, ACS; Tate Reynolds (Patient), Nicole Reynolds (Parent)</i>

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	LUNCH/ SHARON M. HENRY, MD / MARYLAND COT STATE-OF-THE-ART LECTURE
12:15 - 1:30 p.m.	<i>Presentation of the Maryland Trauma Nurse and Emergency Medical Services Provider of the Year Awards</i> <i>Introduction: Kyle N. Remick, MD, FACS, TraumaNet, Chairperson</i>
	<i>Presentation of the Sharon M Henry, MD/Maryland COT State-of-the -Art Lecture</i> <i>"Mentoring Trauma Nurses Globally During Challenging Times"</i> <i>Introduction: Sharon M. Henry, MD, FACS</i> <i>Speaker: Kathleen Martin, MSN, RN</i>

Breakout Session C:	Physicians MODERATOR: Jennifer Knight Davis, MD, FACS
1:30 - 2:10 p.m.	<i>Debate: "Acute Care Surgeons Need to Reclaim Non-Surgeon Performed Procedures"</i> <i>PRO: Marcelo A. F. Ribeiro, Jr., MD, MSc, PhD, FACS, FISS, MAMSE, ACC(Hon)</i> <i>CON: Elliott R. Haut, MD, PhD, FACS</i>
2:10 - 2:50 p.m.	<i>Debate: "Limiting Attending Surgeon Work Hours is Good For Everyone"</i> <i>PRO: Babak Sarani, MD, FACS, FCCM</i> <i>CON: Mayur Narayan, MD, MPH, MBA, MHPE, FACS, FCCM, MAMSE</i>
2:50 - 3:30 p.m.	<i>Debate: "Angioembolization is being Overused for Solid Organ Injury"</i> <i>PRO: Rishi Kundi, MD, RPVI, FACS, FSVS</i> <i>CON: Kent A. Stevens, MD, MPH</i>
3:30-3:45 p.m.	Break/ Refreshments/Meet with Vendors

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Breakout Session D:	Nursing MODERATOR: Rebecca Gilmore MSN, RN, TCRN
1:30 - 1:50 p.m.	<i>"Resuscitation Prior to Intubation in the Hypovolemic Patient"</i> COL Jacqueline Mitchell, MS, CRNA (Army)
1:50 - 2:40 p.m.	<i>"Rib fractures - Preventing Escalation in Care"</i> Beth Torres, PhD, RN, CRRN, TCRN
2:40 - 3:30 p.m.	<i>"Advancing your Practice without Becoming an APP - Generational Panel Discussion"</i> Boomer: Gail Lemay, ED CNS; Gen X: Jaime Gannon, MS, RN, CEN; Millennial: Jess Griffith, BSN, RN, Gen Z: Abigail Payne RN
3:30-3:45 p.m.	<i>Break/ Refreshments/Meet with Vendors</i>

Plenary Session 5:	Challenging Critical Care Cases
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.	<i>Moderator: Eric J. Ley, MD, FACS</i> <i>Panel Discussion</i> <i>Panelists: Samuel A. Tisherman, MD, FACS, FCCM, FCCP; Carrie A. Sims, MD, PhD, Jose Pascual, MD, and Rosemary Kozar, MD, PhD</i>
Case 1	<i>Nicole DePolo, MD, Fellow, Johns Hopkins University</i>
Case 2	<i>Daniel Carrera, MD, Resident, George Washington University</i>
Case 3	<i>Natalia Barzanji, MD, Resident, Walter Reed Medical Center</i>
4:45 - 5:00 p.m.	<i>Concluding Remarks:</i> <i>Thomas M. Scalea, MD, FACS, MCCM</i>

Biographies:

Keynote Speakers:

Charles C. Wolferth, Jr. MD Memorial Lecture



The Charles C. Wolferth, Jr., M.D. Memorial Lecture is named for **Charles C. Wolferth, Jr., MD**, a nationally known surgeon and medical expert, who spearheaded a state law that created the Pennsylvania Trauma System Foundation. He battled for decades to develop a foundation that would monitor the quality of care in hospital trauma centers. His goal was to help prevent victims from dying needlessly during that “golden hour” –the first 60 minutes of care that can make the difference between life and death. Ultimately, the foundation became a model for other states.” Dr. Wolferth created a model that no other state can match,” said Dr. C. William Schwab, Founding Chief of Trauma and Critical Care Surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Known as the “surgeon’s surgeon,” Schwab said, “there was no one better.” Dr. Wolferth was head of the Department of Surgery at Graduate Hospital when he retired in 1998. During his 44-year career, he was Department Head, surgeon and teacher at HUP, Hahnemann University and Presbyterian Hospitals, and other medical centers. He was a member of 56 medical societies and the recipient of numerous awards, including the prestigious National Safety Council Surgeons Award for Services to Safety in 2000. Dr. Wolferth was the chief architect of the Point/Counterpoint Conference.



David H. Livingston, MD, FACS is currently an Emeritus Professor of Surgery at the Rutgers- New Jersey Medical School. Dr. Livingston is a graduate of Albany Medical College and completed his surgical residency at New York University/Bellevue Medical Center and his fellowship in trauma at the University of Louisville. Dr. Livingston has served as President of the Western Trauma Association (2014) and President of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (2022). He currently serves as the President of the Western Trauma Foundation and is the Historian for the Western Trauma Association. Dr. Livingston is also a full Member of the Academy of Master Surgeon Educators of the American College of Surgeons.



Kathleen Martin, MSN, RN, is a trauma system consultant who develops trauma centers and trauma systems globally. Previously, she served as senior director of trauma services at UCHealth (Colorado), where she had responsibility for developing four trauma centers. She has also served as trauma nurse director at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany (the first ACS-verified trauma center outside the U.S.) and trauma program manager at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Kathleen currently serves on the board of directors of the American Trauma Society (ATS) and is faculty for the ATS Trauma Program Management Course. She served for 19 years as a board of director member of the Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) and was the 2000-2001 STN President. Kathleen was also Editor-in-Chief of the ***Journal of Trauma Nursing***. In addition, she was a charter developer of the Trauma Outcomes and Performance Improvement (TOPIC) course and has developed a number of far-reaching trauma PI processes. She has numerous publications to her name. As a consultant, Kathleen has mentored trauma professionals nationally and internationally and has presented trauma education for colleagues in Europe, Ukraine, South Korea, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Brazil, Chile, Australia and New Zealand

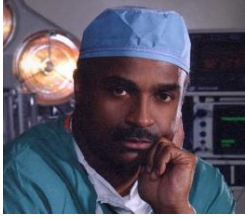
Biographies- Physician Track:



Leah Aakjar, MD is a Surgical Critical Care Fellow at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Oregon. She completed both her medical degree and general surgery residency at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Aakjar's clinical interests include injury prevention, surgical education, and advancing care for critically injured patients. She was recently honored with the 2025 Fellows Oriens Award by the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST). In her spare time, she enjoys hiking and visiting National Parks.



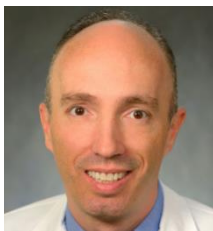
Michel B. Aboutanos, MD, MPH, FACS, NOTW is the Fletcher Emory Ammons Distinguished Professor in Surgery, and Chair of the Division of Acute Care Surgical Services in the Department of Surgery at the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia. He is the Medical Director of VCU Level 1 Trauma Center and Trauma Systems Network. He also serves as the Director of VCU's Injury & Violence Prevention Programs (IVPP). He currently serves as the Chair of Virginia Chapter of the ACS - Committee on Trauma. Dr. Aboutanos completed his general surgery training at MCV/VCU, and his trauma & critical care training at the University of Maryland's R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, Maryland USA. He additionally completed a residency in Preventive Medicine at Johns Hopkins University where he obtained his Masters in Public Health with emphasis on Injury and Violence control and International Trauma Systems Development. He served for the Pan American Health Organizations (PAHO/WHO) on violence surveillance systems in the regions of the Americas. He previously served as the Chair of VA Trauma Systems Committee and led the development of VA Commonwealth Trauma Systems Plan. Dr. Aboutanos is a member of multiple regional, national and international organizations and societies. He previously served as president and is currently on the Executive Board of the Panamerican Trauma Society.



Dr. LD Britt, the Henry Ford Professor and Edward Brickhouse Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University, is the first African American in the country to have an endowed chair in surgery. He is the author of over 245 peer-reviewed scientific publications and over 75 non-peer-reviewed articles/book chapters. Dr. Britt, the author of the term

“Acute Care Surgery” and one of the principal architects of the emerging specialty, is the editor of four books, including the recent edition of the highly touted Acute Care Surgery (Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins).

Dr. Britt has been President, Chair, or Director of every major surgical organization, including the American Association of Surgery for Trauma (AAST), American College of Surgeons, the American Surgical Association, ACGME Residency Review Committee for Surgery, the American Board of Surgery, along with many other surgical societies/organizations. Dr. Britt is the former Commissioner of the Joint Commission. He has honors, accolades, and awards throughout the world, including being the recipient of the nation’s highest teaching award in medicine, the Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teaching Award. A member of the National Academy of Medicine, Dr. Britt was bestowed an Honorary Fellowship by each of the four Royal Colleges in the United Kingdom – England, Edinburgh, Ireland, and Glasgow. He was also conferred an Honorary Fellowship in the French Academy of Surgery, the South African College of Surgeons, and the West African College of Surgeons. Dr. Britt was recently honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the American College of Surgeons (only the fifth recipient for such recognition since the inception of the College in 1913).



Jeremy Cannon, MD, SM, FACS is Professor of Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania and Assistant Dean for Veterans Affairs for Penn Medicine. He is a graduate of the US Air Force Academy and Harvard Medical School and holds a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from MIT. Dr. Cannon served on active duty in the US Air Force from 2006 to 2015 with deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He

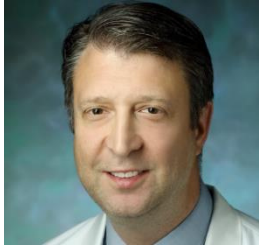
retired from the US Air Force Reserve in 2023. He currently practices Trauma, Surgical Critical Care & Emergency Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. From 2024-2025, he was named one of ten Veteran Fellows at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University where he is evaluating policy solutions to the “peacetime effect.” He served as President of the Excelsior Surgical Society from 2022-2023 and recently edited ***Edward D. Churchill’s Surgeon to Soldiers 2024 Edition***.



Jamie Coleman, MD, FACS is an Associate Professor of Surgery and the Vice-Chair of Wellness in the Department of Surgery at the University of Louisville. She is an acute care surgeon specializing in trauma, emergency general surgery and surgical critical care. She completed her general surgery residency in Chicago at Cook County Hospital and Rush University and her trauma and surgical critical care

fellowship in Atlanta at Grady Memorial Hospital with Emory University.

Her research focus is on the physiologic impact of sleep deprivation, stress, and burnout amongst physicians and surgeons. She is the PI for the SuPer Trial (Surgeon Performance Trial), the largest study of continuous physiologic monitoring of acute care surgeons. She is also a medical media expert, public speaker, avid writer and blogger. She, and her work, have been features in Forbes, Huffington Post, Good Morning America, Glamour Magazine, and US News and World Report.

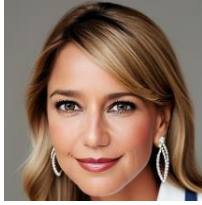


In September of 2020 **David T. Efron, MD, FACS** joined the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Medicine as a Professor in the Department of Surgery and as the Medical Director and Chief of Trauma in the Program in Trauma at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. Prior to joining the University of Maryland, he was the Chief of the Division of Acute Care Surgery (encompassing Trauma, Emergency Surgery and Surgical Critical Care) in The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Department of Surgery. As a Professor of Surgery, Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine and Emergency Medicine at Johns Hopkins, he held the Jacob C. Handelsman Professorship of Abdominal Surgery. Dr. Efron graduated from Brown University in 1990 with an undergraduate degree in Biology and matriculated from the Brown University School of Medicine in 1994. He completed his Surgery residency training at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in 2002. This included three years of basic science lab research on gastrointestinal wound healing. Dr. Efron received a certificate in Advanced Specialty Training in Gastrointestinal Surgery under the tutelage of Dr. John L. Cameron and subsequently continued his training with a year as a Surgical Critical Care fellow at the Johns Hopkins Hospital under Dr. Pamela Lipsett. Dr. Efron joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 2004. In 2007 he was appointed Chief of the Division of Acute Care Surgery and the Director of Adult Trauma Services for the Johns Hopkins Hospital and held that role until his move to Shock Trauma. Dr. Efron is a recipient of Baltimore Magazine's "Top Doc" award in 2011, 2013-2021. In 2017 he received the Physician of the Year Clinical Excellence Award from Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Efron is a member of a number of national associations as well as a reviewer for several national journals. He has co-authored over 160 peer-reviewed publications. Dr. Efron holds an endowed chair as the Thomas M. Scalea, MD Distinguished Professor of Trauma Surgery.



Emily Esposito, DO received her medical degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2015, completed residency in Emergency Medicine at Albany Medical Center in 2018, and completed a fellowship in Surgical Critical Care at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in 2020. She was the inaugural Extracorporeal Life Support (ECLS) fellow at the University of

Maryland and Shock Trauma in 2021. This year, she was appointed the Co-Director of the ECLS Fellowship here at the Shock Trauma Center. Dr. Esposito is involved in ECLS education, research, and clinical care in her many clinical and administrative roles, is heavily involved in student education, and also holds board certifications in Emergency Medicine and Neurocritical Care. She currently serves as the Co-Director of the Resuscitation Committee at the University of Maryland, and spends the majority of her clinical time in the Critical Care Resuscitation Unit (CCRU) and the Multi-Trauma Critical Care Unit, home of the VV ECMO and MARS programs.



Paula Ferrada, MD, FACS, FCCM, MAMSE, is a board-certified trauma and acute care surgeon with over 15 years of clinical and academic leadership experience. She currently serves as Chair of the Department of Surgery at Inova Fairfax Medical Campus (IFMC), Division and System Chief for Acute Care Surgery and Trauma, and Medical Director of Perioperative Services for the Inova Health System. She is also a Professor of Medical Education at the University of Virginia.

At IFMC—a 902-bed academic flagship hospital with a Level I Trauma Center and the third busiest Emergency Department in the U.S.—Dr. Ferrada leads more than 80 surgeons across all major specialties in a shared mission to deliver world-class patient care, research, and education. She oversees the operational efficiency of 56 operating rooms and 15 procedure rooms, including specialized suites in orthopedics, neurology, robotics, transplant, OBGYN, and more. With over 54,000 surgical procedures performed annually, she works across disciplines to build systems that optimize access, safety, and quality.

Trained in general surgery at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Dr. Ferrada became the first Colombian woman to graduate from a general surgery program within the Harvard system. She completed a surgical critical care fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh and became the first Acute Care Surgery Fellow at the University of Maryland's Shock Trauma Center. She then joined the faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), where she rose to full Professor of Surgery and held numerous leadership roles, including Surgical Critical Care Fellowship Director and Director of the Surgical and Trauma ICU.

Dr. Ferrada is a graduate of the ELAM (Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine) program at Drexel University and the Executive Program at the Darden School of Business. These experiences have sharpened her vision for inclusive, strategic leadership and transformational culture change in healthcare.

A nationally and internationally respected educator, Dr. Ferrada has taught hundreds of physicians and first responders across the world through ultrasound courses developed for the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and Panamerican Trauma Society. She has received numerous teaching awards, including those from Harvard Medical School and VCU, and in 2021 was inducted into the ACS Academy of Master Surgeon Educators.

Within the ACS, she has served as Chair of the Young Fellows Association, Program Committee member, and now sits on the Board of Governors representing Virginia. She also chairs the Program Committee for the Women in Surgery Committee (WiSC) and has served as President of the Virginia Chapter of the ACS. She is the Immediate Past

President of the Panamerican Trauma Society, where she led initiatives in mentorship, multicenter research, scholarship creation, and educational equity.

Dr. Ferrada has also served in leadership roles with the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST), where she created mid-career development programs, speaker bureaus, and social media engagement platforms. She is an Associate Editor for the American Journal of Surgery and serves on the editorial boards of Surgery, JACS, The Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery, and The British Journal of Surgery.

She has authored over 130 peer-reviewed publications, edited books on trauma care, and led multiple multicenter trials with funding from the Department of Defense and the FDA.

At the heart of her work is a belief that mentorship, collaboration, and compassionate leadership are the cornerstones of transformation. Whether building trauma systems, leading perioperative initiatives, or training future leaders.



Melike Harfouche, MD, FACS, is an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and an attending surgeon at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, where she also completed a two-year Trauma/Critical Care and AAST-Accredited Acute Care Surgery fellowship.

She concurrently obtained a master's in public health at Johns Hopkins University. She completed her general surgery residency training at Temple University Hospital and medical degree at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She is a prolific researcher, with interests in vascular trauma, REBOA, pancreatitis and firearm violence prevention.



Elliott Richard Haut, MD, PhD, FACS is Vice Chair of Quality, Safety, & Service in the Department of Surgery at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. He is a Professor of Surgery, Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine (ACCM), Emergency Medicine and Health Policy & Management at Johns Hopkins Medicine and the Johns Hopkins University

Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Haut is a core faculty member in the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality at Johns Hopkins Medicine. He has authored over 400 peer-reviewed articles, as well as dozens of invited editorials, books and chapters.

Dr. Haut has played numerous leadership roles in trauma surgery. He is past-President of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST) and chaired the EAST Guidelines Committee. He is past-Chair of Maryland TraumaNet. He was lead author of a paper commissioned by the National Academies of Medicine titled “Military Trauma Care’s Learning Health System: The Importance of Data Driven Decision Making” which was used to support the Zero Preventable Death report. Dr. Haut was a member of the National Quality Forum (NQF) Trauma Outcomes Committee. Dr. Haut is on the Board of Directors of the Coalition for National Trauma Research (CNTR) and sits on the Maryland Statewide Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (SEMSAC). He is Editor in Chief of ***Trauma Surgery & Acute Care Open (TSACO)***.



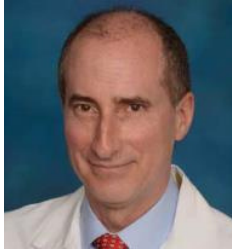
Sharon M. Henry, MD, FACS, is the Anne Scalea Professor in Trauma at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the Chief of the Division of Wound Healing and Metabolism at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, where she is also the Head of the Soft Tissue Infection Service. In addition to being recognized as an international expert in trauma surgery and soft tissue infections, Dr. Henry is also widely known for her untiring commitment to the

educational efforts of the American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma. Upon becoming the State Chair of the Maryland COT in 2004, Dr. Henry set in motion the development of an impressive number of educational initiatives which culminated into a very successful Annual Maryland COT Trauma Care Symposium, which he spearheaded for several years. Under her outstanding leadership, Maryland's ATL program became one of the best in the county. While personally engaged in teaching TEAM (Trauma Evaluation and Management) to thousands of medical students, she also brought ATOM, ASSET, RTTDC, DMEP and other advanced trauma courses to the Maryland COT, making all of them regularly available at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.



Steven B. Holsten, Jr. MD, MBA, FACS is Professor of Surgery and Chief of Acute Care Emergency Surgery at R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center and University of Maryland. He is the Program Director for the Acute Care Surgery Fellowship Program. Prior to Shock Trauma, Dr. Holsten served as the Interim Chair of Surgery at the Medical College of Georgia at August University, a busy Level-1 ACS trauma center and was instrumental in building the Trauma/ACS Division at the Medical College of Georgia

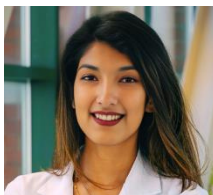
With over 24 years of experience, he has a track record of leadership positions in administration, education and operations. He has been active in perioperative leadership and is well known for his teaching and mentorship. He has published a balance of clinically relevant process papers with complex patient management in well-respected journals. Dr. Holsten's passions are in the success of medical learners, improvement in patient care and problem solving



Mark Kligman, MD completed medical school at Wayne State University and general surgery residency at the University of Maryland. Following fellowship training in Trauma Surgery and Surgical Critical Care at the University of Miami, he served as Medical Director of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at the Medical College of Ohio (now University of Toledo School of Medicine). During this time, he developed an interest in minimally invasive and bariatric surgery. In 2004, he joined the faculty at the University of Maryland School of Medicine as the Director of the Center for Weight Management and Wellness. Currently, Program Director of the Complex Gastrointestinal Surgery Fellowship program, Vice Chair for Quality and Safety for the Department of Surgery at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and Surgical Quality Officer at the University of Maryland Medical Center.



Jennifer Knight Davis, MD, FACS, completed her general surgery residency at West Virginia University and her fellowship in Surgical Critical Care at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland. She worked as a faculty member at WVU for 14 years and was the trauma medical director for the Jon Michael Moore Level 1 Trauma Center for six years. She recently relocated to Columbus Ohio and is a Professor of Surgery at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. She is the Director of Emergency General Surgery, the Fellowship Director for the OSU Acute Care Surgery Fellowship, and the Associate Medical Director for Operative Services at the University Hospital at OSU Wexner Medical Center. Her interests are in quality patient care, systems of care and leadership in healthcare.



Divya Kewalramani, MD is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Acute Care Surgery at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, where she also serves as Co-Director of Project AiCCESS, an initiative dedicated to leveraging artificial intelligence to address disparities in global surgical care. Dr. Kewalramani completed her research fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh and pursued specialized education in artificial intelligence at MIT. Her work primarily focuses on integrating AI technologies into surgical practices, aiming to enhance patient outcomes and bridge healthcare gaps globally. Additionally, she holds a leadership position as the Assistant Chair of the Artificial Intelligence Committee at the American College of Surgeons, reflecting her commitment to innovation at the intersection of technology and surgical care.



Rosemary Kozar, MD is currently a Tenured Professor of Surgery, Co-Director of the Shock Trauma Anesthesia Research (STAR) Center at the University of Maryland and Director of Translational Research at the University of Maryland R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. She completed medical school at Temple University School of Medicine then surgical and surgical critical care training at the University of Texas

Houston and Temple University while also obtaining a PhD in Molecular Physiology and Biophysics at Baylor College of Medicine. Her research interests focus on endothelial dysfunction after shock.

She has published over 250 peer-reviewed basic/translational and clinical articles and 16 book chapters. She has been continuously funded by the NIH for over 20 years. Dr. Kozar has served in a number of national leadership positions including the Board of Managers of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, Chair of the American College of Surgeons Verification Review Committee for Trauma, Chair of the American College of Surgeons Women in Surgery Committee, and President of the Shock Society. She is currently Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee for the Coalition for National Trauma Research and President-Elect of the Western Trauma Association. She is also an Associate Editor for ***Trauma Surgery Acute Care Open*** and Deputy Editor for the ***Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery***.



Rishi Kundi, MD, RPVI, FACS, FSVS is a Trauma Surgeon and a Vascular Surgeon in Baltimore, Maryland. He is the chief of the division of vascular and endovascular trauma at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, the primary adult resource center for the state of Maryland. He is also the director of the Go Team, the field-deployable

surgical team for the Shock Trauma Center.

His clinical research consists of authoring or co-authoring more than fifty peer reviewed articles, several chapters on vascular injury and trauma surgery, and dozens of presentations at regional, national, and international vascular and trauma surgical conferences. He has participated in six international clinical trials and has been the primary investigator of seven funded research studies.



Eric J. Ley, MD, FACS, is a surgeon specializing in trauma, acute care surgery, and surgical critical care at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. As Professor of Surgery and Chief of Critical Care within the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Dr. Ley's research focus includes human factors in surgery, serving as coeditor for a textbook on this subject. Dr. Ley has an interest in reducing

venous thromboembolism after trauma and led the national efforts to revise guidelines for venous thromboembolism prophylaxis. His benchtop research focus is on the mechanisms for secondary injury after trauma including the role of the beta adrenergic response in deteriorating patients. Dr. Ley has authored more than 250 manuscripts, four textbooks, and four patents. He is a member of the National Committee on Trauma serving twice as Chair for the annual Update in Trauma Course at the ACS Clinical Congress and is on the editorial board for the Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery. His greatest career satisfaction is mentoring fellows and residents.



Matthew Lissauer, MD, FACS, FCCM initially received his medical degree at New York Medical College and then pursued residency at the Hospital of Saint Raphael in New Haven, CT. He finished a fellowship in surgical critical care at the University of Maryland R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center followed by a second fellowship there in traumatology. He remained as faculty for another eight years

before moving to New Jersey and becoming faculty at Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School where he spent the next 8 years. Dr. Lissauer is now the Division Chief of Acute Care Surgery for Hartford Hospital and also serves as the system co-chair for the Hartford Healthcare system trauma council.



Mayur Narayan, MD, MPH, MBA, MHPE, FACS, FCCM, FICS, FACT, FAIM, MAMSE is Professor of Surgery, Chief of Acute Care Surgery, & Trauma Medical Director at Rutgers–Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He is Director of the ACS Fellowship, Director of Project AiCCESS [Artificial Intelligence for Comprehensive Care, Equity and Sustainability in Surgery] and Founder/Executive

Director of the Rutgers Acute Care Surgery Research Lab [RASR]. He is an internationally recognized expert in trauma care & surgical education. He is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha & Gold Humanism Honor Society. He is the recipient of the 2011 Leonard Tow Humanism Award. In 2012, the Arnold P. Gold Foundation awarded him the Gold Doctor Award. In 2012 & 2013, he was awarded the Golden Apple Teaching Award for Best Clinical Faculty by the American Medical Student Association. In 2018, he was inducted as Associate Member of the ACS Academy of Master Surgeon Educators (inaugural class). In 2023, he was inducted into the Academy of Master Surgeon Educators as a full member, conferring him the title of MAMSE. In 2024, he was awarded the 6th National Oration in Trauma by the Indian Society of Trauma and Acute Care (ISTAC) and concurrently launched the 4th edition of the Trauma Evaluation and Management [TEAM] course for which he serves as Editor & Program Chair. In 2025, Dr. Narayan was awarded the Global Educator of the Year for Advanced Trauma Life Support, the flagship course for trauma care around the world, by the ACS COT. He is past president of American College of International Medicine and currently President-Elect and Chair of the Education Committee of the Surgical Critical Care Program Directors Society and President-Elect of the International College of Surgeons. He serves on the National Steering Committee of the ACS/ASE Medical Student Simulation-Based Surgical Skills Curriculum and on the Senior Educatory Advisory Board (SEAB) for the ACS COT. He was appointed to the ACS National COT in 2021.



Adrian Park, MD, FRCS, FACS is the Chief Surgical Officer and Chief Innovation Officer at Meritus Health as well as Associate Dean of Research and Innovation, Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine in Hagerstown, MD and Professor of Surgery at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr. Park has made major advancements in the improvement of laparoscopic techniques and technology, complex hernia repair, foregut and spleen surgery and the understanding of surgical ergonomics.

Previously Dr. Park was the James and Sylvia Earl Chair of Surgery and Surgeon in Chief, Luminis Health, in Annapolis, MD following upon his role as the Dr. Alex Gillis Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Dalhousie University in Halifax, NS. Prior to this appointment, Park served as the Campbell and Jeanette Plugge Professor and Vice Chair for the Department of Surgery, the Head of the Division of General Surgery at the University of Maryland Medical Center, and the Chair of the Maryland Advanced Simulation, Training, Research, and Innovation (MASTRI) Center.

He is a member of the American Surgical Association and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada, American College of Surgeons and the College of Surgeons of Central Eastern and Southern Africa. Having a long-held commitment to the training of surgeons in sub-Saharan Africa, he is a past president of the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS).

A long-standing member of the Board of Directors of SAGES, he has also served as the Fellowship Council's founding President and as its Board Chair. He is co editor-in-chief of Surgical Innovation. The author of over 250 scholarly articles and book chapters, he is widely published in the areas of hernia, solid organ laparoscopy, foregut surgery, laparoscopic herniorrhaphy, surgical education, surgical visualization and surgical ergonomics. Dr. Park holds over 20 patents and has been instrumental in the development and application of new technologies in endoscopic surgery.



Jose L. Pascual L., MD, PhD, FRCS(C), FACS, FCCM

is a professor of surgery and neurosurgery specialized in trauma and critical care who has a special interest in shock and head injury. He is the Section Chief for Surgical Critical Care for the University of Pennsylvania Health System. His research interests are shared in translational and basic science investigation where he evaluates,

through intravital microscopy, the real time microcirculation of the pia in live rodent brains after Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). He seeks to learn how a variety of insults including head injury, shock and sepsis affect the brain and systemic microcirculation and how different management strategies influence these changes. This basic science work is translated into several clinical projects both retrospective and prospective, evaluating the effects of different neuroprotective agents and strategies in multi-injured and TBI patients across the Penn SICUs, the TSICU and NeuroICUs. He serves in multiple national and international research groups seeking to improve outcomes in polytrauma and traumatic brain injured patients as well as studying the immune modulating effects of different resuscitation fluids and management strategies in different forms of shock.

Jose Pascual's research interests also include the dissemination of critical illness management education utilizing high fidelity simulation. In the last 5 years, this has become heavily weighted out of the Simulation center and into the regular clinical hospital beds, spearheading the now monthly flash (unscheduled), bedside, *in situ* simulations that are led and hosted by different groups across the health system (HUP, PPMC) across cardiac, heart & vascular, medical, neuro, trauma and surgical critical care units. Results of this education have been presented at national meetings and several published in peer reviewed journals.



Megan T. Quintana, MD, is currently a trauma surgeon at George Washington University Hospital. A native of Colorado, Megan graduated with honors from Yale University with a degree in the History of Science and Medicine, specifically studying World War II German medicine. She then attended the University of Colorado for Medical School followed by a seven-year general surgery residency at the University of North Carolina. During her residency, she

completed a two-year research fellowship in cardiovascular pathology.

After residency, Megan completed a fellowship in Trauma, Surgical Critical Care, and Acute Care Surgery at Shock Trauma in Baltimore, Maryland. She's now an Assistant Professor of Surgery at George Washington University. She served as interim Trauma Medical Director at Virginia Hospital Center where she helped establish a level 2 trauma center. She currently serves as the Director for Acute Care Education at George Washington University Hospital. She enjoys teaching and training prehospital providers, nursing and other hospital staff, medical students, and residents of different disciplines in current trauma practices. She has been honored to present at the Virginia State EMS Symposium and for the Society of Trauma Nurses. Her most treasured awards are her "Off-Service Attending of the Year Awards" from the GW Department of Emergency Medicine in 2020 and 2022. She has served on the Online Education Committee for EAST and is currently the Subcommittee Vice Chair for Communication and Education for the AAST's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. Her research interests include tactical medicine, pre-hospital medicine, and medical education.



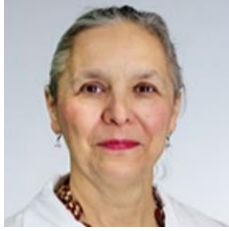
Marcelo A. F. Ribeiro Jr., MD, Sc, PhD ACC(Hon), FISS, FACS,

MAMSE is a Professor of Surgery at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and attending surgeon, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. He is the Director of International Outreach Initiative, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.

Dr. Ribeiro is also a Professor of Surgery at Pontifical Catholic University in Sorocaba, Brazil and Professor of the Post-Graduation Program in Surgery-IAMSPE São Paulo. He is currently Chairman of the Education Committee of the Panamerican Trauma Society and member of the Academy of Master Surgeon Educators.



Justin Richards, MD completed his undergraduate degree at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, NC, USA and received his medical degree from Temple University. He completed an anesthesiology residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center followed by a critical care fellowship at the University of Maryland. Dr Richards is an associate professor of anesthesiology and critical care medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, MD. He is a member of the Western Trauma Association, the Trauma Anesthesiology Society, and the International Anesthesia Research Society. His clinical and research interests include whole blood resuscitation in hemorrhagic shock, early identification of traumatic coagulopathy, and multiple organ failure in severely injured trauma patients.



Anne G. Rizzo, MD, FACS, ACS was born in Buffalo, NY and attended Georgetown University for undergraduate studies. She returned to Buffalo for medical school attending SUNY Buffalo graduating with Thesis Honors. She completed her internship in Surgery in the Buffalo University Consortium and completed her residency at Tulane University. After serving on active duty with the

US Air Force she accomplished her Trauma/Surgical Critical Care fellowship at Georgetown/Medstar health.

She has practiced and educated surgeons in many states and countries in her travels with the Air Force. Teaching Definitive Surgical Trauma Skills to North Atlantic Treaty Organization surgeons and Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma to Ukrainian surgeons are just part of her repertoire. She participated in the writing of the Surgeon General's report on the Joint Trauma System in Afghanistan while deployed and escorted senior surgical consultants from the American College of Surgeons into theater. She retired from the Air Force after 27 years of service. She was with the INOVA health system for 15 years where she was the Assistant Surgical Program Director, Vice Chair for Research and Vice Chair for Quality. She transitioned to the Guthrie Clinic in 2021 to System Surgical Chair and President of Surgical Services due to the tremendous opportunities and fabulous culture of the Guthrie system. She supervises several residency programs and is working on expansion to surgical subspecialties. She educates medical students from Geisinger Commonwealth, SUNY Upstate and Lake Erie Commonwealth. She hosts a monthly meeting for all of her surgical chiefs and a quarterly session for all in the Department of Surgery for education, communication and discussion.

Her participation with the American College of Surgeons dates to her days as a resident and she has participated on the Board of Governors, the Board of Governors Executive Committee, Women in Surgery, Region 13 Trauma Committee, Surgical Chairs Committee, Committee on Trauma, and the Military Health Partnership Education Committee Chair. She just completed a term as the 2nd Vice President for the ACS, participates on the Verification Review Committee, a member of the Excelsior Society, Academy of Master Surgeon Educators and is the past Chair of the Quality committee and TQIP conference for the Committee on Trauma. She is a champion for medical education, resident training, patient quality and mentorship in surgery.



Kyle N. Remick, MD FACS, Colonel (Ret.), US Army is a trauma surgeon with a passion for trauma system leadership and for care of those serving our country in dangerous, austere environments globally. He served in the Army for 25 years with over 4 years of deployment time to include as Flight Surgeon for the Special Operations Aviation Regiment with Task Force Dagger in 2001, command of the 772nd Forward Surgical Team to Afghanistan in 2008, Task Force Medical Commander in Botswana in 2012, a military trauma system assessment in South Sudan 2013 and Guatemala in 2016, clinical medical director at the Camp Bastion UK Field Hospital in AFG in 2014, Trauma Director for the 274th FST in Syria in support of special operations in 2017, and Theater Trauma System Medical Director and hospital CMO for the 10th Field Hospital in Iraq in 2018. After retirement, he rejoined the Uniformed Services University as Professor of Surgery with a focus on military trauma readiness. In 2023, he took his current position as Division Chief and Trauma Medical Director at Meritus Medical Center in Western Maryland. He lives with his wife of 24 years and five children in Maryland.



Babak Sarani, MD, FACS, FCCM, is a Professor of Surgery and Emergency Medicine and the Chief of Trauma Surgery at the George Washington University School of Medicine. He graduated from the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences in 1997. He then completed his training in General Surgery at GW in 2004. Following this, he completed fellowship training in Trauma and Critical Care Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh. He began his career as an Assistant Professor of Surgery in the Division of Trauma, Emergency Surgery, and Critical Care Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. He was recruited back to GW in 2011 where he is the Founder and Director of the Center for Trauma and Critical Care at The George Washington University Hospital. Most recently, he led the effort to establish a level 2 trauma center in Arlington, Virginia. His research interests include measurement of coagulopathy following injury, chest wall injury and reconstruction, and processes to mitigate risk of death following penetrating trauma.



Thomas M. Scalea, MD, FACS, MCCM is Physician-in-Chief of the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, University of Maryland. He served as Chief of Trauma and Critical Care at Kings County Hospital in the mid-1980s and was the founding Chairman for the Department of Emergency Medicine at SUNY, Brooklyn, creating the first academic department of EM in the borough.

At Shock Trauma he directs clinical, educational, administrative, and research overhaul. Shock Trauma's Critical Care Fellowship is the most competitive in the country. Its research performance has been superior both in terms of extramural funding and productivity. In addition, Dr Scalea created the Maryland Critical Care Network, linking approximately 15 ICU's. He has also created network wide protocols and is now starting bi-directional flow between Institutions.

As part of the MCCN, Dr. Scalea created the Critical Care Resuscitation Unit, the only unit in the country designated for rapid evaluation and treatment of critically ill patients transferred from another institution. In one year, Shock Trauma doubled the number of critically ill surgical patients transferred to the institution. In addition, he created the Lung Rescue Unit, the only US unit dedicated to V-V ECMO. Shock Traumas now has one of the busiest ECMO units in the United States with an 80% survival.

Dr. Scalea has served in innumerable roles nationally for various trauma organizations. He served as President of two of the three major US trauma societies simultaneously and served as the Executive Director of the Panamerican Trauma Society.



Carrie Sims, MD is Board Certified Acute Care, Surgical Critical Care and Burn Surgeon who joined the Crozer Medical Center in 2025.

She completed her surgical residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital and a trauma/critical care fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. She joined UPenn as a faculty member in 2006 and served as the director of research for the division of trauma, the co-director for the Penn Acute Research Collaboration, and the section chief for geriatric acute care surgery. She joined OSU as the chief of trauma, critical care and burn in 2020 and was appointed as the inaugural Olga Jonasson Professor of Surgery. Dr. Sims is nationally known for her basic and translational research investigating hemorrhagic and septic shock and was the lead investigator of the AVERT Shock Trial, a randomized controlled trial investigating the benefit of vasopressin in hemorrhagic shock. Her clinical research focuses on sepsis, hemorrhagic shock, intimate partner violence, and the impact of structural racism on gun violence.



Deborah M. Stein, MD, MPH is currently the R Adams Cowley, MD Professor of Shock and Trauma at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and Director of Adult Critical Care Services for the University of Maryland Medical Center. Dr. Stein has authored over 300 peer-reviewed articles and numerous book chapters. Her national service includes active participation in major trauma, critical

care, and surgical societies including serving as the Chair for the Trauma, Burn, and Surgical Critical Care Board of the American Board of Surgery. She also serves as a Deputy Editor for the Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery and Chair of the Algorithm Committee for the Western Trauma Association. She is the Chair, Chairs Committee of the American Board of Surgery. She is the immediate Past Chair of the Research Committee for the American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma and the Geriatric Trauma and Acute Care Surgery Committee for the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and past president for the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma. She's been a continuously funded investigator for the last 22 years. Dr. Stein's research interests are in the fields of traumatic brain injury, hemorrhagic shock, geriatric injury and functional outcomes following traumatic injury. She has a particular interest in patient centered outcomes research.



Kent Stevens, MD, MPH is an Associate Professor of Surgery at The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He is the Chief of the Division of Acute Care Surgery and the Trauma Medical Director for Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Stevens is the Director of the Center for Global Surgery. His research interests are in surgical capacity strengthening and trauma care

system development in low-resource settings.



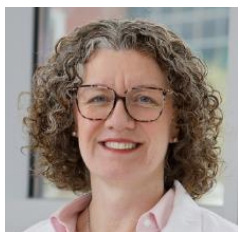
Jill Streams, MD attended Colgate University for her undergraduate degree before earning a Doctor of Medicine from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 2009. Dr. Streams completed residency in General Surgery at Northwestern University-McGaw Medical Center before returning to Vanderbilt University Medical Center for Surgical Critical Care and Trauma Surgery fellowship training.

Dr. Streams is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in the Division of Acute Care Surgery, where she serves as the Associate Program Director of the Surgical Critical Care and Acute Care Surgery Fellowship and the Medical Director of the Inpatient Trauma Service line. Dr. Streams is the Director of Trauma Performance Improvement.



Samuel A. Tisherman, MD, FACS, FCCM is a Professor of Surgery and the Program in Trauma, University of Maryland School of Medicine. He is the Medical Director of the Surgical Intensive Care and Surgical Intermediate Care Units of the University of Maryland Medical Center. He serves as the Medical Director of the Center for Critical Care and Trauma Education of the Shock Trauma Center.

Dr. Tisherman's research has focused on the management of traumatic cardiac arrest and therapeutic hypothermia. Along with Drs. Peter Safar and Pat Kochanek, he has developed the concept of Emergency Preservation and Resuscitation for patients who suffer a cardiac arrest from trauma for which he is leading a clinical trial. He is also involved in research on surgeon and military medic performance of critical trauma procedure



Carrie Valdez, MD is an Assistant Professor at The Ohio State University where she serves as the Trauma Medical Director of their ACS Level 1 Trauma Program. She trained at The George Washington University for residency and critical care fellowship and at University of Maryland/Shock Trauma Center for her Acute Care Fellowship. Dr. Valdez serves on the planning committee for the

Point Counterpoint Conference and is excited to go head-to-head on The Surgical Abdomen in Trauma to prove why A Scope is Always Justified!



Matt Vasquez, MD, completed his general surgery training at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and his surgical critical care/acute care surgery fellowships at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland. He is currently stationed in Portsmouth, Virginia, where he works at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth and Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. He is an assistant professor of surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Biographies-Nursing Track:



Tamara Baughman, BSN, RN, CEN, TCRN Trauma Program Manager, Meritus Medical Center

With over a decade of experience in emergency and trauma nursing, Tamara Baughman is a dedicated healthcare professional committed to excellence in patient care and leadership. She currently serves as the Trauma Program Manager at Meritus Medical Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, where she leads initiatives to enhance trauma care delivery, injury prevention and community outreach and patient outcomes.

Tamara began her nursing career in 2011, spending three years at UPMC – Western Maryland before transitioning to Meritus Medical Center, where she served as a member of the emergency nursing team for the next seven years. She then spent the next two years as a staff nurse in the Cardiac Cath Lab at Meritus and later took on the role of Cath Lab Manager for one year.

Recognized for her exceptional contributions to nursing, Tamara was honored as Meritus Medical Center's Trauma Nurse of the Year in 2018 and received the prestigious Daisy Nurse Leader award in 2023. Her dedication to professional development and education is evident through her active involvement in the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), the Society of Trauma Nurses (STN), and the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN). She holds BCEN certifications in both emergency and trauma nursing and serves as an instructor for the Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) and the Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course (ENPC).

Tamara's passion for trauma care and her commitment to advancing nursing education make her an invaluable contributor in her field. She continues to work to improve patient outcomes, mentor fellow nurses, and contribute to the growth of trauma nursing



Amy Borth, ACNP is the Senior Clinical Program Manager for the Advanced Practice Providers at the Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, Md. She has spent over 20 years in various roles in trauma, starting as a volunteer in the Trauma Resuscitation Unit. She has received her BSN and her MS from university of maryland nursing school and will be receiving her doctorate degree on the 20th. She

was the recipient of Baltimore Magazines excellence in nursing award in 2023 and was a 2016-2017 nursing leadership institute fellow.



Stefhan Dassoulas is a Senior Clinical Nurse II in the Critical Care Resuscitation Unit at the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. With over a decade of experience in trauma and critical care, he is recognized for his leadership in high-acuity resuscitation, clinical education, and interdisciplinary process improvement.

Mr. Dassoulas earned his BSN from the University of Maryland, Baltimore in 2016 and holds prior academic training in Emergency Management. Since joining Shock Trauma in 2015, he has served in the Multi-Trauma ICU, Lung Rescue Unit (VV ECMO), and Biohazard Containment Unit during the COVID-19 response.

He has led key initiatives, including postpartum hemorrhage simulation with REBOA, the development of an in-hospital ECMO response team for ECPR, and institution-wide ECPR training for resuscitation nurses and emergency staff.

Outside of clinical practice, Mr. Dassoulas serves as a volunteer Fire Captain in Talbot County, Maryland, with two decades of EMS and fire service experience. His career reflects a deep commitment to excellence in critical care, education, and public service.



James Gannon, MS, RN, CEN is the Trauma Program Manager at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, a Level II Trauma Center, where he has led trauma care initiatives since April 2019. With a strong background in emergency medicine, James also serves as a Staff Nurse with the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) and has been a member of Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) MD-1 since 2013,

providing critical care in disaster zones across the nation.

A recognized expert in the field, James was a Faculty Speaker at the inaugural 2022 Abu Dhabi Trauma and ECMO Conference and has spoken at several other regional trauma conferences. He has been honored as the Healthcare Heroes Nurse of the Year in 2021 and received Baltimore Magazine's Excellence in Nursing award. He served as Chairman of the Maryland Trauma Center Network from 2021 through 2022 and has contributed to trauma care literature with publications in **JAMDA**.

With extensive experience in trauma management and disaster response, James brings invaluable insights into trauma care, leadership, and international collaboration.



In 2002 **Debra S. Holbrook, MSN, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, FNE A/P, AFN-C, DF-AFN, FAAN** testified on Capital Hill before a Senate Judicial Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs on behalf of the Bill that was signed into law in 2005 as the DNA Justice Act. She is the recipient of numerous international awards, including the ANCC Magnet

International Nurse of the Year, the Delaware Nurse of the year, the International Association of Forensic Nurses Pioneer Award, the 2014 Most Influential Marylanders in Healthcare, Distinguished Fellow – Academy of Forensic Nursing, and the prestigious Fellow American Academy of Nursing.

Mrs. Holbrook pioneered the use of the Alternate Light Source in strangulation cases, set precedence in national court systems, and founded the Baltimore City Blue Dot Human Trafficking Initiative that was awarded the 2023 Presidential Award for Extraordinary Efforts in Combatting Trafficking of Persons. She is a founding Board member and President Elect of the Academy of Forensic Nursing and is currently Director Forensic Nursing at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore, which coordinates care to victims of interpersonal violence for all hospitals in Baltimore City.



Rebecca Gilmore MSN RN TCRN has been a Registered nurse for 39 years. She earned her Registered General Nurse qualification in Great Britain in 1986 and her RN license in Maryland in 1997. She obtained her MSN Nurse Educator in 2017 from Liberty University, VA. Rebecca has 39 years of experience in various nursing specialties. For the past 24 years she has specialized in Trauma nursing, working in both Trauma Critical Care and Trauma Resuscitation. In 2020 she transitioned to the role of Trauma Program Manager where she now leads the quality program at R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center



Gail Lemay, MSN, RN, TCRN is the Clinical Quality Specialist for the Emergency Departments in the TidalHealth System. She graduated from the Norfolk General Hospital School of Nursing in 1982 and began working in the Emergency Department at Peninsula General Hospital (now TidalHealth). As a staff RN in the ED, was part of the first shared leadership team. After 30 years, Gail returned to school and obtained her BSN, MSN, and a post-graduate certificate in HealthCare Quality and Safety (all in 5 years).

In 2017 she transitioned to her current position as Clinical Quality Specialist which has afforded her the opportunity to put her years of clinical experience to good use, not just in the ED but throughout the TidalHealth system ranging from Stroke, Sepsis, Trauma, AMI, assisting with the build and launch of EPIC and ongoing process improvements projects.

She is a member of the Emergency Nurses Association and a TNCC course director and instructor, as well as actively advocating for ED nurses on the state and federal levels.



Jacqueline C. Mitchell, PhD, MS, CRNA, FAANA joined the University of Maryland School of Nursing in 2009 as a faculty member in the Nurse Anesthesia program. She currently serves as the Director of Clinical Education, where she provides oversight for approximately sixty Student Registered Nurse Anesthetists (SRNAs) across twenty-eight clinical rotation sites. In addition to her

administrative responsibilities, Dr. Mitchell is actively engaged in teaching within the Anesthesia Practicum courses and supports student learning through simulation lab activities, workshop exercises, and competency sessions.

Dr. Mitchell has practiced as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) for seventeen years at MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center.

Her distinguished military career includes active duty and reserve service in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. She held several leadership positions, culminating in her role as Nurse Method Analyst and Drilling Individual Mobilization Augmentee assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Command (USA MEDCOM), Office of the Surgeon General, G3/5/7 Clinical Policies Section. Dr. Mitchell retired in October 2021 at the rank of Colonel after 30 years of honorable service.

She holds a PhD, a Postmaster Certificate in Teaching in the Health Professions, and a Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia from the University of Maryland School of Nursing. She also earned a Master of Science in Exercise, Fitness, and Health Promotion from George Mason University and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from The City College of New York.



Abby Payne, RN is a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Department at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional. She graduated as an honors college graduate at Salisbury University in May 2022, earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Since then, she has remained committed to advancing her clinical expertise and professional

development. She is currently pursuing her Master of Science in Nursing with a focus in Nursing Education and recently began working as a clinical adjunct professor at Salisbury University. In addition to mentoring nursing students, she serves as a preceptor for new graduate nurses in the ED—an opportunity she find incredibly rewarding. One of the most meaningful aspects of nursing is the ability to support others during some of their most difficult moments. This passion led her to recently begin a new role as a Forensic Nurse Examiner, further expanding her impact in emergency care. As a Gen Z nurse, she will be discussing the Gen Z perspective for advancing clinical practice without becoming an APP in the panel discussion.



Beth Torres, PhD, RN, CCRN, TCRN has worked in critical care for 40 years in a variety of capacities, including staff nurse, clinician, nursing leader, and currently works as a Trauma Nurse Clinician at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Medical Center, a Level I trauma center, in Richmond, VA. As a trauma nurse clinician, Dr. Torres functions as a clinical nurse specialist

with an emphasis on process improvement and best practice implementation. Dr. Torres initiated process improvement for rib fracture patients in 2017. In collaboration with her VCU colleagues, she has published three articles on rib fractures and chest wall injuries since 2019.

Dr. Torres maintains her Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN) and Trauma Care Registered Nurse (TCRN) certifications as well as teaches in certification review courses. She serves on the STN TCRN Review course committee. She is an instructor for ACLS, Trauma Nursing Core Curriculum (TNCC), Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN), and Rural Trauma Team Development Course.

Dr. Torres is a member of the Society of Trauma Nurses and American Association Critical Care Nurses (AACN) and serves on the board for the local AACN chapter. Dr. Torres serves as a peer reviewer for the American Journal of Critical Care Nursing.

Dr. Torres has presented at local, regional, and national conferences on a wide variety of leadership and clinical topics, including chest wall injury.

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