



American College of Surgeons
**Point Counterpoint
Conference XLIII**
May 7 & 8, 2026

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202 East Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

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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 and/or surgical 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

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TIME	PROGRAM SCHEDULE - DAY 1 - THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026
7:30 - 8:00 a.m.	Registration/ Continental Breakfast/ Meet with Vendors
8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	<i>Welcome and Introduction: Thomas M. Scalea, MD, FACS, MCCM</i>
	<u><i>2026 Dedication:</i></u> <i>"Dedicated to the visionary pioneers that established the Maryland Trauma System"</i>

Plenary Session 1:	MODERATOR: Thomas M. Scalea, MD, FACS, MCCM
8:15- 8:55 a.m.	<i>Debate: "All mild TBI require admission." PRO: Deborah Stein, MD, MPH, FACS, FCCM CON: Bellal Joseph, MD, FACS, MAMSE</i>
8:55 - 9:35 a.m.	<i>Debate: "Nerve blocks should always be used for acute fracture pain management." PRO: Ron Samet, MD, FASA CON: Greg Osgood, MD</i>
9:35 - 10:15 a.m.	<i>Debate: "Neurotrauma critical care should be managed by trauma surgeons." PRO: Bellal Joseph, MD, FACS, MAMSE CON: Rosemary A. Kozar, MD, PhD</i>
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Break/ Refreshments/Meet with Vendors

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Plenary Session 2:	MODERATOR: Megan Quintana, MD, FACS
10:30 -11:10 a.m.	<p><i>Debate: "Emergency O positive whole blood transfusion is safe for women and girls."</i></p> <p><i>PRO: Xiomara Fernandez, MD</i></p> <p><i>CON: Julia Coleman, MD, MPH, FACS</i></p>
11:10 a.m.-12:10 p.m.	<p><i>Panel :State of the Art Resuscitation</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Paula Ferrada, MD,FACS,FCCM,MAMSE, ; Panelists: 1.) Ray Fang, MD, FACS, USAF Ret.,2.) Marcelo Ribeiro, MD, MSc, PhD, ACC(Hon.), THSS, FACS, MAMSE, 3.) Justin Richards, MD, 4.) Zachary Englert, DO</i></p>
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.	<p><i>Introduction: Thomas M. Scalea, MD, FACS, MCCM</i></p> <p><i>Lecture: "Ensuring a Quality Recovery Post-Trauma"</i></p> <p><i>Speaker: Ellen MacKenzie, PhD</i></p>

Breakout Session A:	Physicians MODERATOR: Mayur Narayan, MD, MPH, MBA, MHPE, FACS, FCCM
1:30 - 2:10 p.m.	<p><i>Debate: "The Robot is essential to ACS"</i></p> <p><i>PRO: Jennifer Knight Davis, MD, FACS</i></p> <p><i>CON: David Efron, MD, FACS</i></p>
2:10 - 2:50 p.m.	<p><i>Debate: "Trach and PEG should never be bundled"</i></p> <p><i>PRO: Megan Quintana, MD, FACS</i></p> <p><i>CON: Zachary Englert, DO, FACS</i></p>

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Breakout Session A:	Physicians MODERATOR: Mayur Narayan, MD, MPH, MBA, MHPE, FACS, FCCM
2:50 - 3:30 p.m.	<i>Debate: "ACS should it have its own ABS board specialty." PRO: Edward E. Cornwell, MD, FACS, FCCM CON: Deborah Stein, MD, MPH, FACS, FCCM</i>
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Break/ Refreshments/Meet with Vendors

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Breakout Session B:	Nursing MODERATOR: Zakk Arciaga, MSN, RN
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	<i>"Micromobility injuries" Nurse Corps - Megan Bunn, MSN, RN, ATCN</i>
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.	<i>"Use of Peer Recovery Coaches in the post resuscitation phase of care - PTSD" Amanda Kern, MSW, LCSW-C</i>
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	<i>"Trauma Survivor Panel - Moderator: Christina Kyger, MSN, RN; Panelists: 1.) Jordan Rice, SCI Survivor, Shock Trauma, 2.) Donita Watts, GSW Survivor, Shock Trauma/JHH, 3.) Robert Greene, Burn Survivor, Bayview, 4.) Heather Linnemann, Burn Survivor, Bayview</i>
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Break/ Refreshments/Meet with Vendors

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TIME	PROGRAM SCHEDULE - DAY 1 - THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026 (CONTINUED)
Plenary Session 3:	Moderator: Melike Harfouche, MD, MPH, FACS
4:00 -5:00 p.m.	<p><i>"Which Violence Intervention Strategies Work?"</i></p> <p><i>Panelists: 1.) Bethany Strong, MD, 2.) Erin Hall, MD, 3.) Adam Rosenberg, Executive Director, Violence Intervention & Prevention, LifeBridge Health, 4.) Donita Watts, Violence Intervention Specialist, Johns Hopkins</i></p>
5:00 -5:15 p.m.	<p><i>Adjourn/Closing Remarks</i></p> <p><i>Thomas M. Scalea, KD, FACS, MCCM</i></p>

TIME	PROGRAM SCHEDULE - DAY 2 - FRIDAY, MAY 8, 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></p> <p><i>Thomas M. Scalea, MD, FACS, MCCM</i></p>

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Plenary Session 4:	MODERATOR: David Efron, MD, FACS
8:15 - 8:55 a.m.	<p><i>Debate: "MAP Push is Unnecessary for Spinal Cord Injury"</i> <i>PRO: Gary Schwartzbauer, MD, PhD</i> <i>CON: Erin C. Hall, MD, MSPH</i></p>
8:55 - 9:35 a.m.	<p><i>Debate: "The Board and Collar are essential in prehospital trauma care"</i> <i>PRO: Timothy Chizmar, MD, FACEP, FAEMS</i> <i>CON: Michael G. Millin, MD, MPH, FACEP, FAEMS</i></p>
9:35 - 10:15 a.m.	<p><i>Debate: "Our national triage guidelines get the right patient to the right place"</i> <i>PRO: Sharon Henry, MD, FACS</i> <i>CON: Theodore Delbridge, MD</i></p>
10:15 - 10:55 a.m.	<p><i>Debate: "Nursing-led medication administration protocols save lives"</i> <i>PRO: Heidi Halterman, MSN, RN, CEN, TCRN, NRP</i> <i>CON: Jamie Gannon, MS, RN, CEN</i></p>
10:55-11:15 a.m	<i>BREAK/Refreshments/Meet With Vendors</i>
11:15 - 12:15 p.m.	<p><i>Moderator: Elliott R. Haut, MD, PhD, FACS; Panel: "When Saving Becomes Suffering: Who Decides When Enough is Enough?" Panelists: 1.) Ann Mosenthal, MD, FACS, MAMSE, 2.) Rev. Terra L. Epps, M. Div, BCC, 3.) Katie Bower, MD, MSc, FACS</i></p>

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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: "AI as a Force for Good: Our Moment to Lead as Acute Care Surgeons"</i> <i>Introduction: Sharon M. Henry, MD, FACS</i> <i>Speaker: Adil Haider, MD, MPH, FACS, FSIMP, FCPS(Hon.)</i>

Breakout Session C:	Physicians MODERATOR: Jennifer Knight Davis, MD, FACS
1:30 - 2:10 p.m.	<i>"Tips and Tricks of Hernia Repairs: How I do It: Open vs Minimally Invasive"</i> <i>OPEN:David Efron, MD, FACS</i> <i>MIS:Igor Belyansky,MD</i>
2:10 - 2:50 p.m.	<i>Debate: " Acute Care surgeons should perform elective surgery"</i> <i>PRO: Babak Sarani, MD, FACS, FCCM</i> <i>CON: Matthew Lissauer, MD,FACS, FCCM</i>
2:50 - 3:30 p.m.	<i>Debate: "Twenty-four hour shifts should be obsolete"</i> <i>PRO: Jose Diaz, MD, CPE, CNS, FACS, FCCM</i> <i>CON: Seema Anandalwar, MD, MPH</i>
3:30-3:45 p.m.	Break/ Refreshments/Meet with Vendors

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Breakout Session D:	Nursing MODERATOR: Tamara C. Baughman, BSN, RN, CEN, TCRN
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	<i>"Rural vs urban care for different populations"</i> Afton Jamerson, MBA, MSN, RN, TCRN, CEN
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.	<i>"TBI Mortality - why does mortality vary between centers"</i> Heidi Halterman, MSN, RN, CEN, TCRN, NRP
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	<i>Nurse preparedness for Trauma at non Trauma Centers - Panel</i> Moderator: Afton Jamerson, MBA, MSN, RN, TCRN, CEN Carroll County: Shara Becker, MBA, BSN, RN, CEN Howard County: Christine Raymer, MSN, RN, CEN, TCRN Chestertown: Bobbie Jo Trossbach, RN Franklin Square: Nicole Noga
3:30-3:45 p.m.	<i>Break/ Refreshments/Meet with Vendors</i>

Plenary Session 5:	Challenging Trauma Cases
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.	<i>Moderator: LD Britt, MD, MPH, DSc,(Hon.), FACS, FCCM,FRCSEng(Hon.), MAMSE</i> <i>Panel Discussion: Challenging Trauma Cases Panel</i> <i>Panelists: 1.) Jen Knight Davis, MD, FACS, 2.) Mayur Narayan, MD, MPH, MBA, MHPE, ACS, FCCM,3.) Babak Sarani, MD, FACS, FCCM,4.) Seema Anandalwar, MD, MPH</i>
Case 1	TBD
Case 2	TBD
Case 3	TBD
4:45 - 5:00 p.m.	<i>Concluding Remarks:</i> <i>Thomas M. Scalea, MD, FACS, MCCM</i>