

North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council



NCRTAC Trauma Conference 2025

Thursday, April 10, 2025 – Northcentral Technical College & Online

0730-0800	Registration
0800-0915	<p><u>Dr. “Deke” Farrington Memorial Keynote Presentation</u> Wilderness Medicine: Lessons We Can All Learn from Extended Backwoods Emergency Incidents Dr. Philip Kostka</p>
0925-1025	<p><u>Break-out sessions 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Preserving the Gift of Life: Organ, Tissue & Eye Donation Overview – Rebecca Hilson, Sarah Schroeder, & Nikayla Glodowski b) When Your Patient Reaches the Breaking Point – Chris Ebright c) Developing a Workplace Violence Prevention & Intervention Program – Dave Kobiela & Chelsey Senn
1025-1055	Morning Break/ Visit Vendors
1055-1155	<p><u>Break-out sessions 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) One October: a Level 1 Trauma Center’s Response to the US’s Worst Mass Shooting – Dr. Paul Chestovich b) Mastering Airway Management: Foundational Airway Management Skills – Cally Gordon-Haessly & Josh Finke. c) Incident Management Teams are a Community Resource – Ed Janke
1155-1240	Lunch/ Visit Vendors
1240-1340	<p><u>Break-out sessions 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Off-highway Vehicle Crashes – Jake Holsclaw b) Slapped, Stabbed, and Strangled – Chris Ebright c) Mastering Airway Management: Advanced Airway Management Skills - Cally Gordon-Haessly & Josh Finke d) Hybrid and Dry Decontamination for Hospitals, Healthcare Emergency Responders and Emergency Management – Al Lee
1355- 1455	<p><u>Break-out sessions 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) New ACS TQIP Best Practices Guideline for the Management of Traumatic Brain Injury: New Evidence and Novel Insights – Dr. Jen Roberts b) Emergency Medical Services and Athletic Training: Partners in Athletic Care – Jodi Waltenberg & Adam Meshak

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	c) Lessons Learned from the Apple Orchard Wagon Rollover Mass Casualty Incident – Aimee Wollman and Marcus Walden
1505-1620	<u>Closing Session</u> Grief: Understanding & Supporting Self and Others Amy Kitsembel
1620-1630	Closing remarks/ Door prizes

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Time: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Location: Northcentral Technical College, 1000 W Campus Dr, Wausau, WI 54401 and online. We have limited seats on campus but the sessions will also be streamed online.

Audience: This program is intended for EMS providers of all levels, hospital trauma nursing staff and all other providers interested in injury prevention and the care of the trauma patient. Additionally, the [North Central Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition](#) is sponsoring a number of preparedness presentations.

Cost: \$40.00 (In-person or online)

Registration: Complete the registration form through Northcentral Technical College [HERE](https://tinyurl.com/mwjxjthf) (<https://tinyurl.com/mwjxjthf>)

Please submit one registration for each person that will be attending the conference.

For more information or for any accessibility/special needs requests contact: Michael Fraley, NCRTAC Coordinator at Michael.Fraley@NCRTAC-WI.org or (715) 892-3209.

Contact Hour Statement for Allied Health Professionals



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Refund/registration change policy: A full refund is available for registration cancellation requests received on or before April 3. No refund will be available after April 3. Registrants may switch from attending in-person to virtually until April 3.

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Session Details:

NOTE: Each presentation has the primary audience indicated. This is only a recommendation. You are welcome to attend any session.

<p>0800-0915</p>	<p>Wilderness Medicine: Lessons We Can All Learn from Extended Backwoods Emergency Incidents (Keynote)</p> <p>A presentation on both single patient and multiple-patient events that have happened in wilderness settings. This presentation will describe some brief talking points on safe access and locating techniques of a patient in austere settings, and then discussion of real events that have happened in the past. Talking points will focus on pre-hospital assessment and triage strategies, in-the-hospital considerations for wilderness trauma, and key educational points that we can take from these into potential planning for you own potential wilderness trauma event.</p> <p>Philip Kostka, MD Emergency Medicine - Aspirus Stevens Point Instructor - Wild Med Adventures, LLC. Associate Medical Director - Portage County EMS</p>		
	<p><u>Hospital Audience</u></p>	<p><u>EMS Audience</u></p>	<p><u>Preparedness Audience</u></p>
<p>0925-1025</p>	<p>Preserving the Gift of Life: Organ, Tissue & Eye Donation Overview</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of the organ, tissue, and eye donation processes, highlighting the roles and responsibilities of EMS/first responders, hospital staff, and organ procurement organizations. It will include case examples to demonstrate these concepts in action, while also emphasizing the sensitive emotional state of family members during the process.</p> <p>Rebecca Hilson, BA Hospital Development Specialist UW Organ and Tissue Donation</p> <p>Sarah Schroeder, RRT, RCP II</p>	<p>When Your Patient Reaches the Breaking Point</p> <p>Need to brush up on musculoskeletal trauma? This lecture will help get you back up to speed on caring for various injuries and the complications associated with fractures and dislocations. Also discussed will be the current management trends and immobilization equipment. If nothing else, just come to see all the cool pictures!</p> <p>Chris Ebright B.Ed., NRP Lead EMS Instructor University of Toledo EMS Program</p>	<p>Developing a Workplace Violence Prevention & Intervention Program</p> <p>This presentation will give the attendees an overview of what is workplace violence and its prevalence in healthcare and EMS. Additionally, we will highlight laws and regulations that exist for workplace violence prevention programs; illustrate the necessary components of a workplace violence prevention program; and how to garner support for building a workplace violence prevention program for your organization. The goal of the presentation is to</p>

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	<p>Clinical Educator Aspirus Wausau Hospital</p> <p>Nikayla Glodowski, BSN, RN MSICU Aspirus Wausau Hospital</p>		<p>provide attendees with the tools needed to go back to their organizations and have informed discussions around the prevalence of workplace violence in their organization and what can be done to prevent it in the future.</p> <p>Dave Kobiela, BAS, CHEC II Enterprise Director, Emergency Management and Workplace Violence Prevention/Intervention Emplify Health</p> <p>Chelsey Senn, MBA Enterprise Program Manager, Workplace Violence Prevention/Intervention Emplify Health</p>
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1055-1155	<p>One October: a Level 1 Trauma Center's Response to the US's Worst Mass Shooting</p> <p>Paul Chestovich, MD Surgical Associates - Wausau</p>	<p>Mastering Airway Management: Foundational Airway Management Skills</p> <p>Join us for an interactive session focused on foundational airway management skills. While emphasizing core BLS-level skills, this session is beneficial for all levels of providers, including ALS personnel who want to refine their foundational techniques and enhance team-based airway management. This hands-on workshop will cover basic airway adjuncts, effective ventilation techniques, positioning maneuvers, and the application of supraglottic airways. Learn from experienced EMS professionals as they share</p>	<p>Incident Management Teams are a Community Resource</p> <p>Incident Management Teams (IMTs) serve as indispensable assets in the orchestration of emergency responses. These teams facilitate the management of essential processes and offer leadership to promote organized decision-making in crisis situations. Functioning in a mission support capacity, IMTs supervise critical support and coordination activities</p>

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		<p>practical tips, troubleshooting strategies, and real-world applications to improve airway success in any setting.</p> <p>Cally Gordon-Haessly, PA-C, CCP EMS Division Chief SAFER District</p> <p>Josh Finke, CCP Fire Chief SAFER District</p>		<p>during large-scale incidents, and maintain self-sufficiency to enable swift and efficient responses. Moreover, IMTs can fulfill crucial roles in response and support functions, either by fully staffing organizations or by mentoring positions to enhance operational capabilities. Find out about how IMT's can help you.</p> <p>Ed Janke President Association of Wisconsin Incident Management Teams</p>
	<u>Hospital Audience</u>	<u>EMS Audience</u>		<u>Preparedness Audience</u>
<u>1240-1340</u>	<p>Off-highway Vehicle Crashes</p> <p>This session will explore how the DNR investigates and responds to major crash incidents. Jake will cover how the DNR focuses on education, awareness, media, and special safety enhancement campaigns to reduce crash numbers. Jake will highlight the major injuries seen in these crashes, how they occur, and how they can be prevented.</p> <p>Jake Holsclaw Off-Highway Vehicle Administrator Wisconsin DNR</p>	<p>Slapped, Stabbed, and Strangled</p> <p>Domestic Violence is one of the most dangerous situations for first responders and, in many cases, is a potential crime scene. Strangulation has been identified as one of the most lethal forms of domestic violence with devastating psychological effects and a potentially fatal outcome. Often leaving no physical marks, it is</p>	<p>Mastering Airway Management: Advanced Airway Management Skills</p> <p>Elevate your airway management skills during this hands-on session focused on advanced airway management. While designed for providers performing ALS-level interventions, all EMS personnel are encouraged to attend to expand their knowledge, learn how</p>	<p>Hybrid and Dry Decontamination for Hospitals, Healthcare Emergency Responders and Emergency Management</p> <p>First Line Technology is the leader in hybrid decon products for first receivers and first responders and these products are used by many hospitals and EMS units in the region. This session will give an overview of the Dahlgren Decon solution and FiberTect products and their use to offer a scalable approach to decon from single patients to a mass casualty incident with HAZMAT/CBRNe.</p>

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		<p>imperative that first responders can identify strangulation signs and symptoms. When domestic violence perpetrators attempt to choke their victim, it is often considered the “last warning shot” before homicide.</p> <p>Chris Ebright B.Ed., NRP Lead EMS Instructor University of Toledo EMS Program</p>	<p>to assist in advanced airway procedures, and improve overall airway management as a team. This hands-on session will focus on advanced airway techniques, including supraglottic airways, endotracheal intubation, video laryngoscopy, and managing challenging airways, with opportunities to try different types of equipment, including various video laryngoscopes and airway devices. Work alongside experienced instructors to develop confidence and proficiency in both routine and difficult airway scenarios.</p> <p>Cally Gordon-Haessly, PA-C, CCP EMS Division Chief SAFER District</p> <p>Josh Finke, CCP Fire Chief SAFER District</p>	<p>Al Lee Deconnect Product Manager First Line Technology</p>
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1355-1455	<p>New ACS TQIP Best Practices Guideline for the Management of Traumatic Brain Injury: New Evidence and Novel Insights</p> <p>Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) has the highest incidence and prevalence of all neurological disorders, resulting in a significant global burden for both the acute treatment and ongoing follow up and management of brain injured patients. Providing the best evidence-based recommendations for the care of the neurotrauma patient is challenging as high-quality studies are continuously evolving. The American College of Surgeons recently updated the <i>Best Practices in the Management of Traumatic Brain Injury</i> guideline to provide clinicians with the best available evidence to improve standards of care as well as patient outcomes. The following presentation serves to highlight new evidence in the care of this complex patient population, offer metrics to consider for performance improvement, and improve the standard of neurotrauma care our region.</p> <p>Jen Roberts, MD, MS, FACS Sanford Heath – Marshfield Clinic Region</p>	<p>Emergency Medical Services and Athletic Training: Partners in Athletic Care</p> <p>One common goal brought two healthcare entities with different strengths together to care for student-athletes. That goal was to provide high quality, compassionate care to our community members.</p> <p>By identifying skill sets, finding common ground and training together, the Amherst Fire District EMS members and the athletic training professionals from Aspirus have created a symbiotic relationship that benefits not only each department but the Amherst community as a whole.</p> <p>Jodi Waltenberg, MS, LAT, ATC Aspirus Health</p> <p>Adam Meshak, Asst. Chief & Paramedic Amherst Fire District</p>	<p>Lessons Learned from the Apple Orchard Wagon Rollover Mass Casualty Incident</p> <p>On September 18, 2024, an MCI was called for a wagon rollover including pediatric patients at a local apple orchard near Chippewa Falls. Many lessons were learned from this event for everyone involved in the response, especially in a HERC region with limited pediatric capabilities, already full hospitals, and the need for family reunification. The HERC Program Coordinator and one of the Hospital Emergency Preparedness Specialists from one of the local receiving hospitals will discuss these lessons and opportunities for improvement.</p> <p>Aimee Wollman NWWIHERC Program Coordinator</p> <p>Marcus Walden Emergency Preparedness Specialist Marshfield Clinic Health System</p>
1505-1620	<p>Grief: Understanding & Supporting Self and Others (Closing session)</p> <p>Grief is a normal part of being human and a normal reaction to loss and in our cultural we tend to be at a loss as to what is normal. We will explore and discuss the work of mourning through interaction and story, teaching about intentional engagement and making space</p>		

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for big feelings around loss and normalizing what feels so abnormal to our head and heart. This expands into practical ways to also provide self-care as we live with loss and provide caring comfort to others.

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