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27th Annual North Dakota Statewide Trauma Conference

October 7 - 8, 2026

**Holiday Inn
3803 13th Ave. S.
Fargo, ND 58103**

*A block of rooms is reserved and may be
booked by calling the Holiday Inn
701.282.2700*

*Please mention the
ND State Trauma Conference
when making your reservation.*

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PURPOSE:

This symposium is designed to provide healthcare professionals with the most up-to-date information in the treatment of the trauma patient.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Physicians, Advance Practice Providers (APPs), Nurses and other interested healthcare professionals.

OBJECTIVES:

- Identify recent significant advances involved in the delivery of trauma care.
- Describe pertinent societal and professional issues which affect current practice in trauma care.
- Describe new techniques applicable to the provision of quality trauma care in the community.

CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS:

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Minnesota Medical Association through the joint sponsorship of Trinity Health and the North Dakota Trauma Foundation. Trinity Health is accredited by the Minnesota Medical Association to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

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The ND Board of Nursing accepts CME as contact hours for continuing education for Nurses.

EMS hours are pending approval, breakdown of hours will be included in the conference booklet for EMS providers. Each provider should claim only those hours of credit actually attended. This conference is eligible for reimbursement for qualified EMS personnel.

This is a professional conference, but casual attire is welcome. While attendees may bring family to the hotel, only paid registrants may attend the conference.

Agenda - Wednesday, October 7, 2026

- 0730 When the Weight Comes Off: Management of Crush Injuries and Complications**
Benjamin Axtman, MD
- 0815 Complicated Care Management in Older Injured Patients**
Megan Bowen, MD
- 0900 Pediatric Penetrating Neurologic Injuries**
Tong Yang, MD
- 0930 Break**
- 0945 MadMax: The Waste-Less Land**
Rebekah Devasahayam, MD
- 1030 Out With a Bang**
Derek Kane, MD
- 1100 What Happens After EMS Leaves - A Look Inside the Burn Center**
Mark Johnston, RN
- 1145 Lunch**
- 1245 Mostly Dead or Slightly Alive? Caring for Patients With Traumatic Arrest**
Michael Englehart, MD
- 1345 To Perfuse or Not to Perfuse - The Use of Vasopressors in Polytrauma Patients When Blood is Not Available**
Jake Knudsvig - Partida, FNP-C, DNP
- 1430 Trauma With A Side of Agitation**
Mark Detwiller, MD
- 1500 Break**
- 1515 Management of Chest Wall Injuries - 2025 Update**
Dustin Nowotny, MD
- 1545 Under Pressure: Managing Shock in the Injured Child**
Johanna Askegard, MD
- 1615 Wrap Up**



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Agenda - Thursday, October 8, 2026

- 0800 Nefarious Nocturnal Emergency Trauma Care**
Eric Wiest, MD
- 0845 Responding with Compassion: Communication Skills for Trauma-Affected Situations**
Aaron Suomala Folkerds, MS
- 0930 Break**
- 0945 Trauma Transport: Critical Thinking and Time Management**
Ross Goodsell, NREMT-P
- 1015 How Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy Impact Trauma Recovery**
Shelly Killen, MD
- 1045 Gangs, Drugs and Booze: Symptom Control versus Community Healing**
Thomas Blee, MD
- 1145 Lunch**
- 1245 Priorities of Circulation**
Megan Bowen, MD
- 1345 Trauma Management in the Rural Emergency Department: Assessment, Stabilization, and Transfer for Physicians and Providers**
Jaycee O'Keefe, MD
- 1415 Controlling the Chaos: Tips & Tricks for a Successful Trauma Bay Resuscitation**
Kathleen Gallagher, MD
- 1515 Wrap Up**

See you next year for the 28th Annual ND Statewide Trauma Conference in Grand Forks, ND!

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REGISTRATION FORM

27th Annual North Dakota
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Pre-Registration is REQUIRED.

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Name _____

Title/Position _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Affiliated Organization _____

Phone Number _____

Dietary Restrictions (allergies) _____

To use electronic payment, register online at:

www.ndtrauma.com/education

Online registration closes at 12pm on October 2nd

- ____ Physician - \$275
____ APPs/Residents - \$225
____ Nurses - \$190
____ Other Healthcare Providers - \$175



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Conference Skills Lab:

- * Wednesday, October 7th / 5:15pm to 7:45pm
 - * Includes Airway, Chest Tube Insertion, Vascular Access & Burn Scenarios
- Physicians and APPs, RNs, Paramedics**
Limited spots - \$25 fee
_____ I will be attending the Skills Lab

No refunds after October 2nd, 2026

If mailing your payment, make check or money order payable to ND Trauma Foundation - mail registration form and fee to:

ND Trauma Foundation c/o Sanford Trauma Services,
PO Box 2010, Fargo, ND 58122-4541

**Mailed registration MUST be RECEIVED by
October 2nd, 2026**

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE
REGISTRATION.**