



Conference Agenda

Thursday, September 11

- 7:00 AM-8:00 AM** Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 AM-8:15 AM** Opening Remarks – Brad Pickhardt, MD, FACS
- 8:15 AM-8:45 AM** **General Session: “The Patient and Family Perspective” - Anna Earl, MD**
Dr. Earl will discuss her husband’s recovery from a critical trauma event. Observations and suggestions for improvement for providers at all levels will be provided.
- 8:45 AM-9:15 AM** **General Session: “Trauma Case Study Panel “– Brad Pickhardt, MD, FACS; Anna Earl, MD; Filissa Caserta, MSN, CRNP, CNRN; John Bleicher, RN**
A panel discussion about a recent trauma case that illustrates many of the issues that will be discussed throughout the rest of the Symposium. Lead by Dr. Pickhardt.
- 9:15 AM-10:15 AM** **General Session: “Resuscitation of the Severely Injured Trauma Patient”–Joseph Cuschieri, MD**
A discussion of the initial priorities and strategies in managing the critically injured patient.
- 10:15 AM-10:45 AM** Break with the Vendors
- 10:45 AM-11:45 AM** **A1Track: “Neuroanatomy and Assessment” – Filissa Caserta, MSN, CRNP, CNRN**
Review of the basic anatomy of the brain and spinal cord and instruction on detailed neurological assessment including a hands-on demonstration with return demo.
- A2 Track: “Performance Improvement for EMS” – John Bleicher, RN**
Mr. Bleicher will give examples of Performance Improvement projects that have led to improvements in trauma care in western Montana and teach EMTs how their services can conduct effective PI.
- 11:45 AM-1:00 PM** Lunch On Your Own
- 1:00 PM-2:00 PM** **B1 Track: “Spinal Cord Injury” – Filissa Caserta, MSN, CRNP, CNRN**
A description of complete and incomplete spinal cord injuries. Additionally, the participant will learn the most current guidelines for the management of acute spinal cord injury.
- B2 Track: “EMS Medical Director’s Panel” – Physician members of the Board of Medical Examiners (This Track runs uninterrupted from 1-3 PM – Please register for C2 as well)**
A discussion of the responsibilities of the Board and the DMS and Trauma Systems Section as well as the roles and responsibilities of EMS medical directors.

B3 Track: "Injury Prevention in Montana – Bobbi Perkins

Instruction on effective strategies for reducing falls, increasing seat belt use and promoting injury prevention at the local level.

2:00 PM-3:00 PM

C1 Track: "Re-Looking at Initial Trauma Resuscitation – Kate FitzPatrick, RN, MSN, CRNP

A discussion of new concepts and technologies being utilized in initial trauma resuscitation.

C2 Track: "EMS Medical Director's Panel" (Continued - This Track runs uninterrupted from 1-3 PM, please register for B2 as well) – Physician members of the Board of Medical Examiners

3:00 PM-3:30 PM

Break with the Vendors

3:30 PM-4:30 PM

General Session: "Perspective from Iraq" – John Chovanes, DO

A discussion of field management techniques and new equipment being utilized by the military in Iraq. Dr. Chovanes recently returned from duty in Iraq.

5:00 PM-7:00 PM

An Evening at the Fort Missoula Historical Museum

Mingle with your friends and colleagues while you view the exhibits. Refreshments will be served and a cash bar will be available.

Friday, September 12

7:30 AM-8:00 AM

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM-9:00 AM

General Session: "Assessment of the Patient with Chest Trauma" – Kate FitzPatrick, RN, MSN, CRNP

A discussion of the importance of assessment of the chest and demonstrations of techniques for effective assessments.

9:00 AM-10:00 AM

General Session: "Management of the Patient with Chest Trauma" – John Chovanes, DO

A discussion of traditional and new strategies for management of the patient with chest trauma.

10:00 AM-10:30 AM

Break with the Vendors

10:30 AM-11:30 AM

D1 Track: "The Open Abdomen in Trauma" – Joseph Cuschieri, MD

A discussion on the concept of damage control surgery and strategies for managing the trauma patient with a post-surgical open abdomen.

D2 Track: "Evacuation Considerations – Dave McEvoy, EMT-P & John Bleicher, RN

Identification of strategies to prevent becoming sick or injured in the outdoors (whether in the backcountry or in events closer to town like getting your car stuck in the snow) and tips for what to do if you become lost, ill or injured. Variables to be considered in evacuation decision-making will be discussed.

- 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** **Lunch On Your Own**
- 1:00 PM-2:00 PM** **E1 Track: “Interpretation of Head CT” – Filissa Caserta, MSN, CRNP, CNRN**
Instruction on fundamental interpretation of CT of the brain by reviewing CT basics, anatomy of the brain and pathology identified with head CT. This session will conclude with a systematic approach to interpretation as well as interactive case studies.
- E2 Track: “Field Management Strategies – Part 1” – Mike Johnston; Bill Taylor, EMT-P; Dave McEvoy, EMT-P**
A series of outdoor skills stations teaching safety in river rescues and field airway management.
- 2:00 PM-3:00 PM** **F1 Track: “Blood Transfusions, the Good and the Bad – Joseph Cuschieri, MD**
A discussion of indications, benefits and potential complications of blood product replacement therapy in the trauma patient.
- F2 Track: “Field Management Strategies – Part 2” - Mike Johnston; Bill Taylor, EMT-P; Dave McEvoy, EMT-P**
A series of outdoor skills stations teaching safety care of the hypothermic patient and considerations in the care of the near-drowning victim.
- 3:00 PM-3:15 PM** **Break with the Vendors**
- 3:15 PM-4:15 PM** **General Session: “Trauma Case Study Panel” – Brad Pickhardt, MD, FACS; Filissa Caserta, MSN, CRNP, CNRN; Joseph Cuschieri, MD; Kate FitzPatrick, RN, MSN, CRNP; John Bleicher, RN**
Real case studies from the past year in western Montana will be discussed in an interactive format. EMS, hospital and interfacility transport issues will be discussed. Dr. Pickhardt will lead the discussion.
- 4:15 PM-4:30 PM** **Fill Out Evaluations and Sign Up for Continuing Education**