



Rural Trauma Team Development Course 4th Edition

RTTDC emphasizes a team approach to the initial assessment, resuscitation and transfer of the trauma patient in a systemized, concise manner.

Course Content

The didactic portion of the course addresses the following concepts:

- **Airway**
- **Breathing**
- **Circulation**
- **Disability**
- **Thermal Injury**
- **Transfer to Definitive Care**
- **Special Considerations (Pregnancy, Peds, Geriatric)**
- **Performance Improvement and Patient Safety**
- **Teamwork & Communication**

The course also includes Team Performance Scenarios, in which the teams use patient scenarios to perform a primary assessment.

Course Description

Developed by the Rural Trauma Committee of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, RTTDC is based on the concept that in most situations, rural facilities can form a trauma team consisting of at least three core members. The course is offered in a single day or modular format.

Target Audience

The intended audience includes individuals who are involved in the care of the injured patient, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, prehospital personnel, technicians and administrative support.

Course Objectives

- **Organize a rural trauma team with defined roles and responsibilities for the members**
- **Prepare a rural facility for the appropriate care of the injured patient**
- **Identify local resources and limitations**
- **Assess and resuscitate a trauma patient**
- **Initiate the transfer process early**
- **Establish a performance improvement process**
- **Communication effectively**
- **Define the relationship between the rural trauma facility and the regional trauma system**

Accreditation

The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA Credit Designation

The American College of Surgeons designates this Live Activity for a maximum of 8 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Of the *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™] listed above, a maximum of 8.00 credits meet the requirements for Self- Assessment. The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) accepts *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™] issued by organizations accredited by the ACCME.

Other non-physician participants will receive a certificate of course completion that they can use to claim credits from their respective credentialing entities.