

Resolution 2010-2



Designation of Trauma Facilities Owned or Operated by Other Trauma Centers

Whereas, the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) recognizes that the importance of assessing trauma centers for their compliance with trauma standards is a foundation for ensuring the ability of a facility to care for seriously injured patients; and


Whereas, the NASEMSO Trauma Managers Council understands that some hospitals, designated as trauma centers, also own and operate healthcare facilities not physically connected to the trauma center, and

Whereas, some of these trauma centers have asserted that the trauma designation of the designated hospital extends to the off-site or satellite facility as well; and

Whereas, the capabilities of an off-site or satellite facility may substantially vary from the capabilities of the designated trauma center.

Now **therefore be it resolved** that the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) asserts that any health care facility that wishes designation within a state trauma system should stand on its own in a state designation process and not receive by default the designation of its primary designated trauma center.

Signed this 15th day of October, 2010.


Steve Blessing
2008-10 President


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Intended recipients:

American Hospital Association
American College of Surgeons