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### **NASEMSO Announces New Trauma Monograph**

**September 21, 2016** (Falls Church, VA) Today, at its Fall Meeting, the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) released “Status of State Trauma System Planning and Development.” In this new monograph, NASEMSO examines the general status of formal trauma system development in the states, and particularly the utilization of system development tools produced by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA.)

The assessment population consisted of trauma system managers or the state EMS director in May 2015. Of the potential pool of 50 states and six U.S. territories, 41 full or partial responses were collected for an overall return rate of 82 percent. To the extent it was possible, findings were compared to data collected in 2010. Key data include:

- 82% of respondents indicated their state has enabling legislation or rules to designate trauma centers.
- 23% of respondents, only 16% of all states, have legislative authority to limit the number of trauma centers.
- 46% of respondents did not receive federal or outside funding for state trauma program administration.
- In spite of a 16% net loss in the Level I category, there has been a 27% increase in trauma centers overall since 2010.
- The largest increase in trauma center recognition is occurring at the level III (12%), IV (63%), and V (117%) levels.

The 2016 Trauma Monograph can be downloaded at <https://nasemso.org/Resources/Monographs/>.

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