



## **Illinois ENA Trauma Committee**

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2020 was a unique and challenging year but it did not stop the Illinois ENA Trauma Committee from pushing the envelope on innovation and collaboration. The IL ENA Trauma Committee worked with ENA and held the first virtual instructor course on March 31, 2020. Lessons learned were forwarded to ENA for feedback. On April 1, 2020, ENA had a webinar regarding virtual courses. A huge win was that ENA allowed the instructor candidates who has successfully pre tested but were pulled out of their class to staff their respective EDs to maintain their status and not have to retest in the upcoming Peoria class. The Peoria TNCC instructor class had 8 instructor candidates. A huge success was partnering with Iowa to get candidates pretested which saved them a trip (and a hotel room) for testing the night before the instructor course. After discussion with the trauma committee, another huge success was the virtual pre testing of two instructor candidates who did not have a verifier nearby. In addition, Cassy O'Brien, MSN, RN, CPEN, CEN, TCRN has taken the lead with virtual courses and assisted Karin Buchanan with the virtual testing of the two Quad City instructor candidates. In addition, another Trauma Committee member has begun the process of becoming faculty to replace the one vacancy.

Thanks also to Karen Bosnyak and Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for allowing hosting of the second TNCC instructor course on December 4, 2020. Despite COVID restrictions, the course was full.

By far our greatest accomplishment is that our Trauma Committee has expanded membership which will allow for more verifiers throughout the state. Between TNCC course directors and TNCC instructors, the committee has worked hard to establish protocols for virtual provider and instructor courses. Trauma Committee members have served as resources for the entire state for both in person and virtual courses and have shared best practices for hybrid courses. The trauma committee has shared practices and ideas with Harriet Hawkins and the Illinois ENA Pediatric Committee to try to standardize policies and expectations for both courses.

There are challenges ahead however. The committee is looking at hosting one virtual platform so trauma committee members can host TNCC provider courses. The trauma committee is also looking at following a model used by the VA with piggybacking one course onto another. For rural areas and areas where TNCC instructors are sparse, this would allow a course director for a smaller course to virtually work with a larger course to share lectures, but still allow the smaller course location director and participants to complete the TNP teaching and testing stations. National ENA is supportive of both measures.