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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RELEASES AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS
COMMITTEE ON TRAUMA STUDY**

TALLAHASSEE - The Florida Department of Health (DOH) today received the final report from the systems consultation team of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Trauma (COT). As promised, the Department is immediately releasing the full report to inform the process of trauma system improvement in the state. The report is available here: <http://newsroom.doh.state.fl.us/wp-content/uploads/newsroom/2013/05/Report-Final.pdf>

“We welcome the final report on Florida’s trauma system by the ACS COT systems consultation team,” said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. “We remain committed to collaborating with the Legislature, community leaders, the Florida Committee on Trauma, hospitals, EMS professionals and other trauma stakeholders to ensure that quality trauma services are available when needed.”

The results of this study, together with public testimony received during the nine rule workshops, will be used to create an initial draft of a trauma center apportionment rule. The draft rule will then be presented for feedback in a series of rule workshops.

Injury is the number one cause of death in Florida for ages one to 44. In 2011, more than 42,000 injured patients received care through Florida’s System of Trauma Care. At 30 years old, this system remains an organized effort across injury prevention, pre-hospital emergency medical services (EMS), rehabilitation centers, 25 verified trauma centers and two provisional trauma centers. Promoting standardized pre-hospital trauma services and connecting non-trauma acute care hospitals to the system remain priorities for the Department.

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