

**Florida Trauma System Consultation  
American College of Surgeons  
Key Recommendations**

**Statutory Authority:** Convene a small multi-disciplinary work group to analyze all existing statutes.

**System Leadership :** Appoint a new Florida Trauma System Advisory Council (FTSAC) with multidisciplinary representation.

**Lead Agency & Human Resources:** Establish and fund a statewide performance improvement coordinator and trauma medical director.

**Trauma System Plan:** Revise the Florida trauma system plan to address key issues and develop a common vision for system development.

**System Integration:** Use the Domestic Security Task Force Regions as the TSA regions.

**Financing:** Change the distribution method for funding to ensure that designated trauma centers receive level-appropriate support for the “cost of readiness”.

**EMS:** Collaborate with the Florida Department of Transportation to initiate and conduct a National Highway Traffic Safety EMS Reassessment.

**Definitive Care**

- Conduct an assessment of the current system.
- Establish process for future provisional trauma center designation based upon both capacity and system need.
- Establish process for verification and re-verification based upon system participation, center performance, and participation in quality improvement programs.
- Impose a moratorium on any new provisional or verified trauma center designations until new processes implemented.
- Require that all acute care facilities participate in the inclusive and integrated trauma system as a condition of licensure.

**System Coordination & Patient Flow:** Evaluate trauma transport protocols (TTPs) and provide annual reporting on trauma center and non-trauma center destination and patient outcomes.

**Disaster Preparedness:** Ensure disaster medical response plans are integrated through regional planning between all members of the healthcare coalition.

**System-Wide Evaluation & Quality Assurance:** Reactivate the Performance Improvement Committee of FTSAC to develop a statewide performance improvement plan.

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**Trauma MIS:** Complete the implementation of the Next Generation Trauma Registry and ensure participation by all hospitals.