

Texas Health Fort Worth | Level 1 Trauma Center presents the  
**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Trauma Conference**

# ROAD TO DISASTER

**Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

7:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**River Ranch Stockyards**

500 NE 23rd Street, Fort Worth, TX 76164

A portrait of Mark Tucker, MD, FACS, a middle-aged man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a blue patterned tie. He is smiling and looking directly at the camera. The background is a blurred indoor setting with bright lights.

## A message from the Trauma Program Medical Director

It is my privilege to welcome you to the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Texas Health Fort Worth Trauma Conference. We have been working together with our providers and community to advance the care of our trauma patients via this conference and beyond.

Our goal with this conference is to present information that you can readily take back and apply in your everyday practice. Moreover, we charge our speakers to base their recommendations on the latest and best evidenced based data.

Trauma is never expected but can be anticipated and planned for. We look forward to hearing from our dynamic speakers with the focus this year on disasters and disaster planning. Whether natural or man-made, there are lessons to be learned from prior calamities and in anticipation of future events.

Once again, welcome and thank you for joining us for this year's conference.

*Mark Tucker*

**Mark Tucker, MD, FACS**

**Texas Health Harris Methodist Fort Worth**

Conference Program Director

Trauma Medical Director

Associate Medical Director, Emergency General

Surgery Core Faculty,

General Surgery Residency Program

**TCU School of Medicine**

Assistant Professor of Surgery

# Agenda

**FORMAT:** The educational methods include didactic lectures with interactive question and answer session.

**7:15 a.m.** Check-In & Breakfast

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**8 a.m.** Welcome & Introduction  
Jared Shelton, FACHE; Mark Tucker, M.D.

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**8:15 a.m.** *Lessons Learned from October 1, 2017, Las Vegas Shooting and Preparing for the Unpredictable*  
*Opening Keynote Speaker*  
Deborah Kuhls, M.D., FACS, FCCM, FRCST (Hon)

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**9:15 a.m.** *Train Hard Now, Bleed Less Later: The Road to Mass Casualty Incident Preparedness*  
Jennifer Grant, M.D., FACS

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**10:15 a.m.** Break/Exhibitors

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**10:45 a.m.** *Terror on the Highways*  
Jason Weimer, EMT-P

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**11:45 a.m.** *Orthopedic Trauma in Mass Casualty Incidents*  
Guadalupe de la Fuente, M.D.

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**12:45 p.m.** Lunch

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**1:45 p.m.** *Operational Lessons for Fire/EMS and Hospitals*  
*Afternoon Keynote Speaker*  
W. Nim Kidd

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**2:45 p.m.** *From Chaos to Coordination: Planning for Patients and Providers*  
Stephan Epley

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**3:45 p.m.** Closing Remarks & Adjournment  
Ashleigh Fontenot, M.D., FACS



8:15 a.m.

# *Lessons Learned from October 1, 2017, Las Vegas Shooting and Preparing for the Unpredictable*



## *Opening Keynote Speaker:*

**Deborah Kuhls, M.D., FACS,  
FCCM, FRCST (Hon)**

Associate Dean for Research  
Professor of Surgery  
Chief, Acute Care Surgery Division  
AAMC Representative to Women in Medicine  
Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Chief of Trauma  
University Medical Center of Southern Nevada  
Las Vegas, Nevada

## **OBJECTIVES:**

Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Discuss lessons learned from mass shooting event
- Discuss national strategy of preparedness for civilian and military events
- Describe how the trauma team can be prepared to mitigate injury and death from mass casualty events



9:15 a.m.

# *Train Hard Now, Bleed Less Later: The Road to Mass Casualty Incident Preparedness*



*Presenter:*

**Jennifer Grant, M.D., FACS**

Trauma and Acute Care Surgeon  
Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth  
Fort Worth, Texas

## **OBJECTIVES:**

Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Discuss interdisciplinary roles and coordination strategies essential for effective mass casualty incident (MCI) response
- Recognize how different mechanisms of injury, including blunt and penetrating trauma, shape triage, resource needs, and patient outcomes during MCIs
- Apply key principles of preparedness and trauma care planning to optimize hospital and prehospital performance during diverse MCI scenarios





10:45 a.m.

# *Terror on the Highways*



*Presenter:*

**Jason Weimer, EMT-P**

Western Oklahoma/Texas Director of Operations  
Pafford Medical Services  
Fort Worth, Texas

## **OBJECTIVES:**

Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Review the February 11<sup>th</sup> I-35 motor vehicle collision (MVC) and identify the challenges/barriers to effective triage within the conditions of the incident
- Identify tactics used to employ successful personnel management
- Explain the importance of responder safety and the steps taken to ensure a safe scene
- Discuss how the interdisciplinary approach to care is vital in multi-casualty incidents



11:45 a.m.

# Orthopedic Trauma in Mass Casualty Incidents



*Presenter:*

**Guadalupe de la Fuente, M.D.**

Orthopedic Trauma Surgeon  
Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth  
Fort Worth, Texas

## **OBJECTIVES:**

Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Review the orthopedic role in interdisciplinary approaches to care in MCIs
- Highlight primary considerations for orthopedic surgeons in MCIs
- List differences of orthopedic care in the community and during MCIs



1:45 p.m.

# *Operational Lessons for Fire/EMS and Hospitals*



*Afternoon Keynote Speaker:*

**W. Nim Kidd**

Chief  
Texas Division of Emergency Management  
Austin, Texas

## **OBJECTIVES:**

Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Describe the event timelines, impacted areas, and overall consequences for all hazards
- Identify the unique operational challenges faced by fire/EMS agencies, rescue teams, and hospital systems during disasters and emergencies
- Analyze the most common medical needs that emerge as a result of disasters
- Apply key lessons learned to develop practical strategies for strengthening fire/EMS and hospital preparedness for future events





2:45 p.m.

# *From Chaos to Coordination: Planning for Patients and Providers*



*Presenter:*

## **Stephan Epley**

Manager of Safety & Emergency Management  
Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth  
Fort Worth, Texas

## **OBJECTIVES:**

Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Discuss the importance of emergency management in healthcare
- Identify the risks and hazards hospitals face during emergency events
- Describe the importance of the interdisciplinary approach to emergency management and care
- Explain the clinical approach to the Healthcare Incident Command System (HICS)
- Discuss the importance of fostering interagency relationships
- Examine proactive training and preparedness activities

# Accreditation

In support of improving patient care, Texas Health Resources is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.



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Texas Health Resources has been authorized by the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria.

## Designation of Credit

**Physicians:** The Texas Health Resources designates this live activity for a maximum of 6 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Ethics:** The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual THFW Trauma Conference “Road to Disaster” has been designated by Texas Health Resources for 6 credits of education in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility.

**Nurses and Advanced Practice Nurses:** 6 contact hours will be provided

**Physician Assistants:** This activity is designated for 6 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

**Pharmacists:** Texas Health Resources designates this knowledge-based activity for 6 ACPE credits

**EMS:** 6 CE hours will be provided for EMS providers

**Physical Therapists:** 6 CCUs will be provided

**Occupational Therapists:** This activity has been submitted to the TOTA Continuing Education Review Committee for approval of the following: 6 contact hours.

**Radiologic Technologist:** This activity has been submitted for approval for 6 category A CE credits by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists.

**Respiratory Therapists:** This program has been submitted for approval for a maximum of 6 contact hour(s) Continuing Respiratory Care Education (CRCE) credits by the American Association for Respiratory Care.

# Registration

**Registration closes on Friday, March 13, 2026.**  
**Please register on or before March 13, 2026.**

All registrations will be confirmed. No late registration will be accepted.

- \$150   Physicians**
- \$100   Physician Assistants, Allied Health, Nurses, Pharmacists**
- \$50   EMS, Other**

## How To Register

Online: [ce.TexasHealth.org](https://ce.TexasHealth.org)

- Log in/create an account
- Search for “**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Trauma Conference**”
- Click Register - Take Course
- Complete Registration



You will receive a confirmation email. If you don't receive a confirmation email, please verify your email address.

## For Additional Information



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# Location

## River Ranch Stockyards

500 NE 23rd Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76164



## CANCELLATION

If you registered but cannot attend, you may submit a written request for refund of the registration fee (less \$10 administrative fee). Requests must be received by **Wednesday, March 11, 2026**. No refunds will be issued after this date. There is no charge for a substitute registrant. In the event of conference cancellation, notification will be given two weeks in advance of the conference and the fee fully refunded.