

# The MTAC Monthly Review

Welcome to the "MTAC Newsletter." Regional trauma care is a remarkably intricate system of protocols, resources, and most importantly, personnel. That care begins with the 911 call through the prehospital phase, to the ED, into the hospital which may include the ICU, OR, and the medical surgical floors. For the trauma centers, the entire hospital is engaged in the trauma response including the labs, radiology, respiratory care, and even housekeeping requires the training to manage blood and fluid contamination to the hospital from the resuscitations. Being discharged is not the end of trauma care, but in many cases the beginnings of prolonged rehabilitation. Our purpose with the MTAC Newsletter is to update and disseminate the activities and accomplishments without our region.



@MetrolinaTrauma

Metrolina Trauma Advisory Committee is 1 of 8 North Carolina Regional Advisory Councils (RACs), dedicated to working with regional emergency & trauma care providers, hospitals, & EMS agencies in efforts of constructing & maintaining a coordinated, evidence based process for the delivery of consistent, high quality trauma care.

## Upcoming Education around the Region

6/10.....	ATLS
	(hybrid course- CMC residents ONLY)
6/17-18.....	ENPC
6/23.....	Rib Fracture Fixation*
6/25-26.....	TNCC
7/21.....	Blunt Cerebrovascular Injury*
7/21.....	PHTLS
7/30-31.....	ENPC
8/10-11.....	TNCC
8/12.....	ATLS Refresher
8/19.....	Brain Injury Guidelines (BIG)*

\* MTAC Monthly Trauma Conference at CMC

\*\*NH Trauma Talks at NH Presbyterian Medical Center

For more event info, go to [www.metrolinatrauma.org](http://www.metrolinatrauma.org)

## Special points of interest

- Interested in knowing what the clinical outcome of a trauma patient was? Reach out to us at [scott.wilson@atriumhealth.org](mailto:scott.wilson@atriumhealth.org)
- Do you have a trauma course coming up & need it advertised? We can use our website or social media to help market it.
- Want to say good job to an EMS crew or another hospital for their excellent patient care? Let us know!



## Dr. A. Britt Christmas

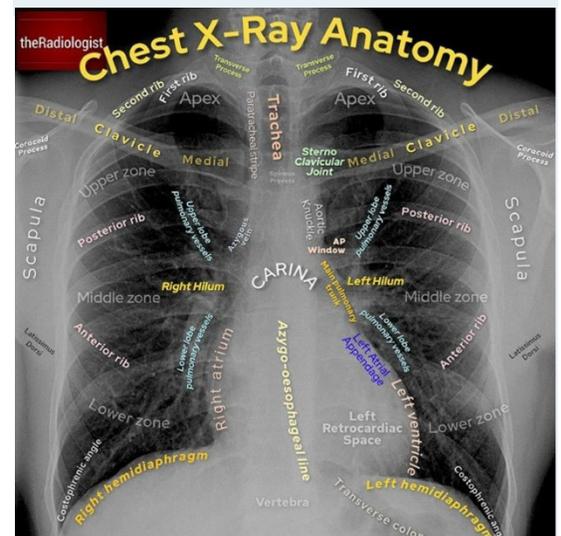
A. Britton Christmas received his B.A. degree from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville in 1996 and his M.D. degree from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 2000. He completed his internship, residency, and surgical critical care fellowship in the Department of Surgery at the University of Louisville from 2000-2006 where he was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.



He joined the faculty of The F. H. "Sammy" Ross, Jr. Trauma Center at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina in 2006 where he currently serves as an attending surgeon for trauma, critical care, and acute care surgery, Professor of Surgery, Associate Medical Director and Vice Chief of Trauma, and Co-Medical Director of Pediatric Trauma. He also serves as Adjunct Associate Professor of Surgery for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Dr. Christmas has authored or co-authored more than 70 peer reviewed publications, 8 book chapters, and 187 presented abstracts. He is active in the surgical community with Society memberships which include the American College of Surgeons (ACS), the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST), the Pediatric Trauma Society, the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) and the Southern Surgical Association. He is a former recipient of the EAST Leadership Development Scholarship, the recipient of the inaugural EAST Foundation Brandeis Scholarship in Health Policy and Management, and the recipient of the 2016 ACS Young Fellows Leadership and Advocacy Summit Scholarship. He currently serves on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee as President of EAST, the Board of Directors for the Trauma Centers Association of America (TCAA), and as Vice Chair for the North Carolina ACS Committee on Trauma. Current national committee appointments include the TCAA Finance Committee, the AAST Acute Care Surgery Committee, and the South-eastern Surgical Congress Finance Committee.



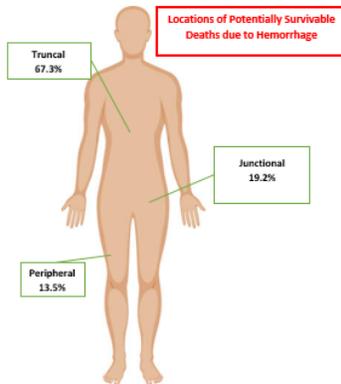
# ATLS®

ADVANCED TRAUMA LIFE SUPPORT

The ATLS courses scheduled for June at CMC have either been modified due to social distancing requirements/meeting restrictions or rescheduled. The full course for CMC residents only has been modified into a hybrid course with online portions and small group skills checks. The refresher course for existing certification holders has been rescheduled for August 12th. For more info, email [ori.gottlieb@atriumhealth.org](mailto:ori.gottlieb@atriumhealth.org) or go to the MTAC [website](#).



MTAC successfully held its first Trauma Evaluation and Management (TEAM) course from the American College of Surgeons. The TEAM program provides a standardized introductory course in the evaluation and management of trauma for medical students and multidisciplinary team members. This is a great alternative to ATLS for teammates who are either not eligible for the certification, whose budget does not allow, or cannot dedicate two full days for a full ATLS course. Reach out to MTAC for more info or to schedule a course.



A recent study by Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST) and published in the Journal of Trauma on prehospital death in battlefield trauma found that 90.9% of potentially survivable trauma was associated with hemorrhage. To read the study, click [here](#). We must continue to teach & improve Stop The Bleed methods. Have you taken a Stop the Bleed course? Are you or your organization interested in taking or holding a course? It's free and only takes about 1 - 1 1/2 hours. Let us know!

Death on the Battlefield (2001-2011):  
Implications for the Future of  
Combat Casualty Care



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