

American College of Surgeons

COMMITTEE ON TRAUMA



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Dear Mr. Denny:

The American College of Surgeons' Committee on Trauma is excited to learn that Idaho will be moving forward with trauma system development after years of being hamstrung by legislative prohibition. Since injury is the leading cause of death in Idaho from the ages of 1-44 and the third leading cause of death across all ages, this is an important step towards ensuring the health and welfare of the Idaho citizenry.

We also are excited about your proposed process for building a time sensitive diagnosis response system that would include: trauma, stroke and STEMI. The concurrent development of these three systems will result in increased efficiencies across all three of these time sensitive diagnoses. In a state like Idaho, where there are a few pockets of high level medical resources surrounded by vast rural areas, the simultaneous evolution of the process for the identification, transport and definitive care of these life-threatening conditions is a thoughtful and effective approach.

Please let me know if the COT can do anything to assist with the development of your time sensitive disease system and/or its very important trauma component. Good luck with your efforts to serve Idaho's public.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Rotondo MD FACS

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