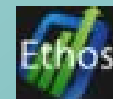


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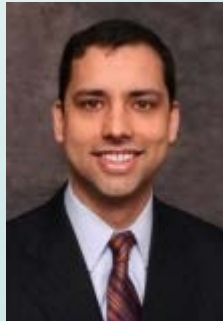


# Research Highlights





# Congratulations to our Faculty On their promotion to Professor of Surgery



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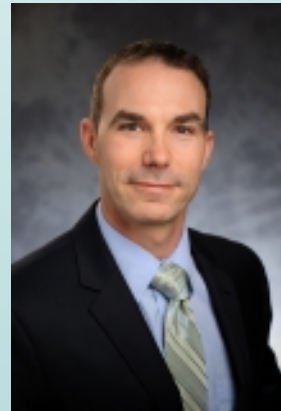


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Division of Surgical Oncology





# Congratulations on the promotion to Associate Professor of Surgery



**Thomas W. Carver, MD**  
**Division of Trauma and Acute Care  
Surgery**





# Dr. Carmen Bergom, receives 2018 Michael H. Keelan Jr., MD Scholar Award



“Unique genetic models to identify mediators of radiation-induced heart disease.”



[Carmen R. Bergom, MD, PhD](#)

Radiation Oncology, Surgery Research



*The Department of Surgery presents:*



# SAVE THE DATE!

## 2018 Fall Research Symposium

The Fall Research Symposium will consist of research presentations, done in quick shot format, with special emphasis on projects completed during the summer in preparation for regional or national presentations



Date: Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

Time: 12:00-4:00pm

Location: Helfaer Auditorium

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Abstract submission deadline: **August 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm**

Submit to [Heidi](#)

- Medical Students
- Residents
- Fellows





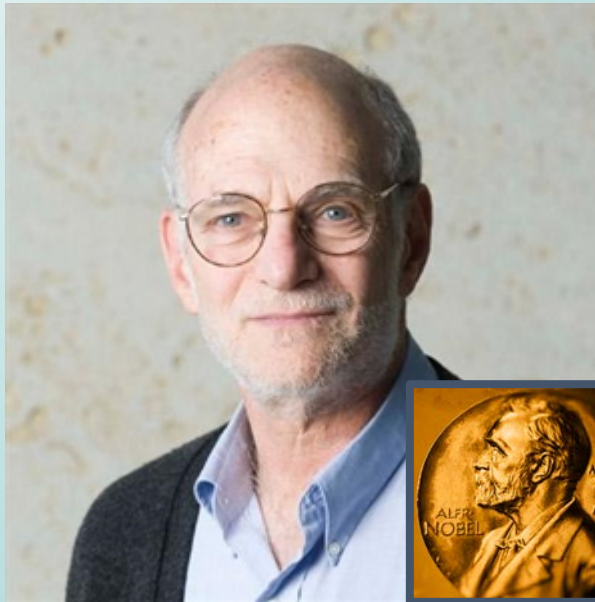
# SAVE THE DATE!

## Research Day

Date: Monday, September 24th

Poster Session: 1:00-3:00pm, HUB Gallery, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Keynote Address: 3:00-4:00pm, Kerrigan Auditorium



[Michael Rosbash, PhD](#)

Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute  
Peter Gruber Professor of Neuroscience,  
Brandeis University



## **Pediatric Surgery**

["Is isomerism a risk factor for intestinal volvulus?"](#)

[\*Journal of Pediatric Surgery.\*](#)

(Landisch RM, Loomba RS, Salazar JH, Buelow MW, Frommelt M, Anderson RH, Wagner AJ)

["Screening practices and associated anomalies in infants with anorectal malformations: Results from the Midwest Pediatric Surgery Consortium."](#)

[\*Journal of Pediatric Surgery\*](#)

("Minnecci PC, Kabre RS, Mak GZ, Halleran DR, Cooper JN, Afrazi A, Calkins CM, Downard CD, Ehrlich P, Fraser J, Gadepalli SK, Helmrath MA, Kohler JE, Landisch R, Landman MP, Lee C, Leys CM, Lodwick DL, Mon R, McClure B, Rymeski B, Saito JM, Sato TT, St Peter SD, Wood R, Levitt MA, Deans KJ)

## **Vascular/Cardiothoracic Surgery**

["Migration of endovascular plug in hybrid repair of dysphagia lusoria."](#)

[\*Journal of Vascular Surgery Cases & Innovative Techniques\*](#)

("Soo Hoo AJ, Rokkas CK, Rossi PJ)

## **Pediatric Congenital Cardiac Surgery**

["Total Artificial Heart Using Bilateral Paracorporeal Pulsatile Ventricular Assist Devices in an 8.2-kg Child."](#)

[\*Annals of Thoracic Surgery\*](#)

(Woods RK, Kindel SJ, Mitchell ME, Hraska V, Niebler RA)

## **Surgical Oncology**

["Improved surgical outcomes following radical cystectomy at high-volume centers influence overall survival."](#)

[\*Urologic Oncology\*](#)

("Scarberry K, Berger NG, Scarberry KB, Agrawal S, Francis JJ, Yih JM, Gonzalez CM, Abouassaly R)

["Studying a Rare Disease Using Multi-Institutional Research Collaborations vs Big Data: Where Lies the Truth?"](#)

[\*Journal of the American College of Surgeons\*](#)

(Johnson AC, Ethun CG, Liu Y, Lopez-Aguilar AG, Tran TB, Poultides G, Grignol V, Howard JH, Bedi M, Gamblin TC, Tseng J, Roggin KK, Chouliaras K, Votanopoulos K, Cullinan D, Fields RC, Delman KA, Wood WC, Cardona K, Maithel SK)

## **Vascular Surgery**

["Endovascular management of an acute type B aortic dissection in a patient with fibromuscular dysplasia."](#)

[\*Journal of Vascular Surgery Cases & Innovative Techniques\*](#)

(Man JH, Rothstein A, Patel PJ, Lee CJ)





## **Cardiothoracic Surgery**

["Current trends in bilateral internal thoracic artery use for coronary revascularization: Extending benefit to high-risk patients."](#)

*Journal of Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery*

(Saran N, Locker C, Said SM, Daly RC, Maltais S, Stulak JM, Greason KL, Pochettino A, Schaff HV, Dearani JA, Joyce LD, Lahr BD, Joyce DL)

["Uh-oh, some CO2 has gone missing."](#)

*Journal of Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery*

(Woods RK & Hoffman GH)

["Rotational Thromboelastometry Rapidly Predicts Thrombocytopenia and Hypofibrinogenemia During Neonatal Cardiopulmonary Bypass."](#)

*World Journal for Pediatric & Congenital Heart Surgery*

(Scott JP, Niebler RA, Stuth EA, ENewman DK, Tweddell JS, Bercovitz RS, Benson DW, Cole R, Simpson PM, Yan K, Woods RK)

["Atrial fibrillation after transhiatal esophagectomy with transcervical endoscopic esophageal mobilization: one institution's experience."](#)

*Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery*

(Colwell EM, Encarnacion CO, Rein LE, Szabo A, Haasler G, Gasparri M, Tisol W, Johnstone D)

## **General Surgery**

["Robotic skills can be aided by laparoscopic training." Surgical Endoscopy."](#)

(Davila DG, Helm MC, Frelich MJ, Gould JC, Goldblatt MI)

["The impact of preoperative anemia and malnutrition on outcomes in paraesophageal hernia repair."](#)

*Surgical Endoscopy*

(Clark LN, Helm MC, Higgins R, Lak K, Kastenmeier A, Kindel T, Goldblatt M, Gould JC)

["Preoperative immobility significantly impacts the risk of postoperative complications in bariatric surgery patients."](#)

*Surgery for Obesity & Related Diseases*

("Higgins RM, Helm M, Gould JC, Kindel TL)

## **Colorectal Surgery**

["Pouch Volvulus in Patients Having Undergone Restorative Proctocolectomy for Ulcerative Colitis: A Case Series."](#)

*Diseases of the Colon & Rectum*

(Landisch RM, Knechtges PM, Otterson MF, Ludwig KA, Ridolfi TJ)



# “The Word on Medicine: where Knowledge is changing life”



**Fetal Surgery**

**July 28, 2018 3:00pm**

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Advanced Fetal Care: medical experts and patients discuss advanced fetal care and the Fetal Concerns Center of Wisconsin. Panelists for this show include Dr. Amy Wagner, Dr. Erika Peterson, Dr. John Kryger, Dr. Mohit Maheshwari, Kristi Rapp, Fetal Program Direct, and Kim Mangarelli, Nurse Care Coordinator. The show will also feature the stories of grateful patients who were willing to share their stories.





*Next Month:*

# Education Surgery Research Update

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Thomas W. Carver, MD



Michael Malinowski, MD



Andrew Kastenmeier, MD

**Wednesday, August 8**

**5:00-6:00 pm**

**Location: Cancer Center Conference Room M**



*Next Month:*

*Special Surgery Research Conference*

# Academic Metrics: Understanding H-index and Blue Ridge NIH Award Rankings

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**Raul Urrutia, MD**

Director, Genomics Sciences and Precision Medicine Center  
Warren P. Knowles Professor of Genomics and Precision  
Medicine

**Wednesday, August 15**

**5:00-6:00 pm**

**Location: HUB A1015/A1035**



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# Trauma/Acute Care Surgery Research

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Chief of Division

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- Thoracic Irrigation
- HDACI
- Pneumothorax Treatment
- B/P as a predictor of mortality in elderly
- FAST ultrasound
- Use of Ctscan in Penetrating Trauma
- Redefining the Cardiac Box
- Use of Pigtail catheters for Hemothorax
- Use of point of care TEG\*

- Vascular Trauma Treatment
- Ketamine and Rib fx/QoL
- Vital Capacities to predict outcomes
- Management of Zone II Hematomas
- Rib Fixation
- Use of Early Intervention for PTSD

- Prospective Rib Fracture Recovery
- Clavicular and rib fractures
- Tracheostomies
- Traumatic bile leaks
- Wound closure in open abd
- Trauma and Resilience



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# Acute Care Surgery

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- HDACI for Sepsis
- Role of CT-Scan in SBO
- Predictors of therapeutic laparotomy for ischemic bowel after cardiac surgery
- Use of AB103 in NSTI \*

- MIT- appendicitis treatment
- Treatment of Adhesive SBO
- MIT- Treatment of Cholecystitis with Perc Chole

Use of indirect calorimetry in enterocutaneous fistula  
Psychological Fx in Emerg Gen Surgery

## Global Surgery

- Burden of Surgical Disease in Southern Haiti
- Trauma outcomes in Havana: A 10 year longitudinal study
- Implementation of Point of Care Trauma Clinical Decision Making Guide in Low to Middle Income Countries (Cuba, Belize, Haiti)

Thoracic Irrigation

Pneumothorax Management  
Guidance

Predicting Mortality Using the EMR



- Thoracic injuries in trauma
  - Present in nearly 50% of poly-trauma patients
  - Traumatic Hemothorax (HTx) occurs ~300,000 annually
  - Pneumothoraces Occur in 8% of all trauma cases
  
- Retained HTx in up to 20% of patients
  - Focus on management of retained HTx in the literature
  - Role of early Video Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery (VATS)
  
- Lack of focus on prevention of retained HTx

# Effect of Direct Suction Evacuation

- 199 Patients
  - Retrospective Controls (100 pts)
  - Prospective SEPS (99 pts)
- Hypothesis → Suction evacuation prior to TT placement would decrease rate of retained complications.

	Odds Ratio	p-value
Recurrent PTx	0.332	0.0076
Pneumonia	1.021	NS
Retained Fluid	0.453	NS
Surgical Intervention	0.531	NS
Death	4.313	NS



# SEPS vs. Thoracic Irrigation

- SEPS

- Prior to TT Placement
- Yankaneur Suction advanced into dependent portion of chest
- 2<sup>nd</sup> pass of Yankauer
- Standard TT Placement

- Thoracic Irrigation

- After TT Placement
- Suction advanced within TT
- Irrigation of the thoracic cavity

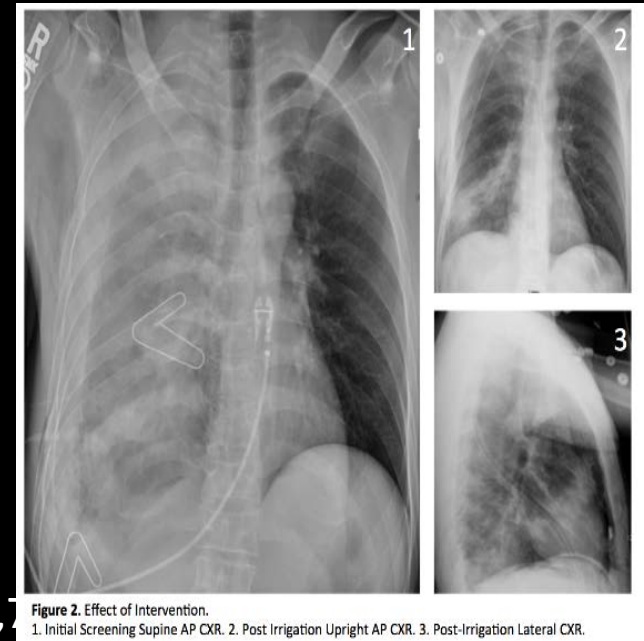
# Irrigation Protocol

1. Identification of traumatic HTx, HPTx
2. Aseptic 32 or 36-French TT placement
3. Initial suction evacuation following TT placement
4. 60 mL Toomey syringe is attached to the TT
5. 500 mL warm sterile saline instilled
6. Complete suction evacuation
7. Steps 4-6 repeated → total 1,000mL irrigation
8. TT connected to standard atrium setup



# Pilot Study

- Total Recruitment = 20 patients
  - Age (median, IQR) = 35 years (28,54)
  - Blunt Mechanism = 45%
  - ISS (median, IQR) = 13 (9,18)
  - AIS-Chest (median, IQR) = 3 (3,3)
  - TT Duration (median, IQR) = 5 days (4,6)
  - Length of Stay (median, IQR) = 7 days (5,7)



- Secondary Intervention Rate = 5%





# Hypothesis

- Thoracic irrigation at the time of initial thoracostomy tube placement will reduce the rate of clinically significant retained hemothorax.



# Methods

- Prospective Observational Trial
  - Control Cohort = TT placement
  - Investigational Cohort = TT placement + thoracic irrigation



# Methods

- Inclusion Criteria

1. CXR confirmed HPTx or HTx
2. TT placed within 24-hours

- Exclusion Criteria

1. Hemodynamic Instability
2. Need for immediate thoracotomy
3. TT removal within 24-hours
4. Death within 30-days

Analysis: propensity score matching on age, sex, MOI, AIS-Chest, TT Size

# Results

**Table 1. Patient and Trauma Demographics**

	<b>Irrigated</b>	<b>Non-Irrigated</b>
<b>Total Patients</b>	<b>n = 60</b>	<b>n = 236</b>
<b>Age (years)</b>	33 (26,51)	42 (27,55)
<b>Male (n / %)</b>	49 (81.7%)	190 (80.5%)
<b>ISS</b>	13 (9,18)	14 (9,22)
AIS Chest	3 (3,3)	3 (3,3)
<b>Blunt Trauma (n / %)</b>		
TOTAL	29 (48.3%)	121 (51.3%)
Motor Vehicle Collision	14 (23.3%)	52 (22.0%)
Fall	7 (11.7%)	31 (13.1%)
Motor Pedestrian Collision	3 (5.0%)	8 (3.4%)
Motor Cycle Collision	2 (3.3%)	22 (9.3%)
Assault	1 (1.7%)	5 (2.2%)
Other	3 (5.0%)	5 (2.2%)
<b>Penetrating Trauma (n / %)</b>		
TOTAL	31 (51.7%)	115 (48.7%)
Gun Shot Wound	23 (38.3%)	70 (29.7%)
Stab Wound	8 (13.3%)	44 (18.7%)
<b>TT indication (n / %)</b>		
Hemothorax	35 (58.3%)	121 (51.3%)
Hemopneumothorax	25 (41.7%)	115 (48.7%)

All numbers Median (Interquartile Range) unless otherwise stated.

ISS = injury severity score, AIS = abbreviated injury score, TT = thoracostomy tube

# Results

**Table 2. Primary Reason for Data Analysis Exclusion**

	<b>Irrigated</b>	<b>Non-Irrigated</b>
<b>Total Patients Excluded in Final Analysis</b>	6 (10%)	30 (12.7%)
TT Removal in 24-hours	3 (5.0%)	12 (5.1%)
Accidental / Bedside Removal	3 (5.0%)	7 (3.0%)
OR removal for VATS (non-retained HTx)	0 (0%)	5 (2.1%)
Immediate Thoracotomy	2 (3.3%)	6 (2.5%)
Death within 30-days	1 (1.7%)	12 (5.1%)

All values are number (%) unless otherwise stated. OR: Operating Room.



# Results

- Compliance with Protocol → 85%
- TT Duration (median, IQR)
  - Control = 6 days (4,7)
  - Investigational = 6 days (4,8)
- Primary Outcome: secondary intervention for retained HTx
  - Control = 21.8%
  - Investigational = 5.6%

# Pneumothoraces?



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## Objective

To validate **The 35 Millimeter Rule** in predicting **successful observation** of PTX detected on chest Computed Tomography (CT) <sup>1, 2</sup>

## Hypothesis

PTX measuring **≤35 mm** on chest CT can be **safely** observed in both penetrating and blunt trauma mechanisms

1. de Moya, M.A., et al., *Occult pneumothorax in trauma patients: development of an objective scoring system*. J Trauma, 2007. 63(1): p. 13-7.
2. Cropano C, Mesar T, Turay D, King D, Yeh D, Fagenholz P, Velmahos G, de Moya MA. *Pneumothoraces on Computed Tomography Scan: Observation using the 35 Millimeter Rule is Safe*. Panam J Trauma Crit Care Emerg Surg 2015;4(2):48-53



# Methods



- **Site:** Froedtert Hospital → level 1 trauma academic medical center with 550+ beds
- **Design:** single-center, retrospective analysis
- **Time frame:** January 2011 - December 2016
- **Primary Outcome:** successful observation of PTX  $\leq 35$  mm:
  - No need for delayed TT
  - No need for secondary intervention (surgery or intrapleural lytic therapy)





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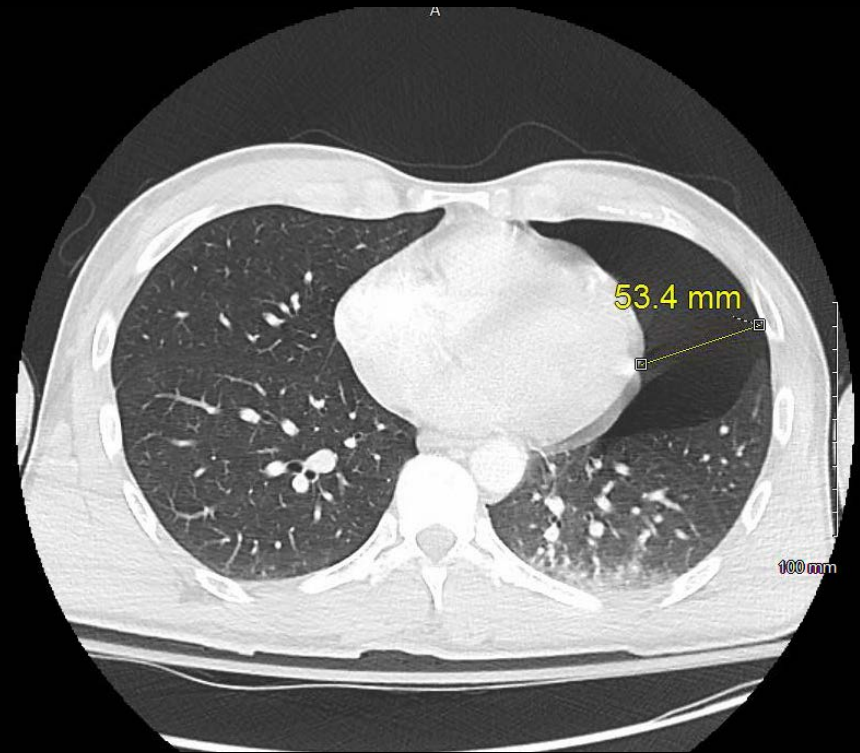
- **Inclusion Criteria:**
  - 18 years and older
  - Patients with chest CT done at the time of trauma
  - No walk-in diagnosis of PTX
- **Exclusion Criteria:**
  - Associated hemothorax
  - Diagnosis of PTX based on CXR



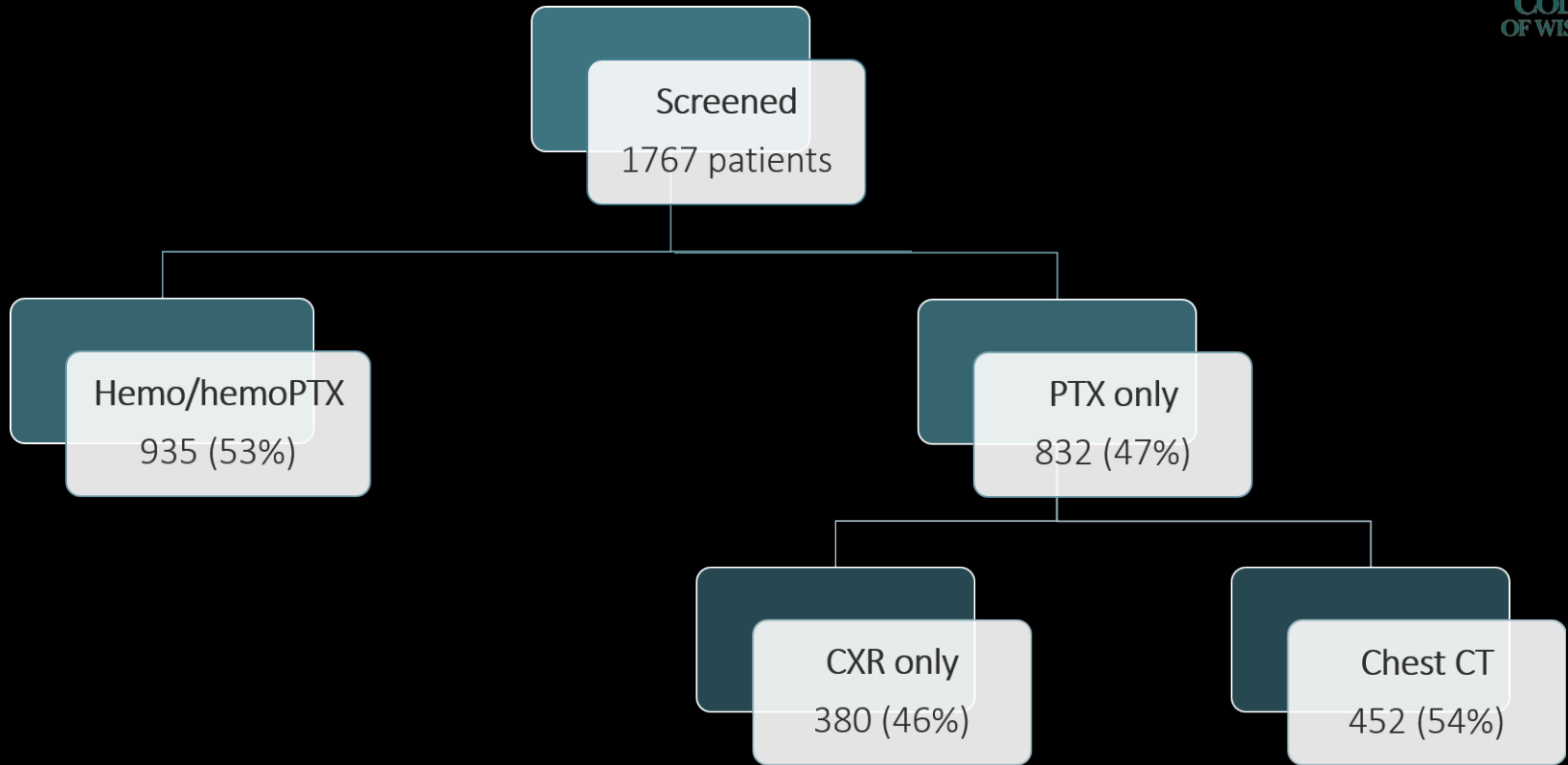
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- **Measurement**

Radial distance between the parietal and visceral pleura/mediastinum in a line perpendicular to the chest wall

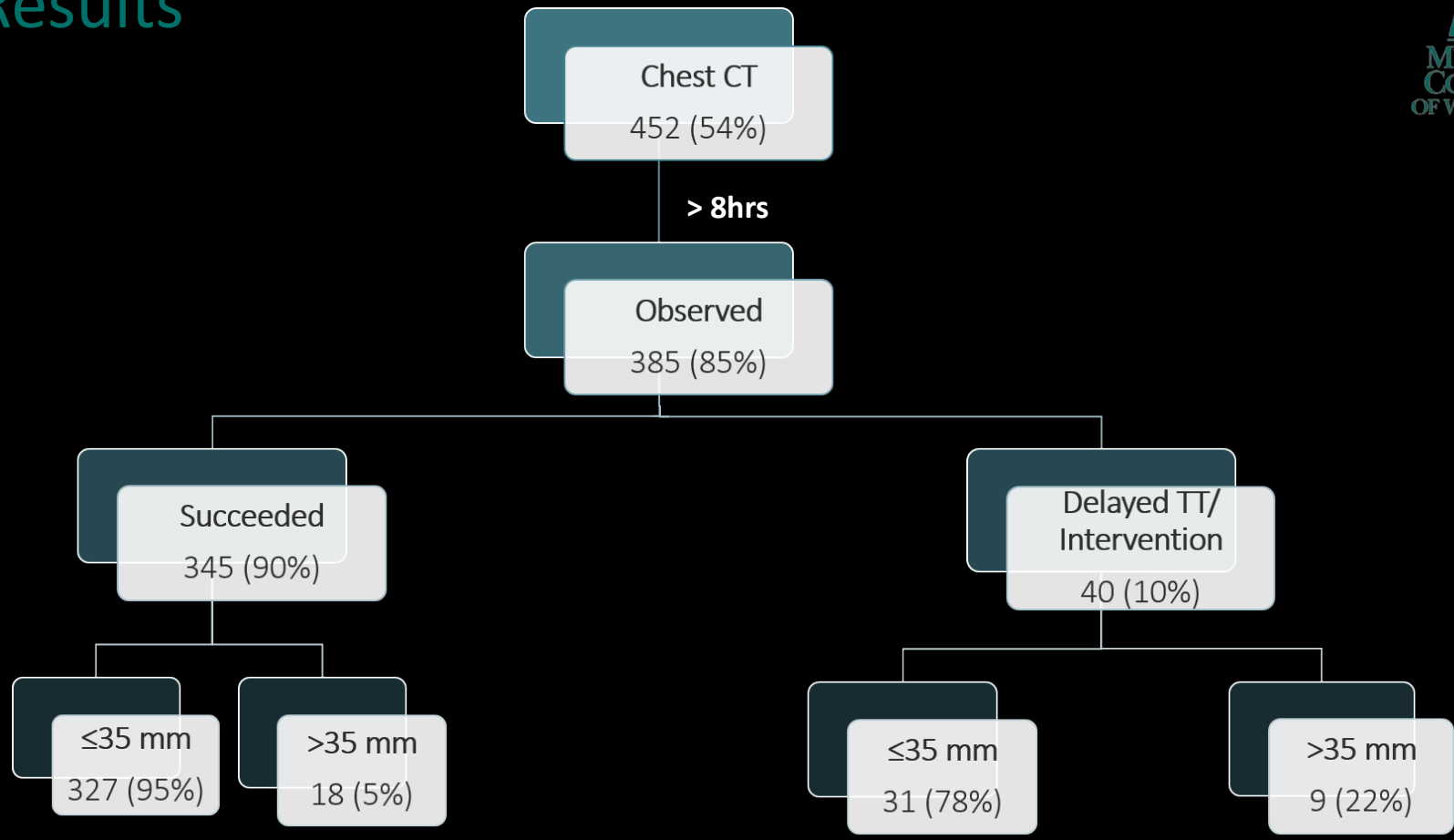


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# Conclusion



- **The 35 mm Rule** is **safe** as a general guide for **initial observation**, regardless of mechanism, with only 5% of stable patients failing.
- Simple and rapid method → one measurement on axial chest CT



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Percent Change From Pre-Injury Blood Pressure Is  
An Independent Predictor Of Mortality In Elderly  
Trauma



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# Hypothesis



Decrease from baseline (preinjury) systolic blood pressure(SBP) is an independent predictor of mortality among elderly trauma patients



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# Methods



- **Site:** Froedtert Hospital → level 1 trauma academic medical center with 550+ beds
- **Design:** single-center, retrospective analysis
- **Time frame:** January 2010 - December 2017
- **Primary Outcome:** in-hospital mortality after trauma
- **Patient identification & data collection:** trauma registry and electronic health records
- **Analysis:** univariant and multivariant analysis using SAS V9.4



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# Methods



- **Inclusion Criteria:**

- 65 years and older
- Admitted under trauma service
- Has baseline vital signs in EPIC from outpatient setting

- **Exclusion Criteria:**

- Under 65
- Multiple trauma presentations
- Dead on arrival
- Vital signs only from inpatient admission



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# Methods



- **Baseline SBP (bSBP):** average of the last 3 SBP measurements recorded within 2 years of the trauma date in outpatient setting
- **Trauma SBP (tSBP):** first SBP reading in the Emergency Department after presentation for trauma
- **Delta SBP (dSBP):** percent change of tSBP from bSBP



# Results



- 2059 patients → 533 (25.9%) with a decrease in tSBP from their bSBP
- **Age mean:** 79.8 years (65.0 - 102.0,  $\pm 8.4$ )
- **bSBP mean:** 131.3 mmHg (75.3 – 209.0,  $\pm 17.5$ )
- **Mortality:** 5%





# Results



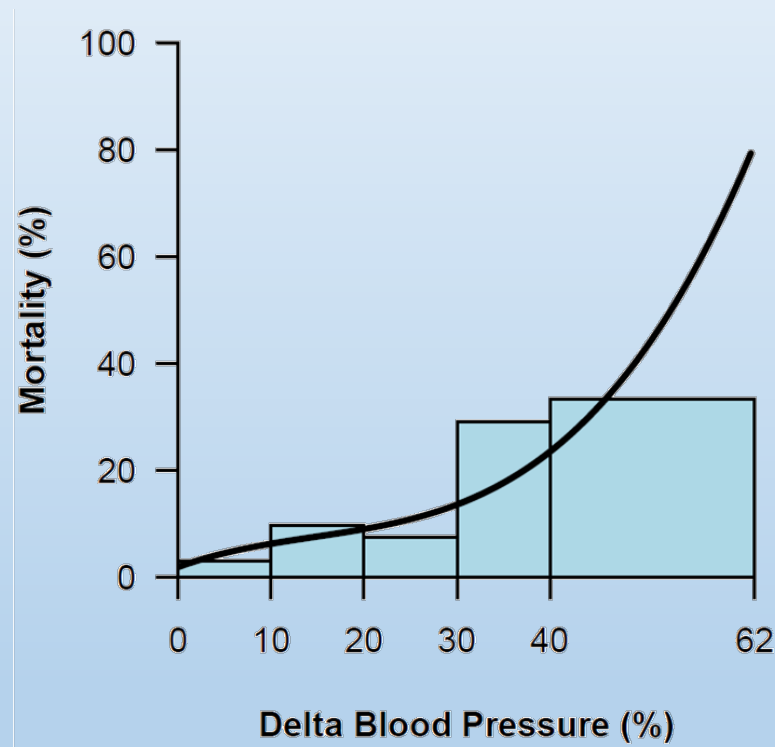
- **Multivariate Analysis:**

- 10% change from bSBP [OR= 1.39, (95% CI: 1.02, 1.90)]
- Male sex [OR=3.45, (95% CI: 1.49, 8.01)]
- GCS 13-15 [OR=0.03, (95% CI: 0.01, 0.07)]





# Results



# Conclusion



A decrease from baseline preinjury SBP by 10% or more is an independent predictor of mortality in the elderly trauma patient



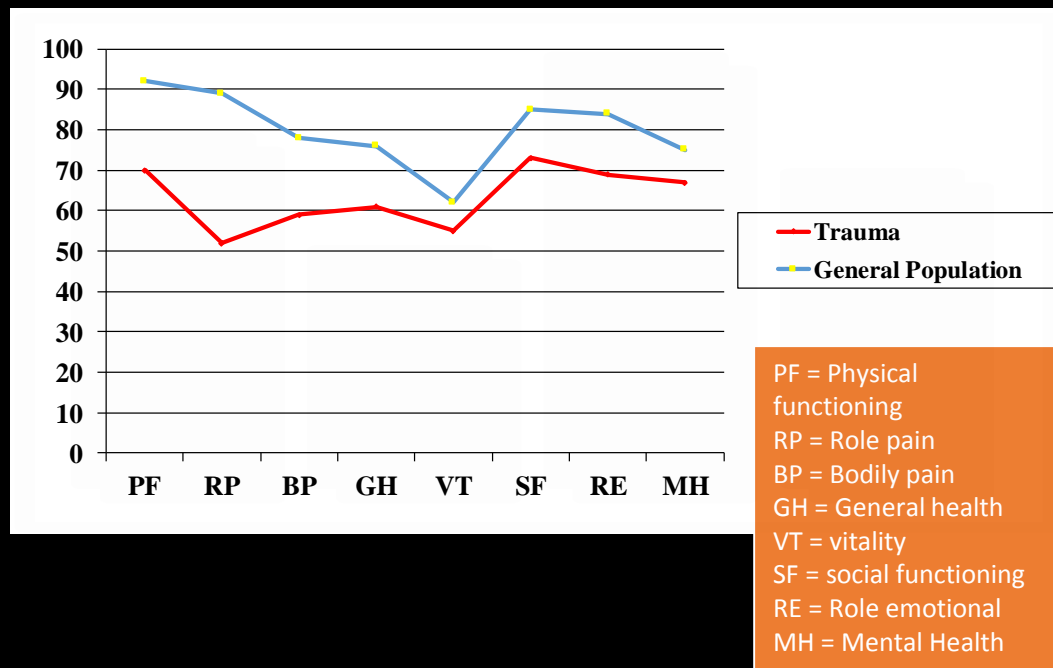
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# Trauma/ACS Research Program

- Full time-line of Patient Care and Global efforts
- DOD Funding line for Phase II HDACI study of TBI
- Grant proposals for NIH, Fogarty, DOD
- Future: Epigenomics, Proteonomics with GSPMC collaboration; Expand Military Program (Military/Civilian Research Partnership Symposium, June 4/5<sup>th</sup> 2019)

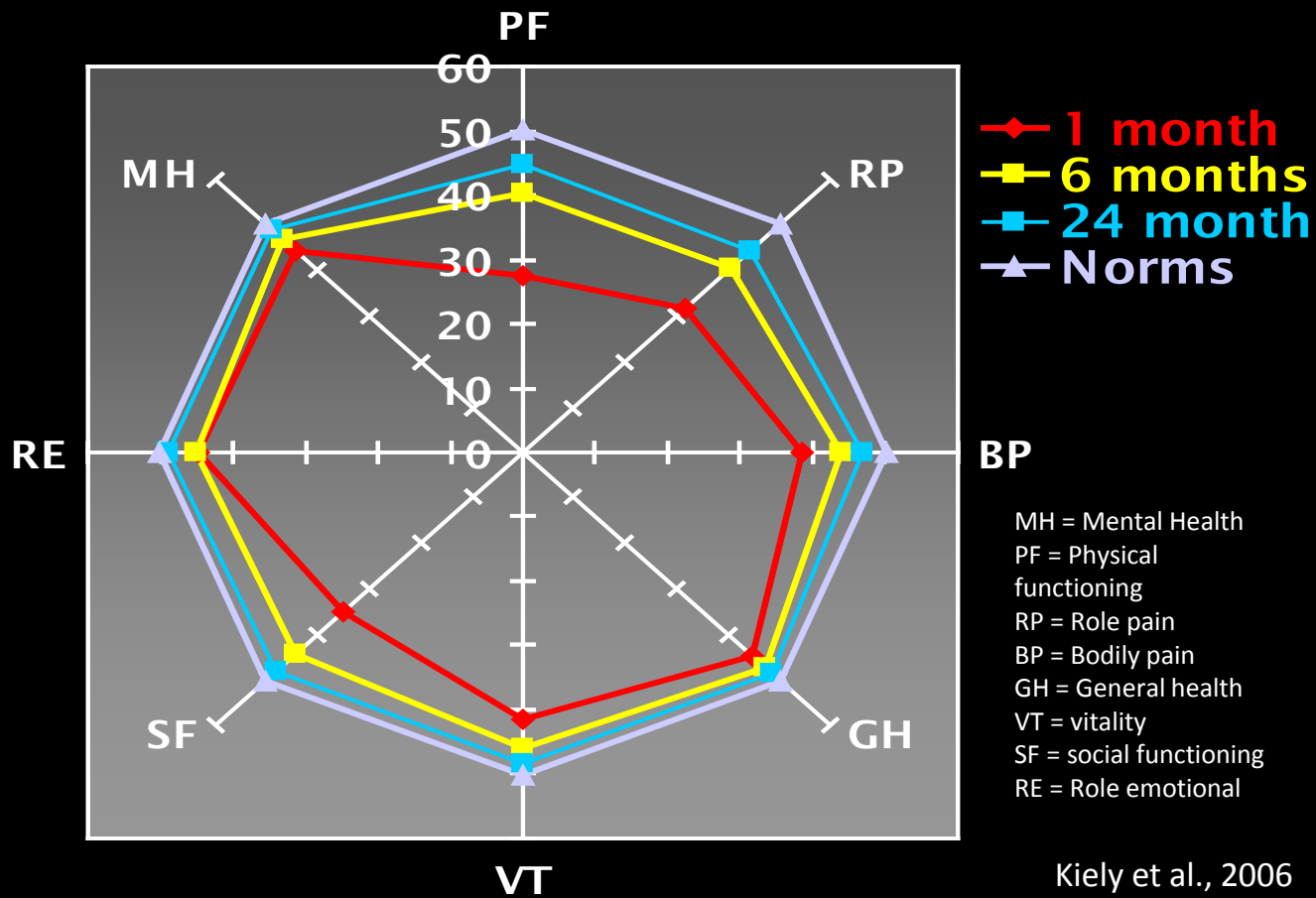


# Quality of Life (QoL) after Trauma



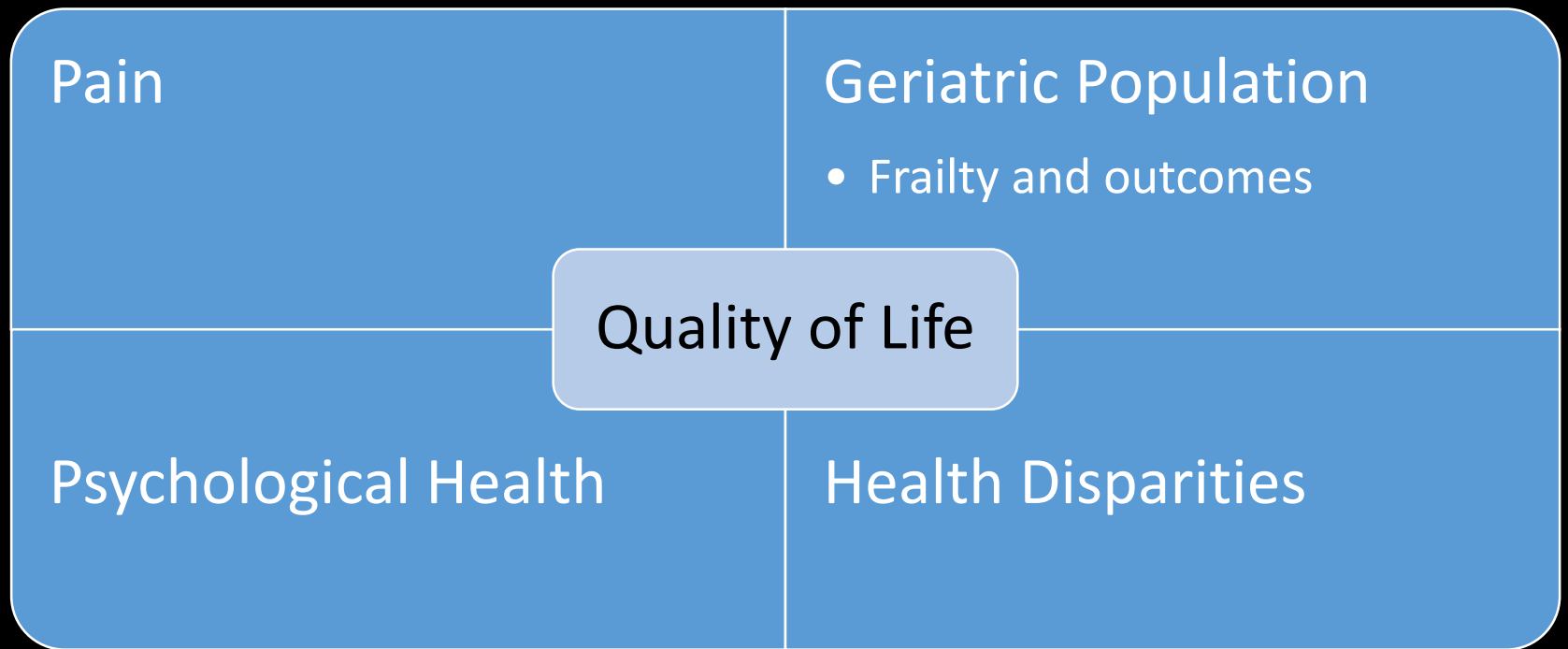
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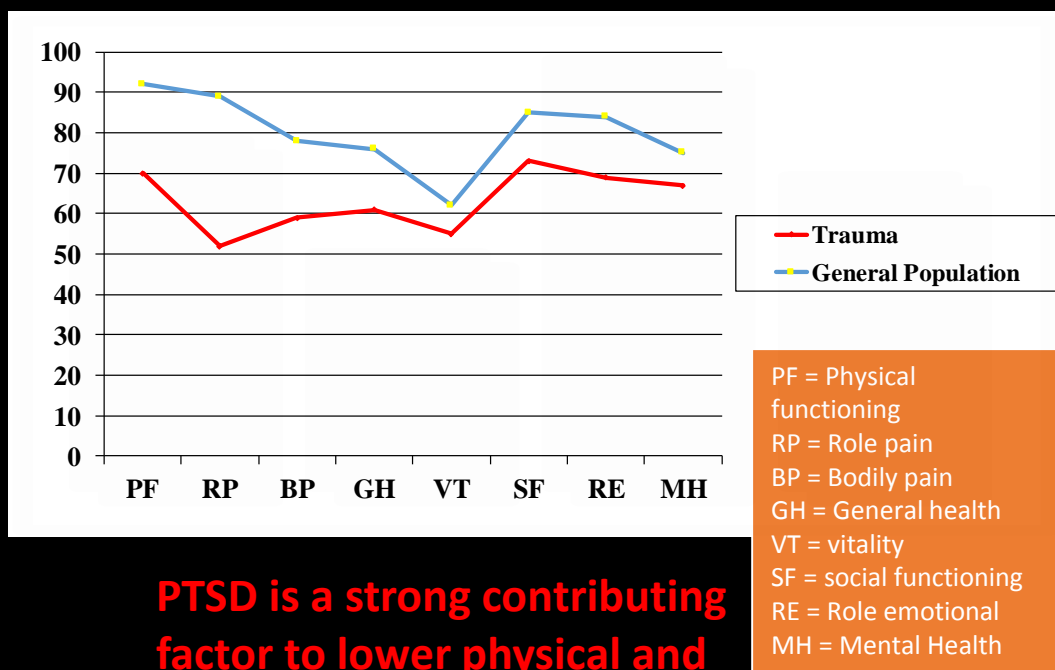


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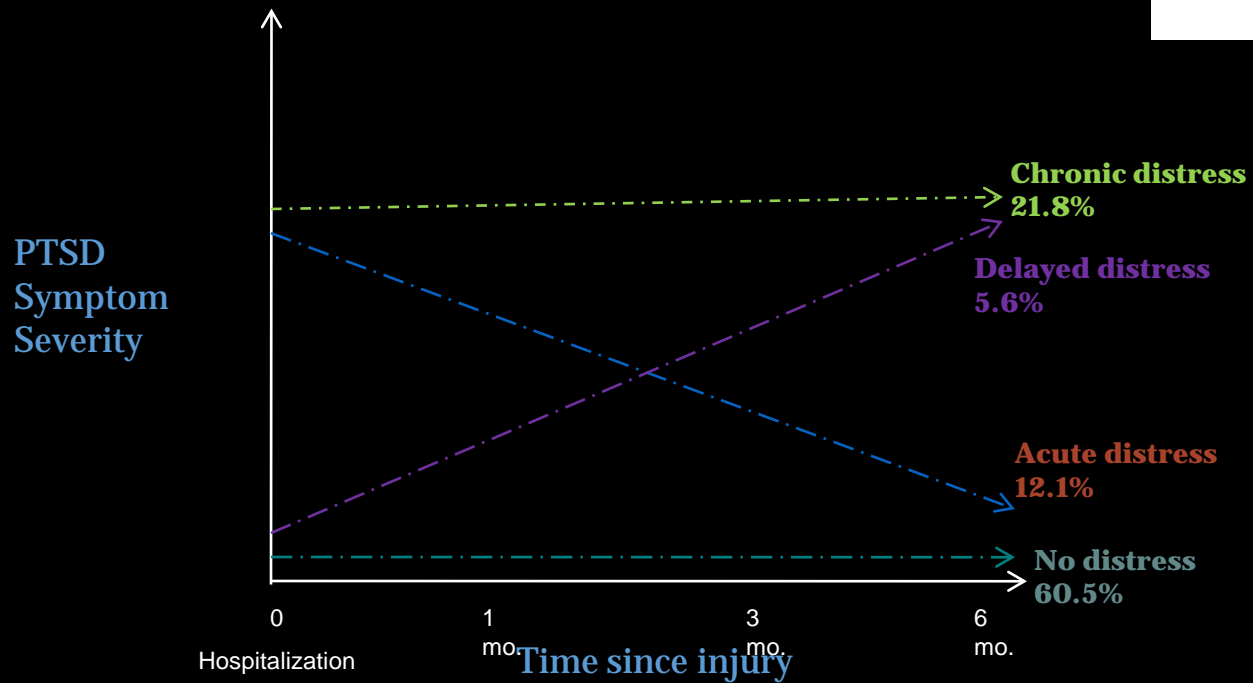
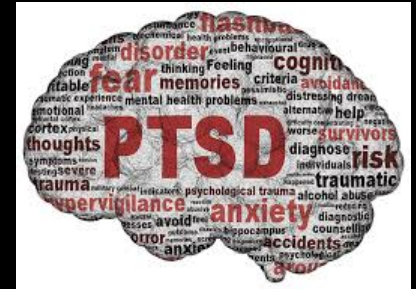
# Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)



**PTSD is a strong contributing factor to lower physical and emotional QoL after a traumatic event**

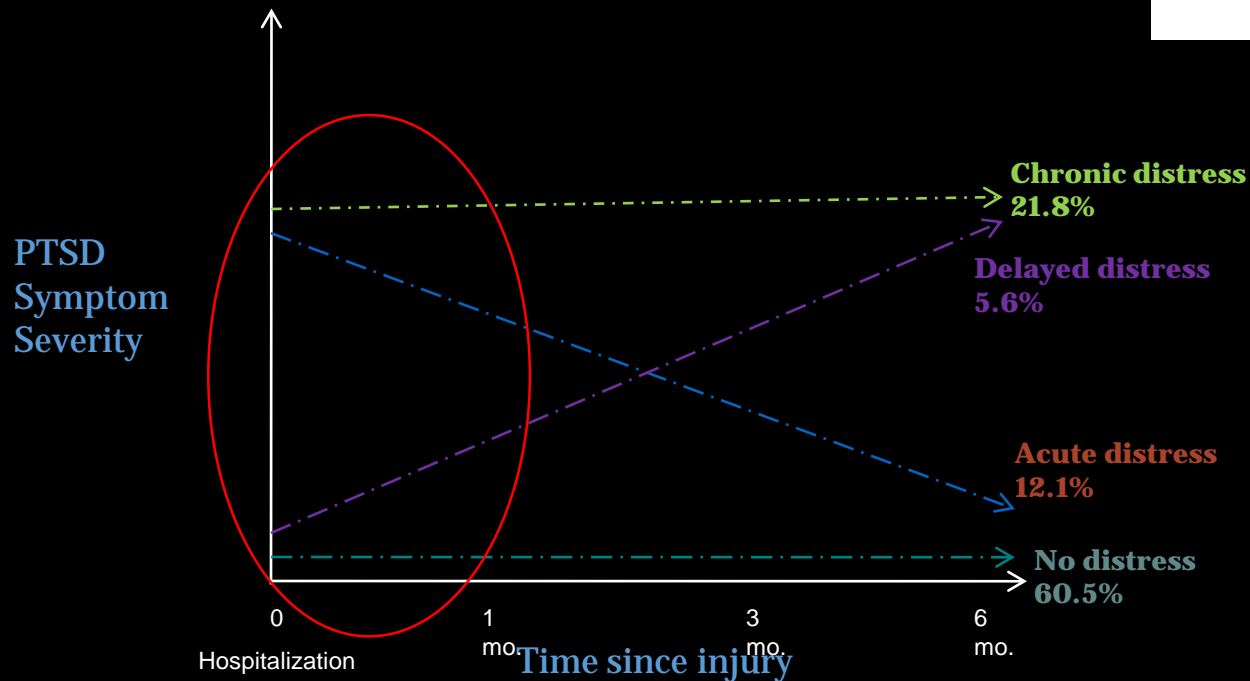
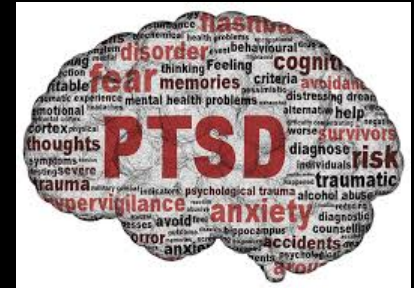


# PTSD after Traumatic Injury



(deRoos-Cassini, Mancini, Rusch, & Bonanno, 2010)

# PTSD after Traumatic Injury



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# Secondary prevention Injured Trauma Survivor Screen (ITSS)

- American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS - CoT)
  - Recommends PTSD and depression screening for trauma centers
  - No valid screen was created at the time of the recommendation



# Utility of the injured trauma survivor screen to predict PTSD and depression during hospital admission

Joshua C. Hunt, PhD, Marty Sapp, EdD, Cindy Walker, PhD, Ann Marie Warren, PhD,  
Karen Brasel, MD, MPH, and Terri A. deRoon-Cassini, PhD, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## Injured Trauma Survivor Screen (ITSS)

1 = Yes 0 = No

Before this injury	PTSD	DEP
1. Have you ever taken medication for, or been given a mental health diagnosis?		1 0
2. Has there ever been a time in your life you have been bothered by feeling down or hopeless or lost all interest in things you usually enjoyed for more than 2 weeks?		1 0
When you were injured or right afterward		
3. Did you think you were going to die?	1 0	1 0
4. Do you think this was done to you intentionally?	1 0	
Since your injury		
5. Have you felt emotionally detached from your loved ones?		1 0
6. Do you find yourself crying and are unsure why?		1 0
7. Have you felt more restless, tense or jumpy than usual?	1 0	
8. Have you found yourself unable to stop worrying?	1 0	
9. Do you find yourself thinking that the world is unsafe and that people are not to be trusted?	1 0	
≥ 2 is positive for PTSD risk		
≥ 2 is positive for Depression risk		
SUM =		



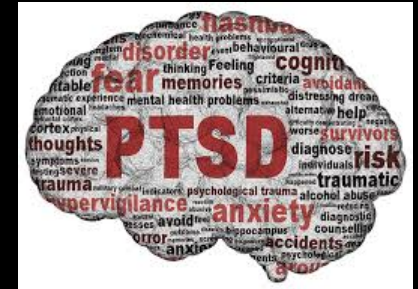
Hunt et al., Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery, 2017

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# Key Concept: PTSD

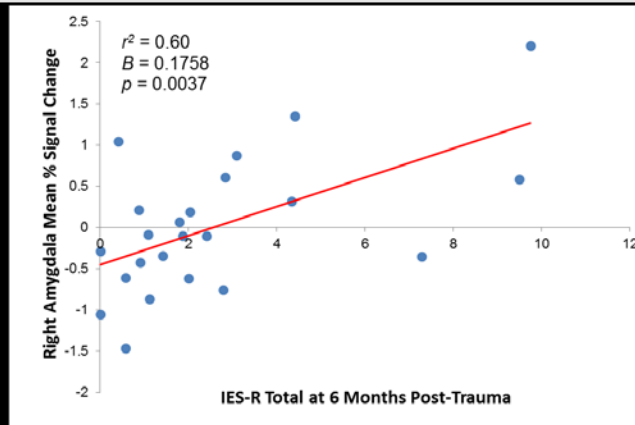


- PTSD = anxiety-related disorder that develops after trauma
  - Intrusive
  - Hyperarousal
  - Avoidance
  - Mood disturbance
- **Not related to injury severity**
- **Perceived life threat -> Impaired extinction of fear memories** → intrusive recollections *and* re-experiencing of the original traumatic event (flashbacks or nightmares)
  - **Emotion dysregulation** - Includes persistent alarm and distress, numbing, avoidance, increased arousal, as well as aberrant memory processes

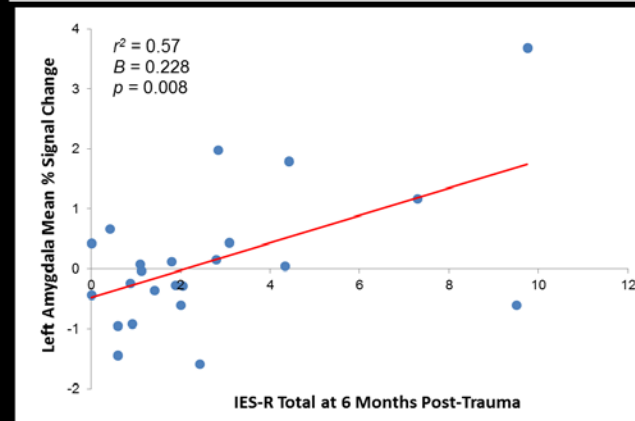
# Emotional dysregulation evident early after trauma



deRoos-Cassini & Larson, 2014



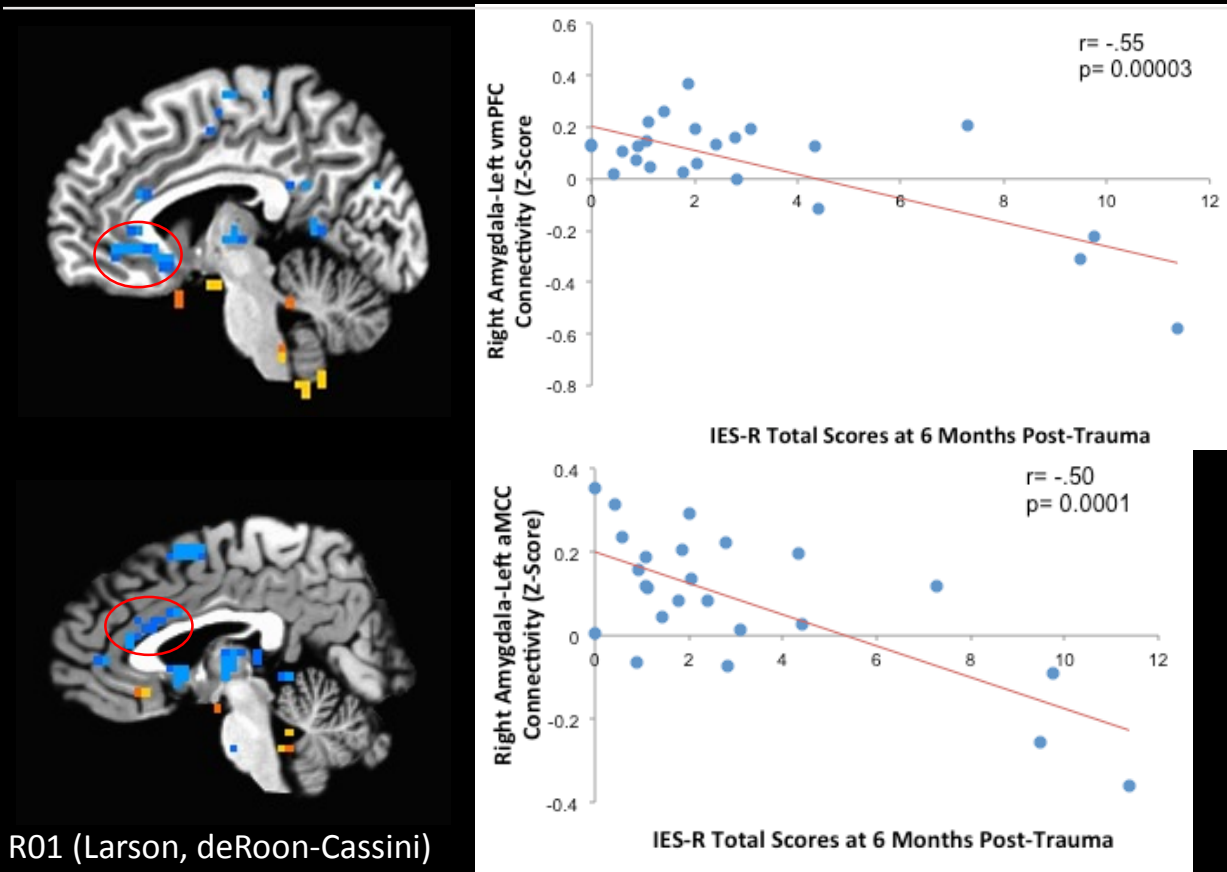
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# Emotion dysregulation evident early after trauma



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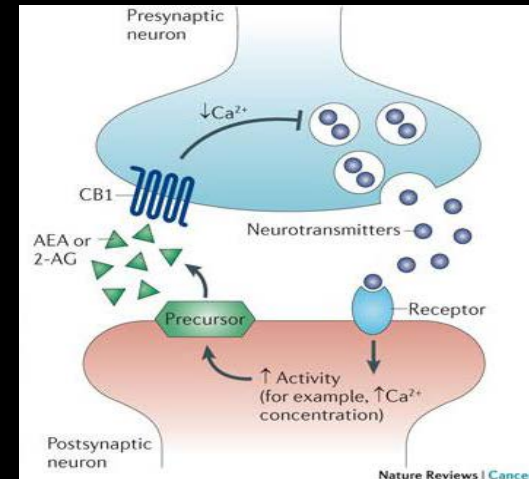


So what about a system that can respond to and buffer against the heightened stress response?

# Endocannabinoid signaling system

## Background:

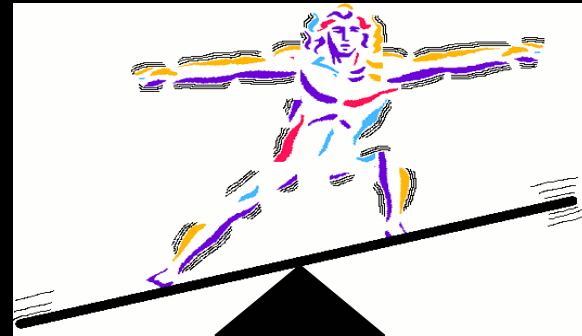
- Endocannabinoid signaling system (ECSS)
  - Neuromodulatory system in CNS
  - Lipids (arachidonate based)
    - 2AG & Anandamide (AEA)
  - Receptors (CB1)
  - **plays a regulatory role in response to stress by:**
    - Regulating amygdala activation and medial prefrontal cortical activity



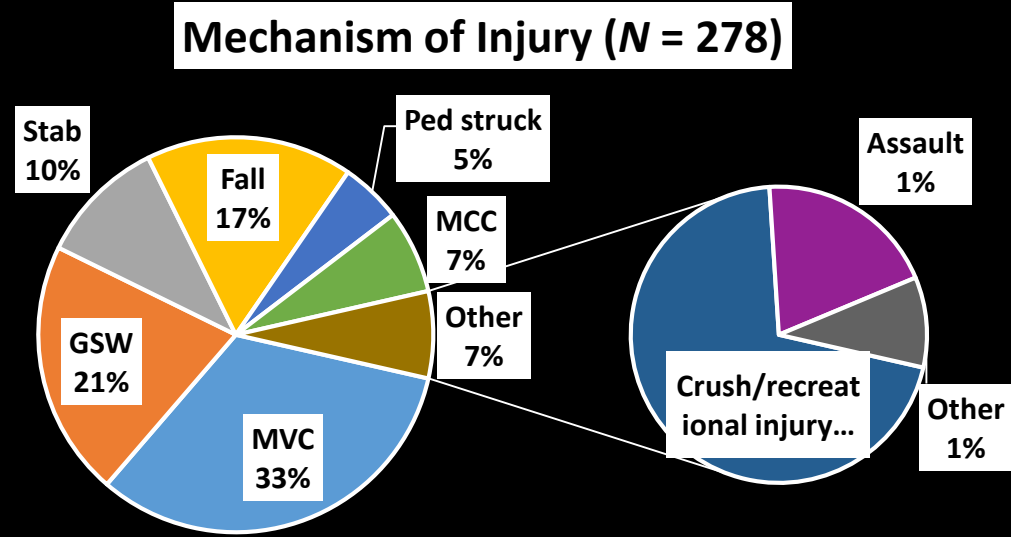
Endocannabinoid → CB1 receptor signaling opposes the effects of stress

- Reduce fear and anxiety
- Oppose sympathetic (fight or flight) response
- Increase drive to sleep
- Promote shut off of HPA axis following stress

Hypothesis: Higher endocannabinoid functioning posttrauma is related to less PTSD symptoms by 6 months

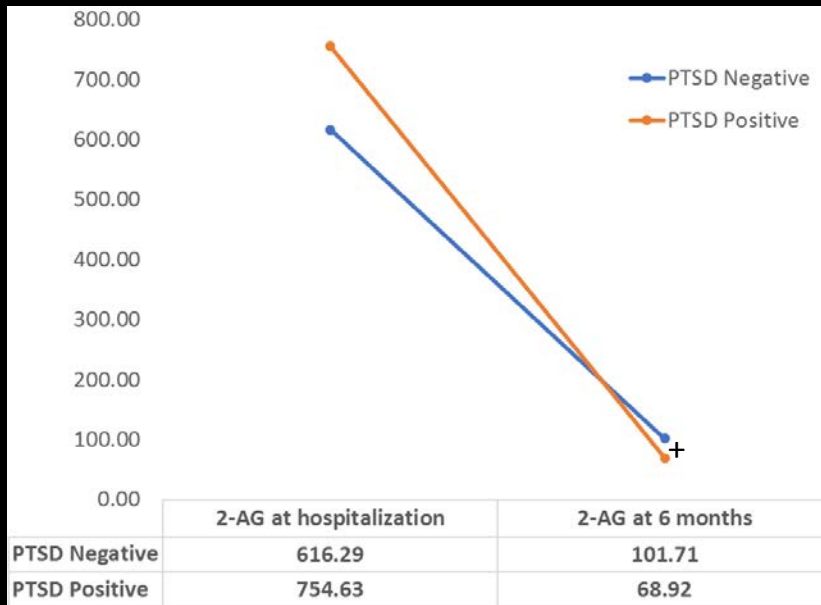


# 2-AG PTSD Diagnosis



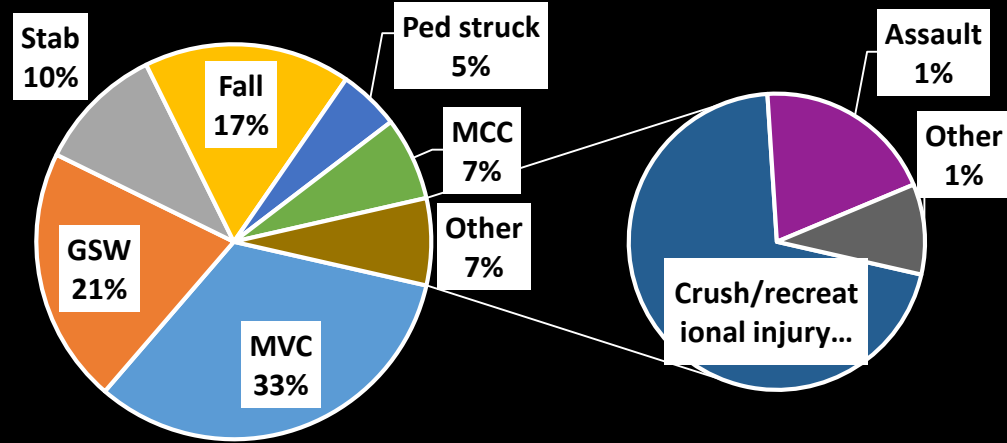
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# 2-AG PTSD Diagnosis



2-AG at 6-month follow up for PTSD Positive v. PTSD Negative:  $t(143.96) = 1.85; p = 0.06$

## Mechanism of Injury (N = 278)



- Levels of 2-AG are high acutely after trauma for all subjects
- For those who are PTSD positive at 6 months, trending significantly lower 2-AG

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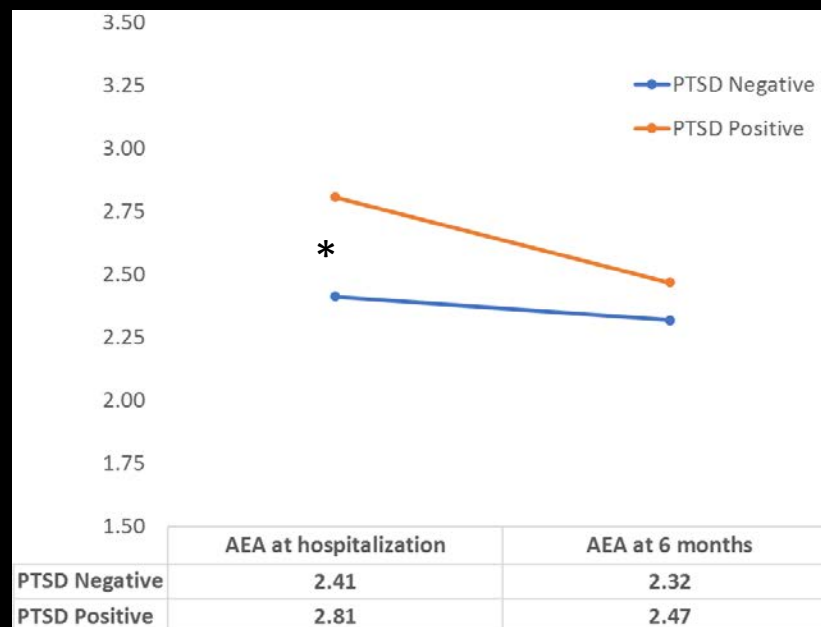


# AEA and PTSD Diagnosis

- Higher AEA at baseline for those with PTSD at 6 months

## Gender Differences

- For women, significant correlations between baseline and 6 month AEA and higher PTSD symptom severity in total and individual symptom clusters



AEA at baseline for PTSD Positive v. PTSD Negative:  $t(63.40) = 2.00$ ;  $p = 0.050$

# Next Steps with our PTSD research

- Reviewed

- R01 – linking emotion dysregulation neurologically with the endocannabinoid system to identify phenotypes of risk
  - discussed and scored with MESH
  - Goes to NIMH council review in September for funding

- Under Review

- Risk phenotypes before trauma exposure (DoD & Strong STAR)
- Acute intervention
  - EEG guided activation of the amygdala to provide biofeedback to reduce hyperactivity of the amygdala acutely after trauma (R61/R33, NIMH)

- Future submission (October?)

- Clinical effectiveness of our stepped behavioral health model in trauma

## Six-month follow-up of the injured trauma survivor screen: Clinical implications and future directions

Joshua C. Hunt, PhD, Samantha A. Chesney, MS,  
Karen Brasel, MD, and Terri A. deRoon-Cassini, PhD, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

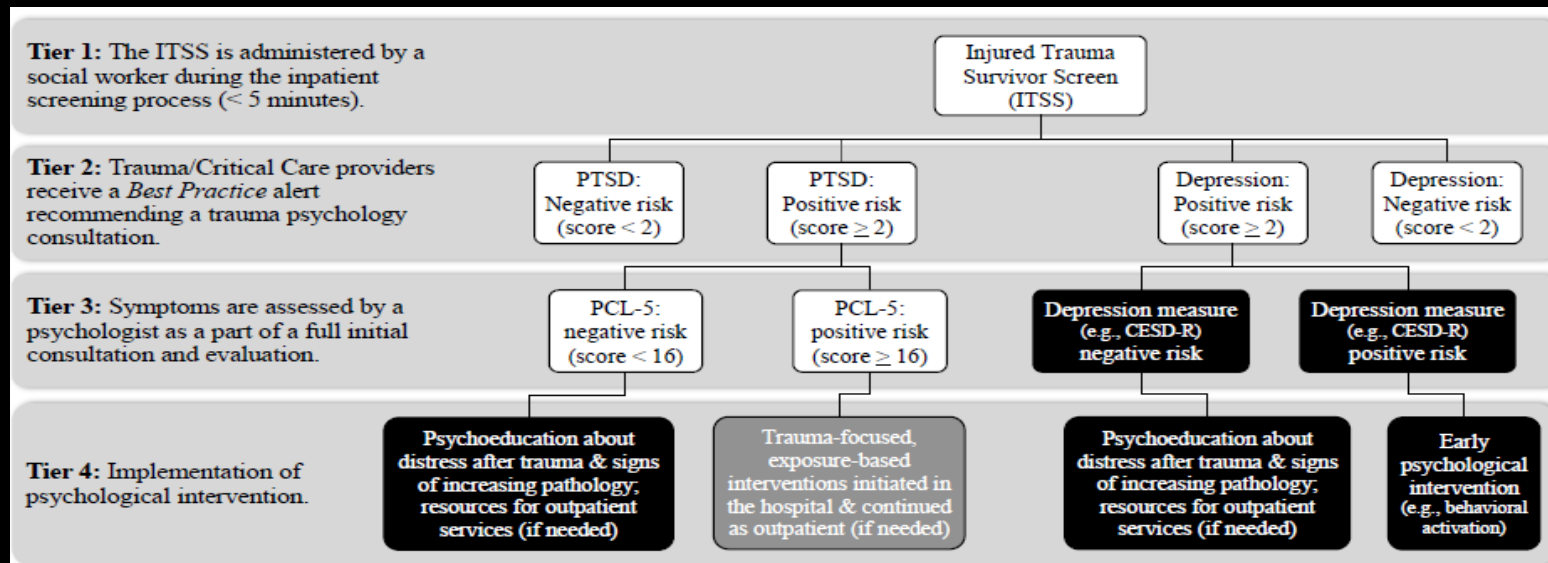


Figure 1: Multi-tier Approach to Psychological Intervention after Traumatic injury (MAPIT)

Note. PCL-5 = Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Checklist—for DSM-5; CESD-R = Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale-Revised; white = evidence provided for use; grey = emerging evidence; black = further evidence needed

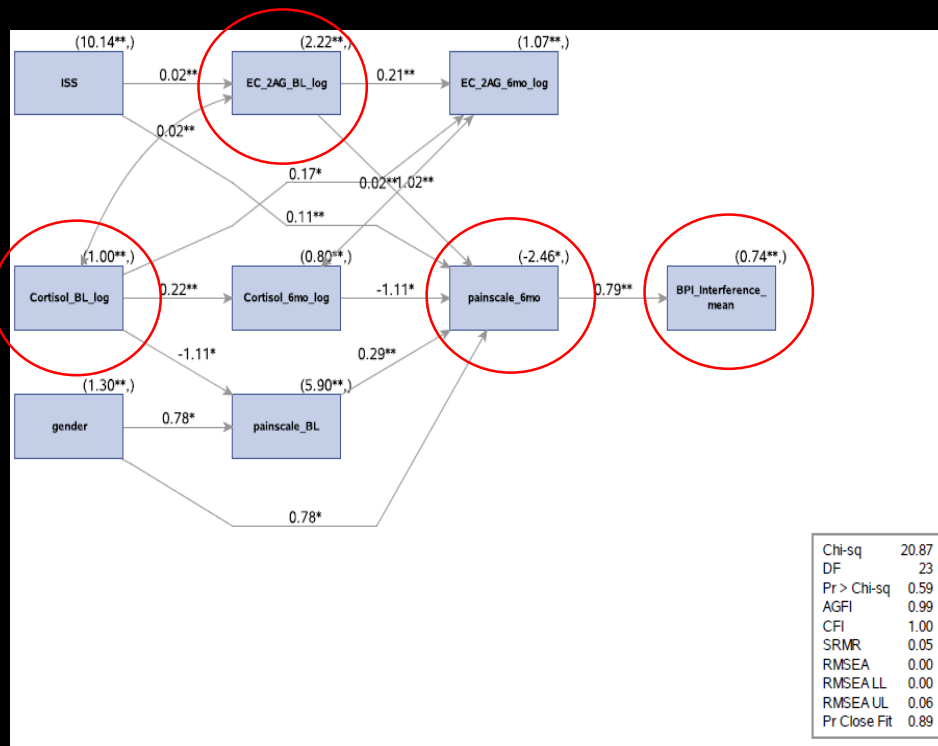
# Pain after Traumatic Injury

- 80% of Traumatic Injury survivors have chronic pain at 4 months
- Highly correlated with psychological distress
- Discharge pain score  $>4$  = best predictor of who develops chronic pain



Colleen Trevino, PhD, APNP

# Pain after Traumatic Injury



- What biological targets lead to the conversion from acute to chronic pain?

- Preliminary data:

- Higher acute cortisol and endocannabinoids lead to reduce pain by 6 months and less pain interference in life

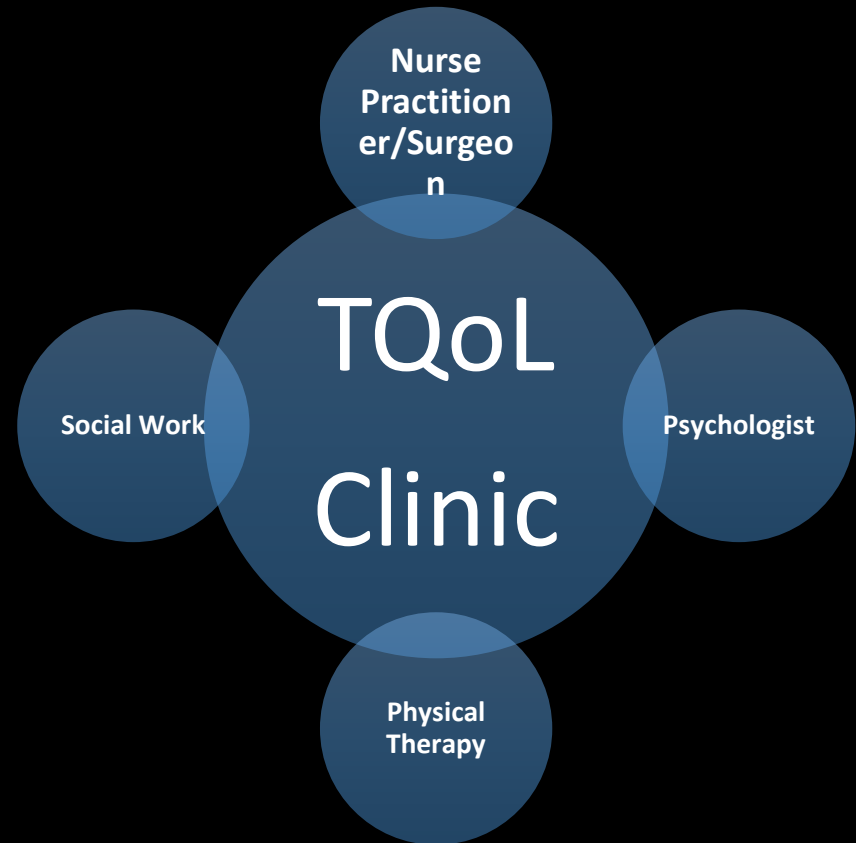
- Submitted R01 NIH/NINR

- Discussed and scored, will resubmit

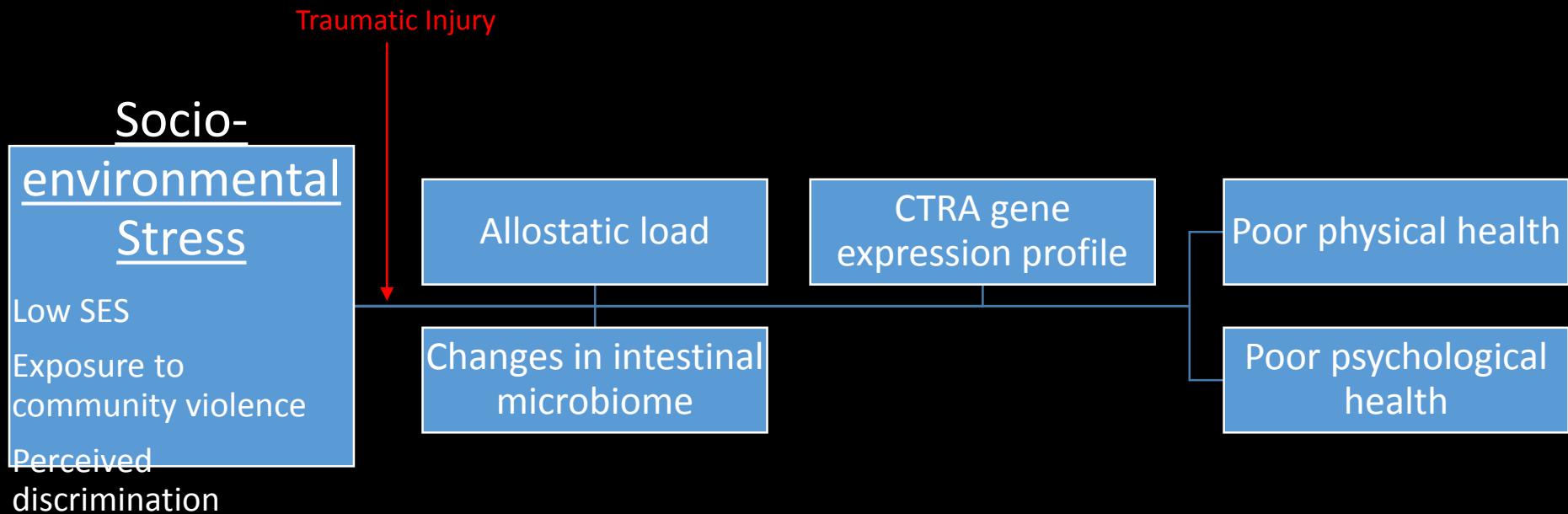
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# Trauma Quality of Life Clinic

- What clinical changes can be made acutely to prevent chronic pain?
  - Pilot clinic is active
  - Submitting funding proposal to MCW CTSI

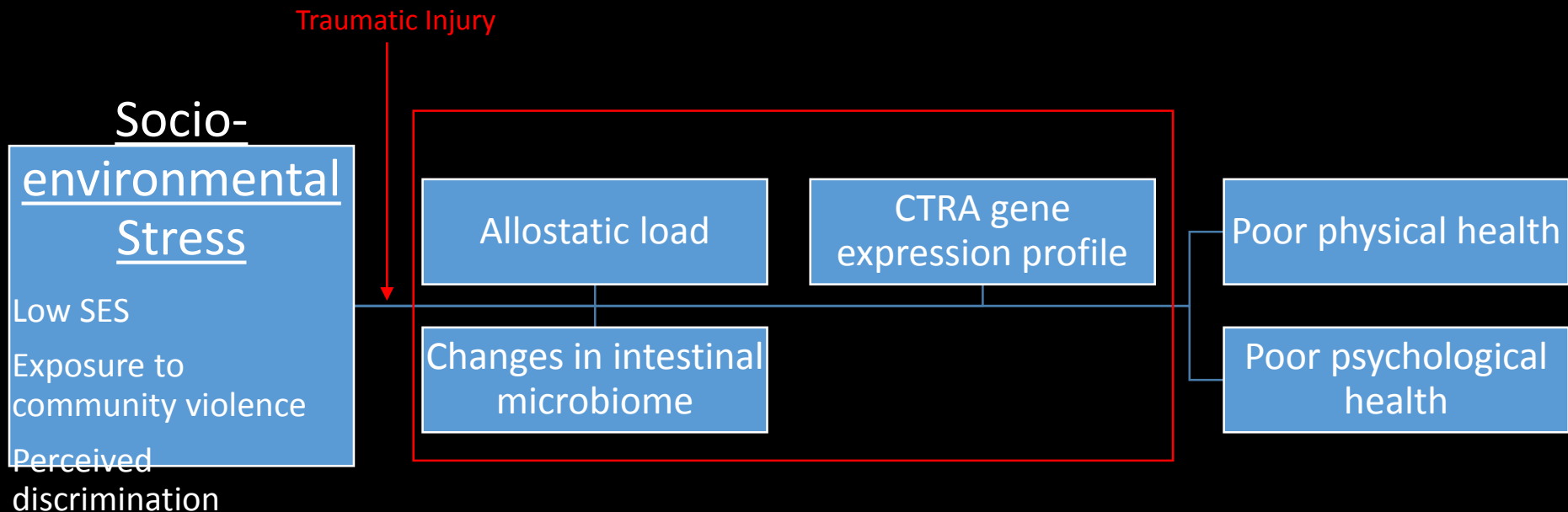


# Health Disparities



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# Microbial Dysbiosis and Gene Expression May Explain Disparate Health Outcomes in Ethnic Minorities after Injury

P Codner, J Knight, L Torres, T deRoon-Cassini

## Background:

- Environmental forces including social and biological factors are unequally distributed across populations, creating added risk for minorities
- These forces confronting vulnerable populations may result in changes in intestinal microbial composition.

## Hypothesis:

1. Pre-trauma socioenvironmental stressors will be associated with changes in intestinal microbial composition
2. Socioenvironmental stressors, the intestinal microbial composition, and increased biological vulnerability (CTRA gene expression and increased AL) will significantly predict reduced QoL among traumatically injured ethnic minority adults at 6 months post-injury.

## Progress to date:

Baseline

Total N=21 (17 samples collected, 4 missing (80%))

6 months

Total N=4 (4 samples collected 100%)



Panna Codner, MD

# Traumatic Injury and Microbial Dysbiosis

- Next Steps
  - Data analysis of ongoing study
  - Long term goal – develop tailored nutritional therapeutics based on intestinal microbial composition in patient at risk for poor outcomes
  - Grant under review – We Care
    - To establish the link between intestinal microbial composition/diversity and frailty and outcomes

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*Next Month:*

# Education Surgery Research Update

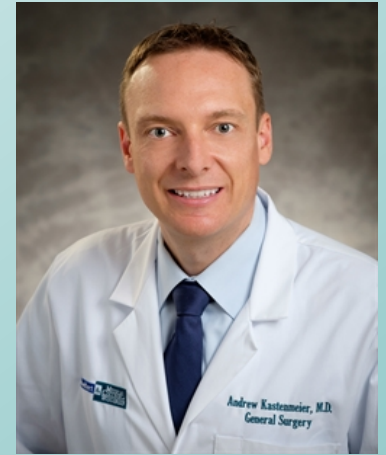
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