

Suffolk County Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC)

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New York State Law requires each of the 8 trauma regions to have an advisory committee. Suffolk RTAC has been active since 1995 when the trauma centers were first designated.

Suffolk RTAC meets quarterly with all hospitals, Emergency Medical Services and the Medical Examiner represented. A Peer Review Subcommittee conducts a blinded peer review of selected cases. Peer Review has had correspondence with trauma centers regarding the level of service and practitioner performance. The Suffolk RTAC maintains a population based trauma registry on all seriously injured trauma patients. This database allows for analysis of quality improvement measures, recording of trends in trauma care, and analysis of volume at all hospitals. It is through the analysis of data and the expert peer review of cases that the Suffolk RTAC meets its mission of enhancing the delivery of trauma services in the County.