



Traumatic Hemostasis & Oxygenation Research (THOR) Network Virtual Education Series Working Group Policy

Introduction and Purpose Statement

The THOR Network is an international multidisciplinary network of civilian and military providers ranging from first responders and medics to critical care physicians and surgeons along with basic scientists to clinical trialists. The THOR mission is to develop and implement best practices for prehospital to the completion of the acute phase of hemorrhagic shock resuscitation. The THOR Network executes this mission through a collaborative approach to research, education, training, and advocacy.

The Virtual Education Series THOR Working Group develops and maintains collaborations between multidisciplinary subject matter experts. This group will meet to discuss new data developments from ongoing research and discuss gaps in knowledge to drive policy improvements and overcome implementation hurdles related to treatment of hemorrhagic shock. The education mission of THOR is also implemented via annual and regional meetings, THOR supplement and other publications. This policy will not address these venues. It will focus on the Virtual Education Series.

Goals

- Discuss current controversies in resuscitation science
- Disseminate best practice: THOR consensus statements, THOR-AABB and THOR-other consensus statements
- Elicit discussion from practitioners in the field to drive research, technology development and policy recommendations

Topics

- Interventions appropriate for the prehospital setting, training needs
- Equipment/device challenges and new technologies for diagnosis, monitoring, hemorrhage control and other life-saving interventions
- Blood products, biologics and drugs to treat shock, coagulopathy, endothelial dysfunction, inflammation relevant in trauma and other causes of life-threatening hemorrhage

Virtual Education Series Meeting Structure

Forum

- Webinars: lectures and panel discussions for focused discussions of controversial topics
- Podcasts: less formal discussions with leading experts to explore timely matters of interest

Leadership

The Education Series Working Group Co-directors include Joseph Rappold and Bethany Brown.



Meeting Structure

There will be a rotation of 3 topics for quarterly meetings: basic/translational science, clinical trial data, and practical prehospital practice information. Meetings may be scheduled ad hoc, as needed, for breaking data or urgent topics.

In addition, podcasts can be added to the meeting calendar as they are produced. The topics for the podcast series will be developed from the list of topics submitted for the virtual education series. Podcasts will be posted on the THOR website.

Frequency

The THOR Education Series will be scheduled on at least a quarterly basis.

Attendance

The full THOR email distribution list will be invited to the Working Group meetings by Dan Martin. Advertisements for all Virtual Education events will be posted on the THOR social media page by Michael Cripps. Details of the meetings will be provided by the Working Group Co-directors. Attendees do not need to be THOR members to speak or participate in THOR virtual education events.

Speakers and Selection Process

Potential speakers will be identified from publications, recommendations, and/or the THOR email list. In addition to a data presentation at each meeting and taking time to discuss questions about the content, there will be an opportunity to discuss hurdles and concerns during each meeting.

Referrals for speakers should either be submitted through the THOR website or emailed to both of the working group co-directors:

Bethany Brown: Bethany.brown2@redcross.org

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THOR Virtual Education Series Working Group Co-directors will keep a list of potential speakers by topic category: Basic/Translational Science, Clinical Trial Data, Practical Pre-hospital Practice Information, and Other. Co-directors will select speakers together based on rotating topic relevance and relevance to THOR collaborators. Co-directors will also poll attendees annually to gauge attendee satisfaction and applicability of topics presented at the working group meetings and for additional speaker referrals, if needed.