

## Prevent an accident in your kitchen:

- ✓ Stay Alert
- ✓ Turn Handles Inward
- ✓ Supervise Children
- ✓ Consider a Baby Gate to Keep Children Out
- ✓ Remove Flammable Items



The American Trauma Society, Pennsylvania Division (ATSPA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to trauma prevention and mitigation through education and advocacy.

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## NATIONAL BURN AWARENESS WEEK

The American Trauma Society, Pennsylvania Division (ATSPA) and Safe Kids Pennsylvania (SKPA) have joined together to recognize Burn Awareness Week. This event, observed February 6-12, 2022, is a window of opportunity for organizations to share a common burn awareness and prevention message. This year's theme is "Burning Issues in the Kitchen!"

"Cooking is the number one cause of home fires and injuries," ATSPA CEO, Krista Brands said. SKPA State Office Coordinator, Jessica Ritter added "We know 47 percent of home fires are caused by cooking."

What can be done to prevent a cooking fire?

- Be alert! The pandemic has presented new challenges for home fire safety. When cooking at home, do not let children home from school or teleworking tasks distract you from monitoring your cooking.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the kitchen while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains away from your stovetop.
- If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Have a well-known, practiced, escape plan. Knowing what to do in case of a fire can save lives.

If a fire occurs:

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave.
- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.
- Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

For more information on Burn Awareness Week or preventing cooking burns, visit the [American Burn Association website](http://American Burn Association website).

## Out of Harm's Way

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### TOP NEWS TOPICS

- National Burn Awareness Week
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# 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

7:30 am – 5:15 pm Conference Registration Open

7:30 – 8:30 am Breakfast Buffet

8:30 – 9:30 am Opening Remarks and Awards Presentation

9:30 – 10:30 am **With Collaboration and Mutual Respect, All is Possible: Reducing Gunshot Death through A Public Health Model**

*Eric Toschlog, MD, FACS, FCCM - Professor of Surgery, Chief of the Division of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery, Trauma Medical Director, Program Director, Acute Care Surgery Fellowship, The Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University*

Gunshot death in the United States is a true epidemic, with mortality similar to certain cancers, motor vehicle crashes, and opioid deaths. Despite significant allocation of research funding, attention, and public health solutions to other forms of death, with significant progress, the gunshot epidemic has received negligible research funding and legislative effort. In fact, deliberate obstructionist tactics have hampered the national effort. This session will demonstrate the epidemiology and scope of the gunshot death epidemic, define the political and societal impediments to progress, and offer a public health-based solution to gunshot death in the U.S.

10:45 – 11:45 am **Geriatric Acute Care Surgery Update 2021**

*Robert Barraco, MD, MPH, FACS, FCCP – Chief Academic Officer, Lehigh Valley Health Network*

With the increasing proportion of geriatric patients presenting to our facilities for treatment of injury or acute surgical disease, practitioners need to be up to date on the care of that complex population. This session will review differences leading to that complexity and update attendees on the guidelines for the care of the geriatric acute care surgery patient. This session will also discuss the purpose and standards of the Geriatric Surgery Verification process as it relates to acute care surgery and its implications for trauma centers.

11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Networking Luncheon**

1:00 – 2:00 pm **EMS Response to Civil Disturbance**

*Michael Reihart, DO, FACEP, FAEMS – Regional Medical Director, Emergency Health Services Federation*

This lecture originates from actual lessons learned from multiple civil disturbances that occurred in south-central Pennsylvania during the past two years. EMS response to civil disturbance has never been a consideration until recent history and has led to many lessons learned which impact the safety of EMS providers, hospital response, and treatment of persons injured in these conflicts.

2:15 – 3:15 pm **Supporting Survivors of Domestic Violence**

*Mae Reale, MA – Health Education Specialist, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence*

During the session, we will share methods to ensure every patient has access to information about available domestic violence services, whether or not they choose to disclose. Providers will have the opportunity to identify, develop and practice responses to domestic violence in a trauma-informed, survivor-centered manner during our session. We will also discuss the many ways you can partner with your local domestic violence advocates to increase safety and support for people impacted by domestic violence. Connecting to your local domestic violence program has benefits for providers as well since these partnerships often allow you to focus on your healthcare-related role while advocates can work with survivors to connect them to additional resources, provide support, and help survivors identify their needs.

3:15 – 3:45 pm **Beverage Break**

3:45 – 4:45 pm **Traumatic Brain Injury: It's a Marathon, not a Sprint!**

*Susan Baro, DO – Trauma Surgeon, Geisinger Medical Center*

We have invited the Lithgow family to join us to talk about what life is like beyond the acute phases of traumatic brain injury. Jackie Lithgow was the victim of an assault that changed all of their lives forever. With the sheer will to survive and the support of his family, Jackie has made an inspirational recovery. We will take you on the marathon that is post traumatic brain injury. You will learn about some of the strategies they have utilized during Jackie's recovery.

5:00 – 6:00 pm **Networking Happy Hour**



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# FEBRUARY 2022 OBSERVANCES

# 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

## Monthly Observances:

*American Heart Month*

*National Teen Dating Violence Month*

## Weekly or Daily Observances:

*- Feb. 4: Wear Red Day*

*- Feb. 6-12: National Burn Awareness Week*

*- Feb. 13-19: National Heart Failure Awareness Week*

*- Feb. 20-26: Highway Safety Law Awareness Week*

**7:30 am** Conference Registration opens

**7:30 – 8:30 am** Breakfast Buffet

**8:30 – 9:30 am** **Win When: Bringing Equity to Action**

*Kevin Jenkins, PhD – CEO, Konquered Healthcare Solutions*

Win When carves a roadmap to professional development through research, humor, and powerful storytelling. Leaning on his past and present platforms, Dr. Kevin curated the best practices of Black physicians that confront, inform, and heal the consequences of bias in the healthcare environments in America. Countless racial and ethnic minority employees share their struggles with race and identity in the workplace, the suffocation of success, and a looming fear of failure with no long-lasting DEI solutions.

**9:45 – 10:45 am** **Nurse-Physician Communication: How it Affects Patients and Providers**

*Andrew Bernard, MD – Chief of Acute Care Surgery, University of Kentucky*

In this session, we will discuss the importance of a strong nurse-physician relationship for a trauma team to function optimally. Published evidence, case examples and recent quality improvement research will be used to illustrate the principles.

**10:45 – 11:15 am** Beverage Break

**11:15 am – 12:15 pm** **Survive. Connect. Rebuild: An Overview of the Trauma Survivors Network**

*Katherine Joseph, MPH – National Trauma Survivors Network Coordinator, American Trauma Society*

*Andrew Oberle, MHA – Executive Director, Oberle Institute, St. Louis University*

Join us as we share about the Trauma Survivors Network (TSN): a program to help trauma survivors rebuild their lives after a serious injury. Learn about the programs and services offered within the TSN and how to bring the TSN to your trauma center or rehabilitation hospital. Hear from Andrew Oberle, trauma survivor, TSN peer visitor and local TSN Coordinator from St. Louis University Hospital. Andrew will share about his unique role helping other trauma survivors on their journey from surviving to thriving.

**12:15 – 1:15 pm** Networking Luncheon

**1:15 – 2:15 pm** **The Management of Pediatric Burns**

*Paul Glat, MD - Chief of Plastic Surgery and Director of Burn Unit, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children*

Burn care is special and requires great attention to detail, especially for pediatric patients. Dr. Glat will discuss the complete management of pediatric burn patients from injury to healing to reconstruction to rehabilitation. Skin substitutes will be described along with technology designed to help speed healing and reduce pain.

**2:30 – 3:30 pm** **Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center: Response to October 1 Mass Casualty Event**

*Dorita Sondereker, RN, BSN, CEN, CFRN, TCRN - Regional Program Director, HCA-HealthTrust*

On October 1, 2017, during the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival on the Las Vegas Strip, a gunman opened fire from the 32nd floor of a nearby hotel on the crowd below. He fired more than 1,100 rounds leaving 59 dead and over 500 injured. This presentation will identify lessons learned by Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center in relation to hospital disaster plans, staff recovery, and community collaborations. Ms. Sondereker will share her personal experience with the goal of helping other healthcare providers prepare for, respond to, and recover from a traumatic mass casualty event.

**3:30 – 3:45 pm** Raffle Drawing & Closing Remarks

Registration

Hotel Information

# HIGHWAY SAFETY LAW AWARENESS WEEK

Did you know that February 20-26, 2022 is Highway Safety Law Awareness Week? During this week, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Highway Safety Advocates will promote multiple Pennsylvania Traffic Laws. Their goal is to remind motorists of the law and how to keep themselves and others safe. The laws of focus this year include distracted driving laws, seatbelt laws, speed limit laws, impaired driving laws, and PA's young driver law.

For more information on Highway Safety Law Awareness Week or PA's motor vehicle laws, please visit the [PennDOT website](#).

## ATSPA JANUARY UPDATES

- January 3: Attended a Child Passenger Safety webinar titled Navigating Non-Standard LATCH & Other Misuse.
- January 5: Assisted at a Penn State Health - sponsored Child Safety Seat Check, in Enola.
- January 6: Participated in a Safe Kids Worldwide monthly State Leaders Call.
- January 11 - 13: Attended Smart Growth America's Equity Summit 2022 webinar.
- January 11: Attended a Safe States Anti-Racism and Public Health Work Group.
- January 12: Attended the ATS National Membership Committee meeting and the Health Equity Assessment Tool Pilot Wrap Up.
- January 13: Participated in Safe Kids Worldwide Town Hall Meeting.
- January 14: Conducted a Traffic Safety Presentation at the AAA Office, in Harrisburg.
- January 18: Hosted a meeting with Safe Kids PA partner, Lycoming County.
- January 19: Assisted a CSS Event, sponsored by Giant/Harrisburg Area Safe Kids, in Newport. Also, attended the PennTIME meeting and Safe States Annual Conference Planning Committee Meeting.
- January 21: Assisted at a CSS Check Event, hosted by Giant/Harrisburg Area Safe Kids, in Newport.
- January 24 - 28: Attended a webinar hosted by Constant Contact titled Online Marketing Must-Haves: Your Roadmap to Driving Results.
- January 24: Led the ATS National Divisions Council Meeting. Also attended an ASAE Webinar: Association Investment Portfolio Asset Allocation Strategies & Best Practices and PTSF Injury Prevention Committee Meeting.
- January 25: Assisted at a CSS Check Event hosted by Harrisburg Area Safe Kids, in Harrisburg; attended an ASAE Webinar: Board Skills Tracking & Performance Assessment; as well as, the Southeastern PA Coalition Meeting.
- January 26: Attended an FDA webinar titled Society for Health Communication Webinar.
- January 27: Participated in Child & Youth Pedestrian Crashes Webinar.

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