



# TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM

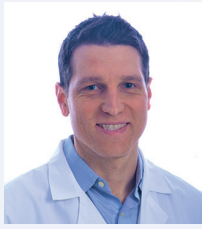
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# WELCOME



Thank you for your interest in the 15th annual Northern Ohio Trauma System (NOTS) Symposium. The event will be held October 13, 2025, in the Huntington Convention Center in downtown Cleveland, with an option to attend virtually. The annual symposium is a collaborative effort of our region's trauma centers to provide education to trauma providers at all levels.

The program will include a panel of speakers from our region and nationally to discuss a wide array of trauma topics, from prehospital to hospital care. Our keynote speaker this year is Dr. Joseph Ibrahim, who as the head of the Trauma Unit at Orlando Health, was integral in the hospital's response following the

Orlando Pulse Nightclub mass shooting in 2016. We will also hear from Lisa Reau, a dog attack trauma survivor who will share her story of recovery and resilience as well as highlight the real-world impact our trauma centers have on the patients in our region. Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors, without whom we could not make this event happen. Additionally, I would like to thank our NOTS staff, including Danielle Rossler, Sara Arida, and Moni James, who worked tirelessly to both organize this event and make CME credits available for all who attend. We are excited for you to attend our symposium, either in person or virtually, and we hope you find it as valuable as attendees of past symposiums have.

**JUSTIN DVORAK, MD, FACS**  
NOTS Medical Director

## SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Physicians, nurses, mid-level and pre-hospital providers, residents, and all healthcare providers involved in the care of the trauma patient.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Classify the Significance of an Effective Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Plan
2. Demonstrate Key Considerations for Treating a Crush Injury Patient
3. Determine Pediatric Abuse: Signs, Assessment, and Reporting Procedures

### FACULTY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Cleveland Clinic Center for Continuing Education has implemented a policy to comply with the current Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education requiring mitigation of all faculty conflicts of interest. Faculty declaring a relevant financial relationship will be identified in the activity syllabus.

### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Cleveland Clinic Center for Continuing Education fully intends to comply with the legal requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need assistance, please notify Danielle Rossler, Program Manager of NOTS, at [drossler@northernohiotraumasystem.com](mailto:drossler@northernohiotraumasystem.com).

### JOINTLY PROVIDED ACTIVITIES ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by the Cleveland Clinic Center for Continuing Education and NOTS. The Cleveland Clinic Center for Continuing Education is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

## PARKING

The nearest available parking at Willard Garage, starting at 6:30 a.m., then Huntington, starting at 7:30 a.m. Pricing can range between \$8 and \$12.

- Parking is not included in the price of registration.
- Garage parking price is subject to change.



### CREDIT DESIGNATION

#### American Medical Association (AMA)

The Cleveland Clinic Center for Continuing Education designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Participants claiming CME credit from this activity may submit the credit hours to the American Osteopathic Association for Category 2 credit.

#### American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)

The Cleveland Clinic Center for Continuing Education designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.5 ANCC contact hours.

#### American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)

The Cleveland Clinic Center for Continuing Education has been authorized by the AAPA to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME criteria. This activity is designated for 7.5 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. PAs should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

#### Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) Credit

This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 7.5 IPCE credits for learning and change.

#### Certificate of Participation

A certificate of participation will be provided to other healthcare professionals for requesting credits in accordance with their professional boards and/or associations.

## REGISTRATION

### 2025 NOTS TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM PRICING

Category	1 Day	Category	1 Day
In Person	\$85	Day of Registration	\$110
Virtual	\$50	\$25 fee for cancellation, prior to October 3, 2025.	

The last date for registration is October 3, 2025, at 5 p.m. No refund after October 3, 2025. If a change request is needed from In Person to Virtual, a \$25 fee may be incurred (determined at time of request).

> [Go to northernohiotraumasystem.com to register.](https://northernohiotraumasystem.com)

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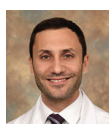
TIME	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	SPEAKER	INTRODUCTIONS	BREAKOUTS
6:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.	Registration/Breakfast/Vendors			
7:00 a.m. – 7:15 a.m.	Welcome/Announcements	Dr. Dvorak/D. Rossler	Dr. Dvorak/D. Rossler	
7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	NOTS Annual Report: From Crisis to Recovery	Dr. Dvorak	Dr. Dvorak	
7:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Training for the Unthinkable: Mass Casualty Education and the Pulse Nightclub Incident	Dr. Ibrahim	Dr. Dvorak	
9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Break/Vendors			
9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Difficult Airway; When Seconds Matter	Dr. Luk/Dr. Forde	Dr. Dvorak	<b>BREAKOUT ROOMS 26 A/B</b> <i>(not being offered virtually)</i>
10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Pediatric Abuse; Uncovering Hidden Wounds	Dr. McPherson	Dr. Dvorak	10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Airway (Dr. Noeller)
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Crush Injuries; Managing the Impact	Dr. Khandelwal	Dr. Dvorak	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ESO Registry (Robin Garza)
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Networking Lunch/Vendors			
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Gang Violence; What You Thought You Knew... But Did You?	Detective Michael P. Harrigan	Dr. Dvorak	12:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. ESO Insights (Robin Garza)
1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Geriatrics and Their Complexities in Trauma Care	Dr. Kakish	Dr. Dvorak	
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Dog Attack Trauma Survivor: Beyond the Wounds; From Injury to Recovery	Lisa Reau	Dr. Dvorak	Everyone back together
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Closing Comments	Dr. Dvorak/D. Rossler	Dr. Dvorak/D. Rossler	

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