

Trauma Care

“Traumatic injury is a term which refers to physical injuries of sudden onset and severity which require immediate medical attention. They include motor vehicle collisions, sports injuries, falls, natural disasters and a multitude of other physical injuries which can occur at home, on the street, or while at work and require immediate care.”¹

- The trauma system needs dedicated, recurring, and sustainable funding to maintain and grow these vital services for a growing population in Texas.
- A disaster can strike on any highway or road in this state that you travel on, and care is needed within 60 minutes, also known as the golden hour, for medical intervention to be most effective in saving lives and saving function.²
- THOT members operate 10 of the 17 Level I trauma centers in Texas which provide the highest level of care 24/7 to ensure that pediatric and adult surgeons and specialists are ready and available when the emergency happens.
- Trauma funding started in 2003 has drastically expanded the trauma system in Texas and increased from 189 to 285 designated trauma centers in 174 counties.
- Trauma payments in Texas are primarily funded by the Driver Responsibility Program (DRP). Since 2004 over \$764 million has been distributed to Texas hospitals to supplement the cost of uncompensated trauma care.
- Even with this source of funds, unreimbursed trauma care provided in 2014 for THOT members was almost \$97 million.
- The Texas population continues to grow and the trauma system must have the support to grow with it; the American College of Surgeons recommends at least one Level 1 trauma center for every million people, in Houston each center serves 3 million.

¹ <https://ufhealth.org/traumatic-injury>

² <https://www.facs.org/quality%20programs/trauma>

As listed below, THOT members operate every level of trauma facility, and 10 of the 17 Level I trauma centers in the state of Texas, underscoring the significant role these hospitals play in serving the health care needs of Texas' most critically ill and injured patients.

County	THOT Member	FY 2014 Total of All Payments*	FY 2014 Uncompensated Trauma Care	FY 2014 Remaining Trauma Costs After Payment
Bexar	University Hospital- Level 1	\$6,449,739	\$26,763,909	\$20,314,170
Dallas	Children's Medical Center of Dallas - Level 1	\$366,056	\$1,680,457	\$1,314,402
	Parkland Memorial Hospital - Level 1	\$9,882,038	\$19,204,676	\$9,322,638
Ector	Medical Center Hospital - Level 2	\$904,135	\$4,150,627	\$3,246,492
El Paso	University Medical Center of El Paso - Level 1	\$2,829,789	\$12,990,756	\$10,160,967
Galveston	University of Texas Medical Branch- Level 1	\$1,277,467	\$5,864,487	\$4,587,020
Harris	Ben Taub General Hospital- Level 1	\$7,655,610	\$32,761,844	\$25,106,234
	Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital- Level 3	\$1,290,925	\$5,524,457	\$4,233,532
	Harris Health System Subtotal:	\$8,946,535	\$38,286,301	\$29,339,766
Lubbock	University Medical Center (Lubbock)- Level 1	\$2,986,466	\$5,709,627	\$2,723,161
Midland	Midland Memorial Hospital - Main- Level 3	\$142,736	\$655,259	\$512,523
Nueces	CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital - Memorial- Level 2	\$1,674,870	\$2,790,670	\$1,115,800
	CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital - Shoreline- Level 4	\$95,234	\$0	-\$95,234
	CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital - South- Level 4	\$95,234	\$0	-\$95,234
	CHRISTUS Spohn Hospitals in Nueces County Subtotal:	\$1,865,339	\$2,790,670	\$925,331
Smith	UT Health Science Center – Tyler - Level 4	\$34,893	\$3,267	-\$31,626
Tarrant	John Peter Smith Hospital- Level 1	\$4,859,099	\$13,039,021	\$8,179,922
Travis	Dell Children's Medical Center- Level 1	\$81,099	\$372,301	\$291,202
	Seton Medical Center - Austin- Level 4	\$162,180	\$152,513	-\$9,668
	University Medical Center at Brackenridge- Level 1	\$2,034,039	\$8,019,346	\$5,985,307
	Seton Healthcare Family Hospitals with THOT Membership Subtotal:	\$2,277,318	\$8,544,159	\$6,266,841
Total THOT Members:		\$42,821,607	\$139,683,215	30.66%
Total Trauma Program Paid to All Texas Hospitals:		\$98,434,165	\$290,614,114	33.87%
THOT Percentage of Total Amount:		44%	48%	

*Includes all trauma program payments made from DSHS and HHSC to THOT member hospitals with trauma centers, including dollars that have been federally matched and paid as the SDA "trauma add on" and payments to non-SDA hospitals as well as funds from the 911 and DUI/DWI surcharges. This includes the Designated Trauma Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Account (5111), EMS, Trauma Facilities, and Trauma Care Systems Fund (5108), and EMS and Trauma Care System Account (5007).