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To: Kansas Trauma Program Registry Users
From: Wendy O'Hare, Trauma Program Director
Date: June 10, 2020
Re: State Required Data Elements

Dear Kansas Trauma Program Registry Users:

In light of several recent updates to the Kansas Trauma Registry, the Kansas Trauma Program has re-evaluated the now outdated list of State required data points. Going forward, ALL data elements in the registry are required by the State. We have worked over time to align the State registry more closely with the American College of Surgeons National Trauma Data Standard, and any additional data elements serve to provide the State with invaluable information that will enhance the mission of the Kansas Trauma Program.

The only exception to this change is the "Signs of Life" data field, which is not required. It will soon be disabled in the Kansas registry to further align with NTDS, as the data field was retired from their Data Dictionary in 2020.

We understand this change may create some additional work, but we feel that it will ultimately eliminate confusion and streamline the process for those entering data into the registry. While all data points may not apply to every record entered in the registry, a null value is available for any non-applicable data points. We believe this change in required elements will ultimately improve the quality and integrity of data collected by the State Trauma Program, and thus benefit our State trauma system as a whole.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendy O'Hare".

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