The 2026 San Diego Day of Trauma

Integrating Human and Artificial Intelligence in Trauma Surgery

November 6, 2026 • Hyatt Regency Mission Bay • San Diego, California

The 2026 San Diego Day of Trauma is designed to provide an in-depth examination of the expanding role of artificial intelligence in trauma care and its implications for clinical decision-making, operative practice, multidisciplinary coordination, and patient outcomes. As AI applications continue to expand across health care, trauma professionals are increasingly challenged to determine where these tools can enhance care and where the knowledge, judgment, adaptability, technical expertise, and emotional intelligence of clinicians remain essential. In the setting of acute injury, high-risk intervention, and complex systems-based care, the integration of AI requires thoughtful assessment of its benefits, limitations, and implications for patient-centered practice. By participating in this activity, learners will be better prepared to evaluate emerging technologies, identify practical opportunities for implementation, and preserve the human dimensions of trauma care that are essential to quality, safety, and outcomes.

Educational Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Review current and emerging applications of AI in trauma care.
- Assess the strengths and limitations of AI across key trauma specialties and clinical decision-making.
- Recognize where human judgment, communication, and multidisciplinary collaboration remain essential.
- Discuss ethical, patient-centered, and practical considerations related to AI implementation.
- Identify strategies for responsibly integrating AI into trauma care while preserving human-centered outcomes.

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Agenda • Friday, November 6, 2026

6:30 a.m.	Registration, Breakfast & View Exhibits
7:30 a.m.	**Welcome & Educational Overview**
7:45 a.m.	**Trauma Surgery—Why AI Will Never Take My Job**
8:15 a.m.	**Intricacies in IR Decision Making: Where AI Will Always Fall Short**
8:30 a.m.	**Pediatric Trauma Care: Are Parents Ready for AI Caring for Their Kids?**
8:45 a.m.	**AI and Emotional Intelligence: Aspects of Pain Control**
9 a.m.	**How AI Will Help with Transfusion Strategies**
9:15 a.m.	**Panel Discussion/Q&A**
9:45 a.m.	Break & View Exhibits
10:15 a.m.	**You Can't Be a Good Surgeon If You're an Unhealthy Surgeon**
10:35 a.m.	**Evidence-Based Medicine in Trauma: What Does That Look Like?**
10:55 a.m.	**The Importance of Human Interaction with Community Trauma Partners (EMS, Fire, Police)**
11:15 a.m.	**Panel Discussion/Q&A**
11:45 a.m.	**AI as a Tool for Trauma and Scientific Research: Humans Need Not Apply**
12:15 p.m.	Lunch Break
12:45 p.m.	**Advances in Trauma Care: Past, Present & Future**
1:45 p.m.	**Case Management**
2:45 p.m.	Break & View Exhibits
3 p.m.	**DEBATE: If a Robot Can Run a Half Marathon, It Can Do My Surgery**
3:30 p.m.	**How We Will Manage Orthopedic Trauma in 20 Years**
3:45 p.m.	**Vascular Trauma is a Thinking Surgeon's Game; Why AI Will Help**
4 p.m.	**Functional Outcome: AI Will Never Understand It**
4:15 p.m.	**How We Implement AI in Burn Care: Will It Improve Outcomes?**
4:30 p.m.	**Panel Discussion/Q&A**
5 p.m.	Course Summary and Adjournment

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