

Trauma Luau

July 24, 2026 · Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla
Schaetzel Center · La Jolla, California

Course Overview

The Trauma Luau is an engaging educational course hosted at Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla that brings together trauma surgeons, multidisciplinary trauma professionals, and former patients to explore the full spectrum of trauma care. Through expert presentations and personal stories, attendees will gain insight into evidence-based trauma management, the patient experience across the continuum of care, and the broader impact of trauma on families and the community. This program is designed to foster clinical learning, interdisciplinary collaboration, and a deeper understanding of the human and community dimensions of traumatic injury.

Educational Objectives

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

- Discuss current approaches and best practices in the assessment and management of trauma patients.
- Describe the roles of the interdisciplinary trauma team in supporting optimal patient outcomes across the continuum of care.
- Recognize the physical, emotional, and social impact of traumatic injury on patients, families, and communities.
- Integrate lessons learned from patient stories and professional experiences into compassionate, patient-centered trauma care.
- Identify opportunities to strengthen trauma prevention, recovery, and community engagement efforts.

Accreditation

Board of Registered Nursing

Determination of credit is pending.

Emergency Medical Services

Determination of credit is pending.

Course Location

Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla
Schaetzel Center

9890 Genesee Ave
La Jolla, California 92037

Attendee Cancellation, Substitution and Refund

The course tuition is refundable, minus a \$50 processing fee, if your cancellation is received in writing no later than **Friday, July 10, 2026**. Attendee substitutions are allowed, but notification must be made in writing by **Friday, July 10, 2026**. After this date, under no circumstances will refunds, credits, or substitutions be granted. No refunds or credits will be given to “no shows.”

Course Agenda

7 a.m.	Registration, Breakfast & View Exhibits
8 a.m.	Welcome <i>Tony Chiatello, RN</i>
8:15 a.m.	Research Highlights <i>Walter Biffi, MD</i>
8:45 a.m.	TBD <i>Gail Tominaga, MD</i>
9:15 a.m.	Buzzing the Tower <i>Michael Amadeo, NP, Tony Chiatello, RN</i>
9:45 a.m.	Break & View Exhibits
10 a.m.	Injury Prevention Updates <i>Paige Colburn-Hargis</i>
10:30 a.m.	Mild Traumatic Brain Injury <i>Susan Biffi, MD</i>
10:45 a.m.	Fundraising <i>Julie Mathew</i>
11:15 a.m.	Management of Chest Wall Injuries <i>Frank Zhao, MD</i>
11:45 a.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Patient Story <i>Kyle Kraska, Fady Nasrallah, MD</i>
1:45 p.m.	Trauma & Politics <i>Amber Ter-Vrugt</i>
2:15 p.m.	Break & View Exhibits
2:30 p.m.	PTSD <i>Tony Chiatello, RN</i>
3 p.m.	The Scripps Navy Partnership <i>Vishal Bansal, MD</i>
3:30 p.m.	TBD <i>Melanie Gawlik, RN</i>
4 p.m.	Adjourn

Topics, times and speakers are subject to change

For complete course details and to register online:



Course Fees & Registration

Space is limited, so register early!

	Thru July 10	July 11–July 24
Registration	\$150	\$200