You are cordially invited to attend the 14th Annual National Leadership Conference, February 24 -26, 2015 in Washington, DC.

This year’s invited Keynote Speakers: Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN)  
Congressman Michael C. Burgess, MD (R-TX)

Other invited guests include representatives from:

- The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness Response (ASPR);
- US Combat Casualty Research Program;
- Trauma Center Association of America;
- American College of Surgeons;
- American Association for the Surgery of Trauma;
- Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services

The NLC is the primary forum for the ABA to advance the Association’s advocacy agenda on behalf of hospitals with burn centers, burn surgeons and the patients they serve to the nation’s key elected and appointed officials. A primary objective of the NLC is for burn center leaders, surgeons, nurses, hospital administrators and others to address challenges in a collaborative and unified fashion in the policy, legislative and regulatory arenas.

The NLC is a premier event for the ABA Institutional Advisory Council. The IAC provides burn center hospitals a prominent role within the ABA and strengthens their voice on reimbursement and related government and private-sector policies. Members of the IAC receive two complimentary registrations for hospital administrators to the conference. Attached is a preliminary agenda.

Again, on behalf of the ABA Board of Trustees and the IAC, we hope you will attend the 2014 National Leadership Conference. Your involvement in the ABA’s legislative, regulatory and related initiatives is essential to their success.

Sincerely,

David H. Ahrenholz, MD,  
FACS President, American Burn Association

Robert M. Dembicki, RN, MS  
Chair, Institutional Advisory Council

William G. Cioffi Jr., MD, FACS  
Chair, Government Affairs
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**Final Agenda**

**Mandarin Oriental Hotel**

1330 Maryland Ave. SW

Washington, DC 20024

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BREAKFAST
HILLWOOD

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

MILITARY PRIORITIES AND BURN CARE RESEARCH
ORIENTAL BALLROOM A

8:30 AM – 10:15 AM

MODERATOR:
STEVEN E. WOLF, MD, FACS
Golden Charity Guild Charles R Baxter MD Chair in Burn Surgery
Professor and Vice-Chair for Research
Department of Surgery
University of Texas – Southwestern Medical Center

SPEAKERS:

TODD E. RASMUSSEN, MD, FACS
Colonel USAF MC
Director
US Combat Casualty Care Research Program
Fort Detrick, MD

NARAYAN IYER, PH.D.
Chief, Burn Medical Countermeasures
Division of CBRN Countermeasures
Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA)
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

KEVIN K. CHUNG, MD, FCCM, FACP
LTC, MC, USA
Critical Care Consultant to the OTSG
Task Area Manager, Clinical Trials in Burns and Trauma
US Army Institute of Surgical Research, Fort Sam Houston, TX

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ABA WORKING TOGETHER

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

MODERATOR:
EDWARD E. TREDGET, MD, MSC, FRCS(C)
President-Elect, American Burn Association
Burn Center Director, University of Alberta Hospital

SPEAKERS:

BRENDAN G. CARR, MD, MS
Director, Emergency Care Coordination Center
Office of the Asst. Secretary for Preparedness and Response
Department of Health and Human Services

DAVID “MARCO” MARCOZZI, MD, MHS-CL, FACEP
Senior Advisor for Emergency Preparedness and Acute Care Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services
Department of Health and Human Services

WILLIAM L. HICKERSON, MD, FACS
Chair, ABA Organization and Delivery of Burn Care Committee
Burn Center Director, Firefighters Regional Burn Center
Memphis, TN

MELISSA HARVEY, RN, MSPH
Deputy Director (Acting), Hospital Preparedness Program
Division of National Healthcare Preparedness Programs
Office of the Asst. Secretary for Preparedness Response
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CONCLUDING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

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