

Memorandum To: 2008 Licensed TRACS Users

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It is with great pleasure that we provide you with the enclosed NTRACS Burn v5.0 software. There are many key changes in the new software that are outlined in the User Manual on the v5.0 CD; these changes should significantly improve the data entry/collection process for each participating burn center hospital. Extensive work has been done by the TRACS Users Committee to identify and clarify issues related to data collection, the definitions of the data points, and sources of information used to enter data within the registry. For new users, the Manual should be considered required reading and an essential part of training. For experienced users, the Manual should serve as a ready reference tool.

Also included with this cover letter is the NTRACS Burn v5.0 Implementation Plan, which is designed to communicate the recommended process for data conversion and installation of the new software. While you may begin to install the software upon receipt of the CD, all users are strongly encouraged to schedule the data conversion and receive appropriate technical support through the ABA's software vendor for this product, Digital Innovation (DI). The contact person at DI is Mr. Andy Copes; via email at acopes@dicorp.com or telephone at (800) 435-3590.

As many of you know, training on the new burn v5.0 software will be held in Chicago in conjunction with the Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Chicago on Thursday and Friday, May 1 and 2, 2008. Additional training opportunities will be provided through webinar learning initiatives with DI; details will be available on this learning option after the Chicago meeting and will be posted on the ABA website (www.ameriburn.org).

In closing, we would like to acknowledge the enormous amount of volunteer work that has been provided by the TRACS Users Committee, without whom the v5.0 burn software would not have been possible. We also extend our thanks to Digital Innovation for their ongoing participation in and support of this endeavor.

We look forward to your feedback, suggestions, and improvements for future upgrades.

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