



Ronald M. Stewart, MD, FACS

Ronald M. Stewart completed medical school and surgical residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He then completed a Trauma and Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. Returning to San Antonio in 1993, he established and built University Health System's trauma program. He currently serves as the American College of Surgeons Medical Director of Trauma Programs.

Over the past three decades, he has actively led the development of an integrated civilian-military trauma system that serves all of South Texas, covering more than 26,000 square miles.

In 2001 Dr. Stewart was appointed by then Governor George W. Bush to the Texas Governors EMS and Trauma Advisory Council where he served for 15 years as the Chair of the Trauma Systems Committee. He was a founding member and the first Chair of the National Trauma Institute. For the past 20 years he has served on the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Trauma (COT), serving at the as the national Chair of the ACS Committee on Trauma from March, 2014 to March, 2018.

In 2013 Dr. Stewart was the recipient of the National Safety Council's Surgeons Award for Service to Safety, and the American College of Surgeon's Arthur Ellenberger Award for Excellence in State Advocacy. He is the immediate past President of the Southwestern Surgical Congress and the past President of the Texas Surgical Society.

During his tenure as the ACS COT Chair, he and the COT have spearheaded a plan to implement a National Trauma Action Plan aimed at eliminating preventable trauma deaths by 1) improving trauma systems, 2) increasing high quality trauma research, 3) increasing the quality of trauma patient data and 4) advancing trauma education and training in both military and civilian settings. Additionally, he and the COT have worked to lead an approach to firearm injury prevention that has encouraged a collegial, professional and substantive dialogue from surgeons and citizens from all points of view with the goal of reducing the burden of firearm injury and death.