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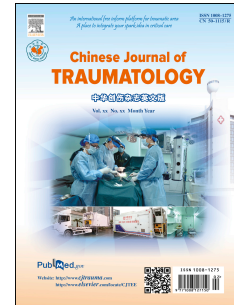
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### **Abstract**

The American trauma system is designed to provide an organized response to injury. It draws its foundations from lessons learned from America's involvement in the wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as well as principles developed in urban community hospitals. Although run at the local and state government level, it is guided by national societies and has become a world class example. It also currently faces challenges with declining reimbursement and providing equal access to care for all Americans. Professional societies and legislative bodies are continuing to work together for fair and equitable solutions to these issues.

### **Introduction**

The American trauma system is designed to provide an organized response to injury. Traumatic injuries are responsible for 59% of all deaths for people ages 1-44 years

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