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- **Trauma is the oldest and best studied/validated example of regionalized care.**
- **How & why does the ACS COT do it?**
 - Sets verifiable standards for trauma centers
 - Consultations for trauma systems
 - Standardization of care through education
 - Strong focus on performance improvement and data driven quality metrics
- **Threats & weaknesses include:**
 - Absence of a national authority for standard setting
 - Lack of a sustainable business model for time sensitive injury & illness