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Dear Fellow Trauma Investigator,

We have just begun a multicenter trial through the AAST entitled "Immediate vs. Delayed Fasciotomy in Trauma."  This is a prospective observational study which hopes to determine the ideal timing of fasciotomy following extremity trauma.  Specifically, we are studying trauma patients with both blunt and penetrating mechanisms who suffer an extremity injury requiring operative revascularization.  Our primary aim is to compare differences in outcomes associated with fasciotomy timing including but not limited to limb salvage, compartment syndrome, tissue ischemia, infection, amputation, deep venous thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, ventilator days, intensive care unit length of stay, and hospital length of stay in patients who underwent early fasciotomy vs. late fasciotomy.  Would you be interested in participating?  Our IRB and data collection system are already in place, so it will be relatively simple to come aboard.  Please let me know if you may be interested.  Please see the link below on the AAST website which explains our study in further detail under the heading, “Early vs. Delayed Fasciotomy Following Extremity Trauma.” Please feel free to reach out to us with interest or questions regarding this study.

<http://www.aast.org/Research/MultiInstitutionalStudies.aspx>

Sincerely,

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