



Dr. C. William Schwab has been a long-term contributor to the field of trauma care internationally, predominantly in the fields of education, systems of care, injury prevention and governance. While establishing the trauma and flight programs at the University of Pennsylvania in the early 1990's, Dr. Schwab and the Penn Team pioneered many aspects of the Damage Control approach to life-threatening injury now integral to the trauma care world wide. It was during this time that he established the trauma and surgical critical care fellowship for national and international trauma training that now has graduated over 70 surgeons from around the globe. These surgeons now lead many other training programs and serve as key leaders for trauma surgery in the US and worldwide. Dr. Schwab was part of the group that initiated the international trauma operative training course for surgeons and has traveled extensively teaching the Definitive Surgical Trauma

Course (DSTC) and other large animal courses to teach damage control techniques. He has contributed significantly to the literature with over 200 publications, chapters and textbooks. Dr. Schwab has held a professorship at the University of Pennsylvania since 1987 and awarded honorary membership in the Royal College of Surgeons of Scotland (Glasgow), Swedish Surgical Association and European Society of Trauma and Emergency Surgery. He has been sought after not only for scholarly presentations in the field of trauma, but also for consult for trauma center and trauma system development, both within the US and abroad. Dr. Schwab has been involved in governance and leadership activities in trauma surgery and has served as the President of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma, American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, and currently, the President of the [International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care](#).

In 2008, Dr. Schwab was awarded the National Safety Council Surgeons Award for Service to Safety, Awarded by American College of Surgeons, American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and National Safety Council for his long and distinguished work addressing the toll of gun violence in America. At Penn, he established the Firearm and Injury Center at Penn (FICAP). This group of interdisciplinary scholars has been pivotal in addressing the magnitude of firearm death, risks of handgun ownership and risks for and recovery from gun violence beyond the physical wound. These contributions are unique and formidable in the public health and medical fields. As a group, the FICAP researchers have generated over 13 million dollars of extramural funding to study various aspects of violence and injury.

Dr. Schwab is internationally recognized as a trauma surgeon and has made significant contributions to: injury care, systems development, education, both in his own training programs and as master teacher, the public health aspects of violent injury, and to the governance of organizations responsible for the care of the injured.