**History:**
- Founding year: 30th January 1961
- Founding members: Prof. Miroslav Grujic, Assist. Prof. Vikic

**Aims of the society:**
The Croatian Trauma Society (CTS) is a body of the Croatian Medical Association (CMA) established to
1. carry out professional and scientific work in the field of traumatology
2. ensure continual professional and scientific improvement of all members by organizing professional and scientific meetings, congresses, seminars, lectures and courses, that is all kinds of continuous medical education
3. maintain and establish a close professional relationship between CTS members
4. further progress the treatment of disorders of trauma in general, and locomotor system in particular, by the exchange of experiences and ideas amongst all members
5. encourage local meetings during various national and international conventions in Croatia
6. collaborate with professional scientific and educational organizations
7. represent its profession in the bodies of the CMA
8. collaborate with societies and sections of the CMA in areas of mutual interest
9. propose measures to improve and upgrade the organization of professional and scientific work in its field
10. collaborate with related professional and scientific societies from other countries
11. represent national interests of its profession in related international societies
12. improve health culture of the population
13. foster and promote the principle of bonding and medical ethics among its members
14. monitor and supervise implementation of health care measures
15. provide expert opinion and expertise
16. propose scientific projects
17. inform the public about the CTS activities and its achievements

**Development throughout the years:**
- Expansion of membership
- In the beginning members were mostly specialists in general surgery or orthopedics who were working in the field of traumatology
- new subspeciality of traumatology was introduced in 2000
- new speciality of orthopedics and traumatology was introduced in 2011
- Present members are subspecialists in traumatology or specialists in general surgery, orthopedics, pediatric surgery, physical therapy, physiatry and radiology

**Members:**
(1) Full, associate and honorary members.
(2) Full membership is open to physicians who are members of the CMA.
(3) Associate membership is open to academics of other professions or scientific workers other than physicians, who are active in the field pertinent to Croatian Trauma Society (CTS), in health care or those who are medical scientists.
(4) Associate members have all rights and duties, but cannot be elected President or Vice President.
(5) Honorary members of the professional Society can be health care or scientific workers, citizens of the Republic of Croatia, or foreign citizens meritorious for promotion of scientific thought and professional practice related to the field of the CTS.

At present, the majority of members are general surgeons with subspecialty in traumatology; there are also some specialists in orthopedics, pediatric surgery, physical therapy, physiatry and radiology.

All specialists involved in the care of trauma patients in Croatia are full members of CTS. The present number of members exceeds 150.

**Milestones of the society:**
- recognition of the subspecialty in Traumatology in 2000
- introduction of new speciality of Orthopaedics and Traumatology in 2011

**Yearly reiterating activities:**
- annual assembly with a professional meeting
- CTS congress every four years

**Official publication organ:** Injury Journal

**International representation:** Institutional member of the European Society for Trauma & Emergency Surgery (ESTES)

**Website:** www.htd.com.hr

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