

## National Trauma Awareness Month

Once again, the American Trauma Society (ATS) and The Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) have come together in the development of the annual National Trauma Awareness Month (NTAM) campaign. Initiated in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan, the annual month-long educational effort recognizes trauma as a major public health problem. Additionally, Wednesday, May 17, 2023 is National Trauma Survivor's Day when the strength and resiliency of trauma survivors, their family and friends as well as the trauma professionals that go above and beyond are celebrated.



May 25, 2023 is **Stop the Bleed Day** and Erlanger Trauma Services will be promoting Stop the Bleed education throughout the month of May! So why is this important?



These numbers can be reduced significantly if the general public knows how to recognize and respond to life-threatening bleeding by...

1. Applying direct pressure to an injury
2. Packing a wound that direct pressure is not sufficient to stop the bleeding, or
3. Applying a tourniquet to an arm or leg if needed

To request a free Stop the Bleed class for your school, business, or community organization go to <https://www.erlanger.org/centers-of-excellence/trauma-services/stop-the-bleed>.

Uncontrolled bleeding is a major cause of preventable death. Approximately 40% establishing hemorrhage as the most common cause of preventable death in trauma\*.

\*Curry N, Hopewill S, Doree C, Hyde C, Brohi K, Stanworth S. The acute management of trauma hemorrhage: a systematic review of randomized controlled trials. Crit Care 2011;15(2):R92.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



- ▶ ATCN/ATLS: JUNE 22-23 | AUG 24-25
- ▶ TNCC: MAY 4-5 | JULY 20-21 | AUG 31 - SEPT 1
- ▶ Erlanger Trauma Symposium: MAY 19

**QUESTIONS?** Email us at [trauma.services@erlanger.org](mailto:trauma.services@erlanger.org)

## ERLANGER TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM VIRTUAL EVENT

May 19, 2023

Don't miss out on Erlanger Health System's annual Trauma Symposium on May 19, 2023. This virtual conference will feature lectures, demonstrations, case scenarios, and Q&A session. Erlanger Trauma Services strives to bring the brightest and most talented presenters to discuss relevant trauma and critical care topics for all levels of providers.

[erlanger.org/traumasym](http://erlanger.org/traumasym)



Children's Hospital at Erlanger and Erlanger Trauma Services have partnered with the Chattanooga Police Department (CPD) in a gun safety initiative. A gun lock and education will be provided to pediatric patients and their families in the Emergency Department that are involved in gun violence. CPD has donated 300 gun locks to be distributed in the Children's Emergency Department. During the pandemic, firearm-related deaths increased among children in the U.S., with seven children per day dying by firearm in 2021. This is a 50% increase in firearm related deaths among children from 2019.

SOURCE: KFF analysis of CDC Wonder, 2011-2020, and CDC Wonder Provisional Mortality Statistics, 2021, Online Databases

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## Riddle Me This...

1. I can be clogged, and I can break. I can be given but also kept. I can be crushed or be made whole. What am I?
2. A person spent 3 days at a hospital and was absolutely healthy. However, he had to be carried out of the hospital. Why?