



# ERLANGER Trauma Services Newsletter

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2021

## ERLANGER TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM

Mark your calendars for the first three Fridays in May. Save these dates for your CME/CEU needs:

**May 7, 14 & 21 | Noon - 4 PM**

Erlanger Health System's Trauma Services and UT Health Science Center College of Medicine Chattanooga are hosting a **FREE, 3-part Virtual Trauma Symposium** via Zoom.

Join us for riveting trauma topics including keynote speakers William L. Hickerson, MD, FACS speaking on Burn Care and Eric Claus discussing his experience with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. This year includes dramatic trauma case studies and a full day of pediatric talks!

Plans are in the works - Please check [www.erlanger.org/traumasym](http://www.erlanger.org/traumasym) for additional information in the coming days.

### Do you have a product or service that serves the need of trauma or critically ill patients?

Sponsors can find exhibitor information at [www.erlanger.org/traumasym](http://www.erlanger.org/traumasym) or by contacting Regena Young via email at [regena.young@erlanger.org](mailto:regena.young@erlanger.org).

# 2021 TRAUMA COURSES

## Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Course Dates

### ATLS 2 Day Student Courses

April 29 - 30      August 19 - 20  
June 17 - 18\*      October 21 - 22

\*Limited Availability

### ATLS 1 Day Refresher Courses

April 30      August 20  
June 18      October 22

To register, call 423-778-3815 or contact  
Stephanie Spain: [stephanie.spain@erlanger.org](mailto:stephanie.spain@erlanger.org)  
Vanessa Korter: [vanessa.korter@erlanger.org](mailto:vanessa.korter@erlanger.org)

## Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN) Course Dates

April 29 - 30      August 19 - 20  
June 17 - 18\*      October 21 - 22

### To register contact:

Jana Poulson: [jana.poulson@erlanger.org](mailto:jana.poulson@erlanger.org)  
tabitha.mills@erlanger.org or 423-778-6742

## Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) Course Dates

March 30 - 31      September 14 - 15  
July 13 - 14      November 9 - 10

### To register call 423-778-8390 or contact:

Adrienne Chamberland:  
[adrienne.chamberland@erlanger.org](mailto:adrienne.chamberland@erlanger.org)  
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Rural Trauma Team Development Courses can be requested by contacting:

Regena Young at 423-778-5620 or  
[regena.young@erlanger.org](mailto:regena.young@erlanger.org)

All course dates are subject to change due to COVID restrictions and recommended precautions.

# Meet Our Team...

## Trauma Services Welcomes New Critical Care Nurse Clinicians to the Team!



### Casie Bowers, RN, CCNC

served as a Combat Medic in the Tennessee Army National Guard from 2010 to 2014 and completed her LPN program at Chattanooga State in 2013. She worked as a LPN Nurse Extender at Erlanger from 2013 to 2018 for both North Wing 7 and Baroness Emergency Department. After completing her LPN to RN transition program

at Chattanooga State College, Cassie worked in the Trauma Intensive Care Unit June 2018 through November 2020 before being selected as one of the Critical Care Nurse Clinicians, where she has undergone an intensive orientation for Trauma Services.



### Callie Lewis, BSN, RN, CEN

graduated from Georgia College and State University in 2016 with Sigma Theta Tau Honors. She has been an Erlanger Health System staff member for five years where she has worked as charge nurse and served as a Trauma Clinical Leader in the Adult Emergency Department. Callie then transferred to the

Shock Trauma Intensive Care Unit where she served as a charge nurse and preceptor. During this time, she has volunteered extensive hours during trauma educational activities including the *Annual Trauma Symposium* and *Advanced Trauma Life Support Courses*. Callie has also served as a member of the *Special Pathogens Team* and the *Tennessee Donor Champions*.



## EHS Welcomes Dr. Robert Jean, Trauma Surgeon

Robert J. Jean, MD, FACS joined University Surgical Associates (USA) in November 2017 as a board certified general surgeon then also joined the trauma and critical care surgery team in January 2020.

Dr. Jean received an undergraduate degree in Microbiology at Auburn University and a Doctorate in Medicine from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. He completed his General Surgery Residency and Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine (UTCOM) Chattanooga in June 2015. In January

2016, Dr. Jean completed board certifications for general surgery and surgical critical care.

He currently serves as Adjunct Faculty for Christian Brothers University Physician Assistant Program and joined UTCOM-Chattanooga as Assistant Professor with the Department of Surgery in November 2017. When interviewed Dr. Jean indicated, "I completed my residency and fellowship training at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and the same team is in place today. I spent six years training under these surgeons, and they taught me pretty much everything I know... The idea of joining them and being partners and colleagues in the same division is really exciting."

## Erlanger Observes National Injury Prevention Day

Erlanger's Trauma Services and Children's Hospital at Erlanger observed the first ever National Injury Prevention Day on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020.

This national observance aims to raise awareness about injuries and deaths, promote injury prevention program efforts and share safety information. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, injuries are the leading cause of death and disability in American youth aged one to 19. Injury prevention is a safety and public health initiative, the goal of which is to improve the health of the population by preventing

intentional and unintentional injuries and to improve quality of life.

Erlanger Health System's Trauma Services and Children's Hospital at Erlanger's Safe and Sound program provide injury prevention education to the region, including southeast Tennessee, north Georgia, northeast Alabama and western North Carolina. Erlanger is involved in education services and activities like "Stop the Bleed," driving and riding safety including mock crash events, fall prevention, traumatic brain injury prevention, gun safety and suicide prevention.

## Children's Hospital at Erlanger...

*The BEST Comprehensive Pediatric Care in the Region*



S. Dave Bhattacharya, MD



Jeremy G. Fisher, MD



Curt S. Koontz, MD, FACS



Lisa A. Smith, MD, FACS

Our University Surgical Associates Pediatric Surgeons specialize in trauma surgery and manage trauma care for children throughout the region.

*Providing Care for Critically Ill and Injured Children 24/7*





# Virtual Injury Prevention

With the challenges faced due to COVID-19, Erlanger's *Trauma Injury Prevention* efforts have gone virtual. Regena J. Young, BSN, RN, Outreach and Injury Prevention Coordinator has been working to migrate prevention efforts to reach residents in Erlanger's region by increasing media appearances, conducting classes using Zoom links and beginning a *Talking Trauma Prevention* series of videos that are available on Erlanger's YouTube channel. So far information has been provided on fall

prevention, suicide prevention and driving safety. To view the *Talking Trauma Prevention* series utilize the following links.

**Channel:** <https://www.youtube.com/user/ErlangerHealth>

**Trauma Playlist:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVUPNCpalcg&list=PLiBdtfZFA7msVb\\_fZb-4ghTykK-IXCrLt-](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVUPNCpalcg&list=PLiBdtfZFA7msVb_fZb-4ghTykK-IXCrLt-)



Photos: *Talking Trauma Prevention Series*

## Adult Trauma & Critical Care Surgeons

The six University Surgical Associates Trauma Surgeons are all board-certified in general surgery and surgical critical care. Available 24-hours a day, seven days a week, in-house at Erlanger Medical Center, the region's only Level 1 Trauma Center, they attend the needs of traumatically injured patients from throughout the Chattanooga area Trauma Region.

### ERLANGER TRAUMA

To transfer a trauma patient to Erlanger Hospital, call the TRANSFER CENTER at 423-778-8100.

You will be connected with the trauma surgeon to report on your patient. Transfers can be accomplished with a single call!



Benjamin W. Dart IV, MD, FACS



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