



# ERLANGER Trauma Services Newsletter

THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF TRAUMA CARE. PERIOD.



SAVE THE DATE

*for the*

12<sup>TH</sup>  
*Annual Trauma Symposium*

JUNE 6-7, 2019



## ERLANGER HEALTH SYSTEM'S 12th Annual Trauma Symposium

Don't miss Erlanger Health System's 12th Annual Trauma Symposium, June 6-7, 2019! You still have time to register for this leading educational opportunity in Erlanger's trauma region! The year's event promises to deliver exciting information you can take home and put into practice!

### DAY 1 Trauma & Critical Care Conference



**Keynote speaker, Dr. Brian Cotton**, nationally renowned expert, will discuss the most current and successful trends in massive transfusion. Don't miss other presentations by experts in trauma and critical care relevant for both pre-hospital and hospital staff.

### DAY 2 Cadaver & Skills Lab

Update your hands-on skills during the Cadaver and Skills Lab! Immerse yourself in 18,000 square feet of new, updated and returning stations including Airway, Neuro-Spine Dissection, Cardiac Dissection, OB and Pediatric Trauma plus much more!

Exhibitor sponsorship options are available for both days of the Trauma Symposium. Information available at [www.erlanger.org/traumasym](http://www.erlanger.org/traumasym) or by contacting Regena Young at [regena.young@erlanger.org](mailto:regena.young@erlanger.org) or 423-778-5620.

## TRAUMA PREVENTION TIPS: Seatbelt Safety

Per the Center for Disease Control, "Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death among those aged 1-54 in the U.S. For adults and older children (who are big enough for seatbelts to fit properly), seatbelt use is one of the most effective ways to save lives and reduce injuries in crashes. Only 84% of people in Tennessee regularly use their seatbelts. Tips to ensure all ages use seatbelts correctly are listed below.

### Child & Booster Seat Safety Tips

- Make sure your child rides in the backseat.
- Make sure infants under 1 year of age and/or 20 pounds or under ride in rear facing car seat in rear seat of car. (TN Law)
- Check to see that the safety belt holds the seat tightly in place.
- The American Board of Pediatrics recommends that children ride rear facing in rear car seat up to 2 years of age.
- Always check manufacturer's instructions for child safety seats. Some seats have higher rear facing weight ratings (30-35 lbs.).
- Make sure the harness is buckled snugly around your child.
- Children under 4'9" weighing 40-80 lbs. should use a booster seat.
- Check safety belt fit on older children.

### Seatbelt Safety Tips for Teens & Adults

- Wear your seatbelt, regardless of what the weather conditions may be.
- Seatbelts are only functional if used and worn properly. This includes both lap belts and shoulder belts.
- Always check your seatbelts for any sign of wear and tear and possible mechanical glitch.
- Never try to double up or share your seatbelt as they are specifically made to protect one person only.
- Even if you have airbags, keep in mind that they are more useful in car crashes when you are wearing a seatbelt. Seatbelts make sure that the passenger stays at the right position in the event of collision.
- Be sure that your seatbelt is properly secured and locked to its base before starting the engine.



## CHATTANOOGA HEROES RUN

Join Erlanger and the Chattanooga Community on July 13, 2019 for the fourth and final Chattanooga Heroes Run. You are invited to participate in this event to honor each of the servicemen who gave the ultimate sacrifice on July 16, 2015, when Chattanooga was forever changed.

Register at [www.chattanoogaheroesrun.com](http://www.chattanoogaheroesrun.com).



Pictured: Veronica Hyde of the Southeast Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability demonstrates exercises as part of Matter of Balance Participant Class at Soddy Daisy Senior Center.

Erlanger Trauma Services has partnered with Chattanooga-Hamilton County community agencies to train Matter of Balance coaches and provide Matter of Balance Participant Courses for area seniors. These agencies include Southeast Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, University of Tennessee Extension Office, and Chattanooga-Hamilton County Youth and Family Development. Six Matter of Balance Participant Courses have been held in the area thus far including Soddy-Daisy Senior Center, Avondale Youth and Family Development Center, St. John United Methodist Church, John Patten Youth and Family Development Center, and Warner Park Fitness Center.

## Rural Trauma Team Development Course



Pictured: Andrew Smith, MD; Cory Prater, EMT-P; Katie Johnston, BSN, RN, CEN, TCRN; Renee Mills, RN, CEN; Donald Barker, MD, FACS; Gavin Wilks, MD; Susan Warden, BSN, RN, CEN - Nurse Director for Erlanger Bledsoe and Erlanger Sequatchie. Not pictured: Regena Young, BSN, RN.

On Tuesday, February 12, 2019 Erlanger Trauma Services was proud to provide the Rural Trauma Team Development Course® (RTTDC®) at the Bledsoe County Rescue Squad hosted by Erlanger Bledsoe and Erlanger Sequatchie facilities. "RTTDC® emphasizes a team approach to the initial evaluation and resuscitation of the trauma patient at a rural facility. With more than 60 percent of the country's trauma deaths occurring in rural areas, the course assists health care professionals in determining the need to transfer the patient to a higher level of care." <sup>1</sup>

Physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists, and pre-hospital staff from Bledsoe, Rhea, and Sequatchie counties attended.

<sup>1</sup>American College of Surgeons RTTDC® Website

**If you would like more information or to have Erlanger bring the RTTDC® course to your facility, contact Katie Johnston at [katherine.johnston@erlanger.org](mailto:katherine.johnston@erlanger.org).**



## Collaboration Continues

Erlanger Trauma Services, Children's at Erlanger and LifeForce Air Medical continue to partner and spread the word about the *Stop the Bleed - Bleeding Control* program in area schools and at community events! Recent efforts include training school faculty in Bradley County at Lake Forest and Ocoee Middle Schools. On March 26, 2019 Bleeding Control training was provided for middle and high school students at the TN Healthcare Occupational Student Association (HOSA) state conference. As of the end of March 2019 this collaboration has reached over 10,000 individuals through *Stop the Bleed* pop-up tables at area health fairs and *Bleeding Control* classes throughout Erlanger's trauma region since May 2017.



## Children's Hospital at Erlanger...

*The BEST Comprehensive Pediatric Care in the Region*



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**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*

# Trauma Course Dates for 2019



## ATLS 2019 Courses

### 2 Day Student Courses

June 20 - 21  
August 15 - 16  
October 17 - 18

COST: \$875

### 1 Day Refresher Courses

June 21  
August 16  
October 18

COST: \$550

For more info or to register,  
contact one of the following:

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## ATCN 2019 Courses

### 2 Day Student Courses

June 20 - 21  
August 15 - 16  
October 17 - 18

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## TNCC 2019 Courses

### 2 Day Student Courses

May 14 - 15  
August 20 - 21  
November 12 - 13

For more info or to register,  
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Rural Trauma Team Development Courses can be  
requested by contacting Katie Johnston.

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## 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!



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