The 10th Annual Trauma Symposium will be held on June 1st and 2nd, 2017 at the Chattanooga Convention Center in downtown Chattanooga. With fantastic lectures scheduled for Day 1 and the hands-on Cadaver Lab on Day 2, you don’t want to miss this year’s event!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for Erlanger Health System’s 10th Annual TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM

Would you like to be a Vendor or Sponsor?
Go to www.erlanger.org/traumasym to download an Exhibitor Prospectus or contact Regena Young at 423-778-5620 or regena.young@erlanger.org.

Trauma Services Welcomes New Managers

Trauma Services is pleased to announce the arrival of its new Trauma Program Managers for the Pediatric and Adult Service Lines. Howard Evans, a retired Army Special Forces Medic, comes to Erlanger from Summit Regional Medical Center in Hermitage, TN. He has spent the last seven years specializing in Emergency, Critical Care and Trauma Nursing including bedside, Performance Improvement, Outreach, and Educational roles. Mollie arrives to Erlanger from Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, KS where she had extensive experience in pediatric trauma and pediatric critical care including participation in the successful American College of Surgeons Pediatric Trauma Center verification process. Both Howard and Mollie add value to their respective trauma programs as directors and instructors for multiple trauma specific education programs.

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North Wing 9 South Celebrates Being CAUTI Free!

As of February 26, 2017 Erlanger’s Trauma Floor – North Wing 9 South (NW9S) – celebrated 1,000 days being CAUTI (Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection) free! Nurse Director Joanna Noorbergen, Clinical Resource Specialist Tamara Hyatt and Clinical Staff Leaders (CSLs) Jimmy Rowe, Brandi Mineard, Lauren Jordan, and Jennifer Carruth are extremely proud of the nurses and patient care techs leading the charge at Erlanger to keep our patients safe and conduct continuous quality improvement on their unit. They make us Erlanger Proud!

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The 2nd Annual Chattanooga Heroes Run, presented by Erlanger Hospital Trauma Services, will be held July 15, 2017 to remember and honor Chattanooga’s Fallen Five who were killed July 16, 2015 during an attack on two area military sites. The Chattanooga Heroes Run will include a 5-Mile Run/Walk and a 1-Mile Kids Run. For course details and to register go to www.chattanoogaheroesrun.com. Those who register by March 31, 2017 will receive a discounted rate of $30 for the 5-Mile Run/Walk. Take this opportunity to show the Fallen Five families and our community that Chattanooga Will Never Forget and we will stay #Chattanooga Strong!

Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) & Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN)

Remaining 2017 dates for courses

- August 17 & 18, 2017
- October 19 & 20, 2017

ATLS Refresher courses are held on the last day of the 2-Day Student Courses.

ATLS Courses
- COST: $800 | 2-Day Student Course
- $475 | 1-Day Refresher Course

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER CONTACT:
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ATCN Courses
- COST: $175 | For Erlanger Employees
- $275 | For Non-Erlanger Individuals

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20 YEARS! – Critical Care Nurse Clinician Program

Erlanger Health System Trauma Services’ groundbreaking Critical Care Nurse Clinician Program (CCNC) turns 20 years old in 2017! The new role of Trauma Nurse Specialist was introduced in 1997 to improve trauma times and provide specialized trauma care in the Emergency Department. Affectionately known as “Red Shirts” throughout the hospital, this advanced trauma nursing care is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week whenever needed. The CCNC responds to all Level 1, 2 & 3 Traumas and is responsible for running Mass Transfusion Protocols among many other specialized duties.

In 2000 the role evolved and the CCNCs began performing advance procedures such as oral intubations, insertion of arterial lines, chest tube insertions and removals, as well as overwire replacement of central lines. During this time a second CCNC was staffed to respond to all in-hospital emergencies such as rapid response calls, stroke activations, STEMI activations and cardiac arrests.

There are specific specialized qualifications required to function in this role. Each CCNC must have graduated from an accredited school of nursing and be a licensed registered nurse in the State of TN with three to five years of nursing experience, two of it being in an adult ICU or ED setting. A new CCNC’s orientation is extensive over a three month period during which he/she is credentialed to do advance procedures. Each CCNC is certified in Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Trauma Care Nursing, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and completes the Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum course. Certification as a Trauma Certified Registered Nurse, Critical Care Registered Nurse or Certified Emergency Nurse is highly encouraged.

Emergency Department Updates

Erlanger Health System is proud to announce completion of renovations to the Adult Emergency Department. Along with new paint, the ED Waiting area has new flooring and updated furniture. Other innovative features include a beautiful, soothing fish tank and educational health information broadcast on new high-definition televisions for those waiting on family members. New vending machines are in place as well. Other updates include replacement of flooring throughout the ED Patient Care Areas and remodeling of the Patient Care Rooms.

With new ED updates comes the implementation of an ED Trauma Nurse Leader (TNL) role at Erlanger Health System’s downtown campus. This person will provide expert nursing care and partner with Trauma Services’ CCNCs and the Trauma Team to meet the needs of critically injured patients served by the region’s only Level 1 Trauma Center. The TNL role will be assigned 24/7 and function as an expert regarding trauma clinical documentation while being a resource and mentor for others. He/she will help ensure all necessary preparations are made prior to patient arrival, facilitate care of the trauma patient and assist Trauma Services with performance improvement activities relevant to trauma patient resuscitation. Erlanger’s ED TNL will have current, on-site experience with the Trauma Team’s response, evaluation and treatment of critically injured patients. Registered Nurses, currently employed in the BEH ED, must meet a minimum set of qualifications in order to be accepted as a TNL.

Qualifications include:
- An RN with at least one-year of emergency nursing experience
- Be in good performance standing
- Must demonstrate an ability and desire to impact the delivery of care to trauma patients
- Possess and demonstrate positive interpersonal skills that facilitate a progressive work environment of respect and trust
The Best Comprehensive Pediatric Care in the Region

Children’s Hospital at Erlanger is certified as a Comprehensive Regional Pediatric Center (CPRC) and is proud to provide care for critically ill and injured children 24–hours a day, 7 days a week. University Surgical Associates Pediatric Surgeons specialize in surgery from birth through the teen years, and manage trauma care for children throughout the region. Injured children present a special challenge and the comprehensive care provided by pediatric surgeons at Children’s Hospital at Erlanger means that area children can receive top-notch care close to home.

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Adult Trauma & Critical Care Surgeons

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

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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!