Another successful year for Erlanger Health System’s Annual Trauma and Critical Care Symposium is in the books! The August 9th & 10th conference included dynamic lectures, case presentations, and skill stations for over 350 attendees.

Keynote speaker, Col. Todd Rasmussen, MD, discussed Military Innovations Impact on Civilian Trauma Care. Former UTCOM Surgical Critical Care Fellows Amy N. Hildreth, MD, FACS and Jessica K. Reynolds, MD returned to present information on Reducing Opioid Use in the Injured Patient and Pre-Hospital Blood Product Transfusion respectfully.

The Cadaver and Skills Lab included exciting new stations discussing Active Shooter Situation Considerations with Dewey Woody from the Collegedale Police Department and High-Angle Rescue with the Chattanooga Fire Department.

Presentations from this year’s event can be located at www.erlanger.org/traumasym.

12TH ANNUAL TRAUMA & CRITICAL CARE SYMPOSIUM
June 6th & 7th, 2019
Downtown Chattanooga, TN

SAVE THE DATE
FIREARM SAFETY

According to the CDC, firearm injuries cause 35,000 deaths in the US each year. Know what you can do to decrease the risk of injury from a gunshot wound.

Firearm Safety Tips

• All guns should be locked and secured when not in use.
• Use cable locks that go through the action piece of the firearm and secure key in a different safe location.
• Store unloaded, locked weapons in safe, gun vault, or locked gun cabinet. Keep key(s) away from children.

Four Rules of Firearm Safety for Adults

• All guns are always loaded. (Use only correct ammunition.)
• Never point the gun at anything you are not willing to destroy.
• Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target (and you have made the decision to shoot).
• Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.

MEET OUR TEAM: Trauma Registrars

Trauma Registrars are an important part of both the adult and pediatric trauma programs in the Erlanger Trauma Network. They include Heather Kelly (Pediatrics); Michelle McGraw; Aidren Pryor; Jennifer McDonald; Derrick Stephens, CNA; Sierra Hartshorn; Angie Scissom; and Sanelia Queen, RN. Trauma Registrars receive special education and must meet the American Trauma Society Trauma Registry Course and complete the Abbreviated Injury Scale (AIS) Course through the Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine.

The memorial will honor Gunnery Sgt. Thomas J. Sullivan, Staff Sgt. David A. Wyatt, Sgt. Carson A. Holmquist, Lance Cpl. Squire K. “Skip” Wells, all Marines, and Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall J. Smith with a gold toned wreath atop five pillars, one pillar for each serviceman. A nod to the military tradition of wreath laying, the public is encouraged to suggest phrases of tribute which may be cut into the metal bands of the wreath in recognition of the men’s honor and sacrifice. To submit verbiage for the Wreath of Honor go to https://publicartchattanooga.com/fallenfivememorial/
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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!