ERLANGER Health System’s 9th Annual Trauma Symposium Coming Soon!

Erlanger Health System’s 9th Annual Trauma Symposium is scheduled for June 9 and 10, 2016 at the Chattanooga Convention Center, in downtown Chattanooga, TN.

The focus of this year’s symposium is Trauma and Disaster Management which will be held over a two day period. The event will include a Core Concepts of Trauma Cadaver Lab on Day 1 and Trauma and Critical Care Conference presentations on Day 2. The Trauma and Disaster Management presentations will focus on all aspects of trauma management during natural or man-made disasters, from pre-hospital care to discharge planning.

The 2016 Core Concepts of Trauma Cadaver Lab has been expanded to include six cadavers and ten practice stations with increased hands-on learning for attendees!

Continuing education hours will be provided to physicians, nurses, paramedics, and other licensed professionals for full conference attendance.

Call for Speakers . . . Inspire, Inform & Engage

Professionals interested in speaking at the 9th Annual Trauma Symposium will have an opportunity to submit abstracts for review by committee. Please see the Erlanger Health System Trauma Symposium Website http://www.erlanger.org/TraumaAbstracts for submission details.

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 7  Intention to submit an abstract is due
February 14 You will be contacted on or before this date by a member of the Symposium Program Committee for more information
March 6 Educational Activity details with abstract is due
May 1 Completed Power Point presentations must be received by this date
Honoring Kevin Yates

Erlanger trauma patient Kevin “Sunshine” Yates was selected by Tennessee Donor Services to be honored on the Donate Life 2016 Rose Parade Float.

At 2 p.m. on Monday, December 7th at Erlanger Hospital, Tennessee Donor Services and Erlanger staff, including the trauma nurses that helped care for Kevin, participated in a ceremony to honor the legacy of Kevin Yates, an organ and tissue donor at Erlanger in 2011.

On July 31, 2011, Kevin Daniel “Sunshine” Yates was on his way home from work. As he traveled on Highway 153 in Chattanooga, Tennessee, he was hit by a drunk driver traveling north in the southbound lane divided by a concrete barrier. Kevin died 31 hours later, and with his organ donation, Kevin saved the lives of four people with his liver, kidneys, pancreas, and heart. He also enhanced the lives of countless others through his tissue donation.

Kevin’s legacy didn’t stop there. His mother and brother started a nonprofit called IN3 to educate people on the dangers of driving while drunk. Kevin’s drunk driver now serves as a spokesperson for the organization. Erlanger Trauma Services is honored to partner with IN3 on injury prevention and educational events, such as the Choices Matter Teen Maze and IN3 Day.

The Donate Life Rose Parade Float serves as a memorial to organ and tissue donors and is meant to inspire others to save lives through the gift of life. The theme for this year’s float is “Treasure Life’s Journey” and will include the floral portraits of 60 organ and tissue donors. Twenty-four recipients will ride on the float to celebrate their journey made possible only by the generosity of donors.

For the past 36 years Erlanger Health System has collaborated with Tennessee Donor Services, the area’s organ and tissue agency, to provide life-saving organs for transplant, including many of the over 500 kidney transplants performed at Erlanger since 1989.

Above left: Tiki Finlayson (Mom), Melvin Ellis (Heart Recipient), Derek Yates (Brother); Above right: Jana Jackson, RN, Renee Mills, RN, Vanessa Korter, RN Dr. Fisher, Tiki Finlayson

If you are interested, tax-deductible donations can be made to:

Georgia State University
P.O. Box 3963
Atlanta, GA 30302-3963
RE: Sustainable Energy Tribe (SET) Acct #20361, in memory of Julie Smith

Erlanger Trauma Services would like to extend its deepest sympathies to Monica Smith, former Blood Bank Team Leader at Erlanger on the loss of her daughter, Julie Elizabeth Smith.

Julie Smith graduated from Georgia State University (GSU) where she was President of the Sustainable Energy Tribe. GSU is setting up a memorial fund to do a project in Julie’s memory.

If you are interested, tax-deductible donations can be made to:

Georgia State University
P.O. Box 3963
Atlanta, GA 30302-3963
RE: Sustainable Energy Tribe (SET) Acct #20361, in memory of Julie Smith

Erlanger Trauma Services will host its first Trauma Survivor’s Support Group on February 25, 2016 at Chattanooga State Community College from 6-7:30pm. The focus of this group is to provide a supportive environment for survivors of physical trauma and their family members to interact with other trauma survivors. Participants will be able to receive and provide support to one another through group sharing, different fun activities, and educational sessions.

If interested in participating in the Trauma Survivor’s Support Group, contact Regena J. Young via email at regena.young@erlanger.org or by phone at 423.778.5620.

Specialized TRAUMA NURSES and NURSE PRACTITIONERS provide the most complex and highly specialized TRAUMA CARE 24/7.
Battle of the Belt is a statewide seat belt competition for Tennessee high schools. The program’s main goal is to reduce the number of motor vehicle related injuries and fatalities among Tennessee high school students by increasing seat belt use in Tennessee.

Each school holds a baseline, unannounced seat belt check with subsequent educational activities and periodic re-measurement of student seat belt use. Based on the results of each school’s seat belt checks, a trophy will be awarded at the end of each school year to the school with the highest percentage of seat belt use and the best educational campaign. Awards may also be given to schools who maintain seat belt use rates above the state average throughout the program.

Tennessee Trauma Centers act as site coordinators to help implement the Battle of the Belt program in high schools throughout Tennessee. Serving as the lead for this initiative, they also work with collaborative partners that may include AAA East Tennessee, local Children’s Hospitals, the Tennessee Department of Education, Tennessee Highway Patrol, the Health Occupational Student’s of America (HOSA) organization, and other student groups interested in the program.

Erlanger Trauma Services assists two area high schools, Hixson High School and Bledsoe County High School, with their participation in the 2015-2016 Battle of the Belt competition. Both high schools have completed their baseline seat belt checks with the cooperation of each school’s School Resource Officer(s). Hixson High School on December 3, 2015 and Bledsoe County High School on December 4, 2015.

On Tuesday October 27, 2015 Erlanger Health System hosted its First Annual Halloween in the Park event and although the rain drove the event inside to the Temple gymnasium, the event was wildly successful with a huge turnout of children of all ages and their parents. The purpose of the Halloween in the Park event is to provide injury prevention education and a safe place for Chattanooga’s underserved population to Trick or Treat. Multiple Erlanger Departments and Community Partners participated in the event that saw approximately 600 children attend.

Many Erlanger departments and area partners participated in helping educate children on safety and injury prevention including LifeForce, Children’s ER, the Chattanooga Fire Department and Hamilton County EMS. The Chattanooga Area Brain Injury Association also fitted and gave away 420 bicycle helmets to the children in attendance. Sodexo fed the delighted crowd with hotdogs and all the trimmings.

Trauma Services staff provided education about gun safety to all those that stopped by the Trauma Services booth and showed a recurrent video of the NRA safety film Eddie Eagle and the Wing Team. This video focuses on the four things a child should do when they find a gun: 1. Stop! 2. Don’t Touch. 3. Run away. 4. Tell a grown up! Trauma Services also gave away Eddie the Eagle coloring books, comic books with crayons, and a sticker to help reinforce these gun safety steps once the child got home. And of course, everyone received lots of candy.
Trauma Surgeons are involved in ongoing clinical research studies. In addition, the Trauma Surgeons of Erlanger Medical Center’s Level 1 Trauma Center function as Medical Directors for multiple hospital departments including: Critical Care Nurse Clinicians Team (Red Shirts), Trauma ICU, Surgery, and Life Force. Always remember that the highly trained Trauma and Critical Care Surgeons and the Trauma Services Team at Erlanger Hospital’s Level 1 Trauma Center are ready when you need us!

Advanced Trauma Life Support
Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) is offered at Erlanger Hospital periodically throughout the year.

Next Scheduled ATLS Course: March 14 & 15, 2016
COST: $800 for Non-Erlanger Physicians
Erlanger physicians, please contact Jennifer O’Neal for further information.

TO REGISTER CONTACT:
Jennifer O’Neal, MSN, FNP-BC
Ph: 423.778.6707
Email: jennifer.oneal@erlanger.org

Rural Trauma Team Development Course
Erlanger Trauma Services has implemented a new class entitled Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC). This course can be brought to any facility to help train your team in trauma resuscitation and transfer to definitive care.

COST: $30 per person

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Regena J. Young, BSN, RN, Outreach & Injury Prevention Coordinator
Ph: 423.778.5620
Email: regena.young@erlanger.org

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

These six acute care surgeons are all board certified in critical care and annually provide the utmost in surgical critical care for over 3000 of the region’s most severely injured patients. These patients can suffer from a broad spectrum of blunt and penetrating traumatic injuries. Whether a patient has been involved in a high-speed motor vehicle accident, suffered multiple gun shot wounds, or fallen 20 feet out of a deer stand, the Trauma Surgeons at Erlanger Hospital provide the life saving care needed.

As Professors and Associate Professors of Surgery at the University of TN College of Medicine - Chattanooga, the Trauma Surgeons are involved in ongoing clinical research studies.

In addition, the Trauma Surgeons of Erlanger Medical Center’s Level 1 Trauma Center function as Medical Directors for multiple hospital departments including: Critical Care Nurse Clinicians Team (Red Shirts), Trauma ICU, Surgery, and Life Force.

Always remember that the highly trained Trauma and Critical Care Surgeons and the Trauma Services Team at Erlanger Hospital’s Level 1 Trauma Center are ready when you need us!
Erlanger Trauma Administration...
Making sure our Trauma Team is READY when you need them.

Erlanger Health System - Trauma Services Administration is available when an area agency or community partner needs assistance related to Trauma Services.

We can answer questions about Erlanger's Trauma Program including:

- Quality and Process Improvement
- Trauma Research
- EMS Agency Patient Transport Follow-Up
- Trauma Symposium
- Outreach Activities
- Injury Prevention Education.
- Trauma Courses (ATLS, ATCN, RTTDC, etc.)

The Trauma Service Administrative Personnel and their contact information are located below and you are invited to contact them if you have any Trauma Services needs.

**Angela Basham-Saif, BSN, RN**
Trauma Program Manager
Email: angela.basham-saif@erlanger.org
Phone: 423.778.7229

**Pat Lewis, RN**
Trauma Research Coordinator
Email: pat.lewis@erlanger.org
Phone: 423.757.0824

**Sandy Wolfe, BSN, RN**
Trauma Process Improvement Coordinator
Email: sandy.wolfe@erlanger.org
Phone: 423.778.6705

**Regena J. Young, BSN, RN**
Trauma Outreach and Injury Prevention Coordinator
Email: regena.young@erlanger.org
Phone: 423.778.5620

www.erlanger.org