

Trauma+EMS News

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A Service from the Trauma and Acute Care Surgery Section, and Emergency Service at Westchester Medical Center

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Trauma Adult

Rifat Latifi, MD, Director of Surgery publishes: Damage control: Surgery for trauma and intra-abdominal catastrophe and a higher rate of associated morbidities and postoperative complications.

https://journals.lww.com/jtrauma/Abstract/2021/03000/Early_versus_delayed_complex_abdominal_wall.17.aspx

WMC Health's Trauma Section and Peter Rhee, MD Section Chief-Acute Care Trauma proudly announces the graduation of four surgical critical care fellows:

- **Bardiya Zangbarsabegh, MD**
- **Michelle Bravo, MD**
- **Ryan Lindborg MD**
- **Douglas James, MD**

Rifat Latifi, MD and Kartik Prabhakaran, MD Medical Director of WMCHealth's Trauma Section- publish "Risk factors and outcomes leading to geriatric fall recidivism" in the - *Journal of Surgical Research*
[https://www.journalofsurgicalresearch.com/article/S0022-4804\(19\)30771-1/fulltext](https://www.journalofsurgicalresearch.com/article/S0022-4804(19)30771-1/fulltext)

Geriatric falls and secondary trauma are on the rise and WMC Health's Trauma section is conducting a formal research study beginning this Summer to address this increasing problem.

Westchester Medical Center ED

WMC Health honored our EMS Hero's and their agencies on three "event days" in May.

Highlights From EMS WEEK -2021 - Mon 5/17 was breakfast, Wed. 5/19 an Ice cream Social and Fri 5/19 Pizza Day!

A great celebration of our EMS Hero's service. Thank You All!



Roadside to Bedside-Trauma Symposium

Kartik Prabhakaran, MD and Tina Cocuzza, MD announces the Roadside to Bedside Trauma Symposium. June 29 – Held virtually from 5-8 p.m. this 3 credit CME/CEU event will feature key Trauma & EMS related topics to include: Airway management, bleeding control/ tourniquet usage, MCI review, Geri Trauma and several others. Please contact marc.musicus@wmchealth.org for add'l information.

WMC Health Q3—CME Schedule

July 27	Geriatric Emergencies
August 25	Pharmacology
September 29	Pediatric Emergencies

Did you Know?

WMCHealth is leading the Hudson Valley's largest-ever collaboration of healthcare providers and logistics effort to ensure the safe distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine across the HV region. Over 250,000 Covid Vaccinations have been administered by the network! <https://COVIDInfo.WMCHHealth.org/Vaccination>

Pediatric

Did you Know?

Traumatic brain injuries (TBI's) account for a significant percentage of Emergency Department (ED)-related visits for children. The CDC reports that an estimated 475,000 children (ages 0-14) sustain a head injury each year, and TBI is the leading cause of death and disability in children.

Maria Fareri Children's Hospital data shows pediatric falls account for **more than half** of all pediatric trauma-related visits to the ED each year.

EMS providers should always look for early signs of head injuries: nausea, vomiting, AMS, visual disturbances, irritability and lethargy. External signs can point to deformities or hematomas to the skull or scalp. And remember, unequal or sluggish pupils are LATE signs of a TBI.

YOU can help prevent these injuries by reminding parents and kids of proper helmet safety at all times when riding a bicycle, ATV or any other motorized/pedaled equipment. Helmets should always fit snug and properly. And finally, always advise replacing a helmet after any event causing visible damage to it.

When it comes to Pediatric Trauma transport, Maria Fareri Children's Hospital is making EMS guidance to the right destination as easy as possible for families.