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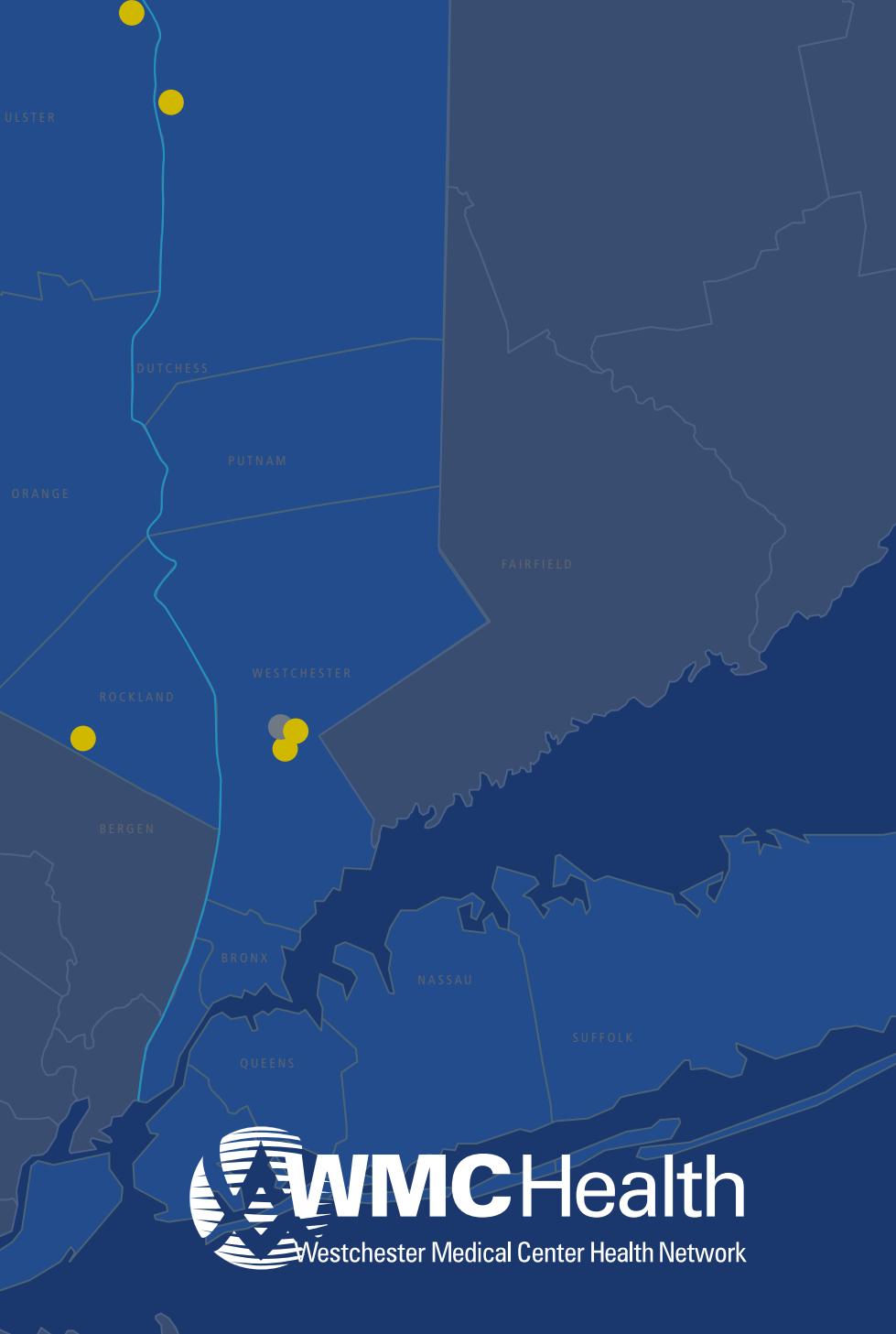
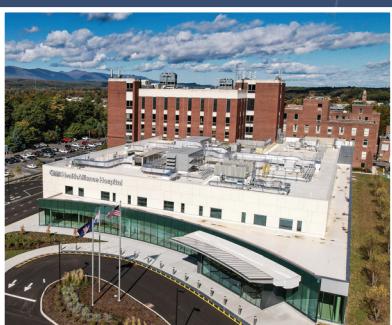
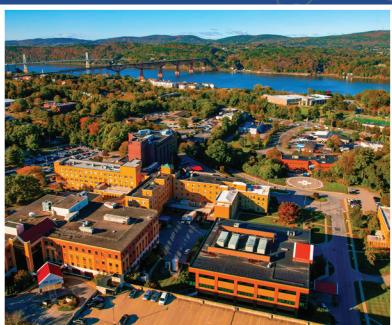


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It is with great pride that we present the 2025 Annual Report for the WMCH Health Trauma Consortium, **led by Dr. Kartik Prabhakaran**. Under Dr. Prabhakaran's leadership, our network has demonstrated unwavering commitment to clinical excellence, innovation, and community partnership across all of our trauma centers. The dedication of our multidisciplinary teams, the resilience of our patients, and the support of our community partners have been the driving forces behind our continued success. As we reflect on the year's accomplishments, we remain steadfast in our mission to deliver the highest quality trauma care and to lead the region in injury prevention, education, and survivor support.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Kartik Prabhakaran

2025 was a landmark year for the WMCH Health Trauma Consortium. Our network achieved significant milestones, including ACS-COT reverification for both adult and pediatric Level I Trauma Centers, national recognition for quality and safety, and the expansion of innovative clinical programs such as the Chest Wall Injury Society (CWIS) Collaborative Center.

We hosted over 20 major community events, launched new educational initiatives, and celebrated research excellence with numerous prestigious national presentations and peer-reviewed publications.

Our trauma programs saw record growth in patient volume, operative cases, and outreach impact, all while maintaining top-tier outcomes and advancing multidisciplinary collaboration. We continue to serve as academic and clinical leaders in the care of injured patients, as evidenced by national leadership position held by our faculty, and prestigious invited talks and publications by our faculty, trainees, and students. These achievements reflect the collective expertise, compassion, and dedication of our teams, and position the WMCH Health Trauma Consortium as a leader in trauma care, research, and community engagement. I invite you to explore our programs in adult and pediatric trauma, elective and emergency general surgery, and surgical critical care across our health network.

The care of the injured patient requires the effort of a community of partners – At WMCH Health, we are proud to have a collaborative community of outstanding health care providers across so many disciplines that function in synchrony, so that our community can proudly serve the communities of the Hudson Valley and beyond, today and into the future.



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WMCH Health Trauma Consortium Team Leadership

CONSORTIUM OVERVIEW

The WMCH Health Trauma Consortium is a regional leader in trauma care, comprising Westchester Medical Center (Level I Adult), Maria Fareri Children's Hospital (Level I Pediatric), MidHudson Regional Hospital (Level II Adult), Good Samaritan Hospital (Provisional Level III Adult), and HealthAlliance Hospital (Provisional Level III Adult).

Our network delivers comprehensive, multidisciplinary trauma care to patients across the Hudson Valley, supported by robust performance improvement, research, and education infrastructures.

In 2025, the Consortium continued to strengthen its foundation through standardized clinical guidelines, enhanced trauma registry systems, and collaborative quality initiatives. Our commitment to excellence is reflected in our sustained growth, innovative practices, and deep engagement with the communities we serve.



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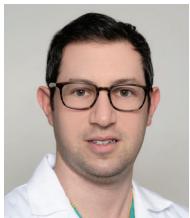
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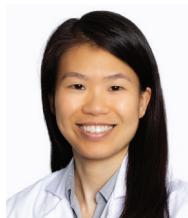


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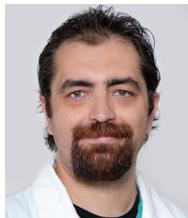
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Westchester Medical Center

Level 1 Adult Trauma Center

2025 was a landmark year for the Westchester Medical Center (WMC) Level I Adult Trauma Program, marked by successful ACS-COT reverification, top-decile national quality outcomes, and continued leadership in trauma innovation, research, and community engagement. As the first accredited Chest Wall Injury Society (CWIS) Collaborative Center in New York State, WMC set new standards in thoracic trauma care and advanced the WMCH Health Trauma Consortium's mission across the Hudson Valley.



Key Achievements

Verification & Quality:

› ACS-COT Reverification

WMC Level I Adult Trauma Center successfully reverified in January 2025, with multiple commendations



› National Quality Rankings

Top 10% nationally for risk-adjusted major hospital events (including death) per ACS-TQIP Fall 2025 report.



Top 10% Risk Adjusted Major Hospital Events Including Death

Table 4: Risk-Adjusted Major Hospital Events Including Death by Cohort

Cohort	N	Major Hospital Events Including Death					Odds Ratio and 95% Confidence Interval				Outlier	Decile
		Observed Events	Observed (%)	Expected (%)	TQIP Average (%)	Odds Ratio	Lower	Upper				
All Patients	996	98	9.8	12.8	10.4	0.68	0.54	0.85	Low	1		

› Network Integration

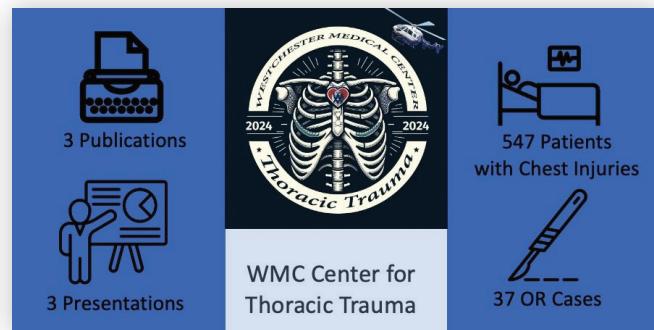
Standardized PI processes, monthly audits, and a network-wide reset for trauma data validation were implemented to sustain performance improvement.

➤ Clinical Innovation & Program Growth:

The WMC Center for Thoracic Trauma (CTT) continued its growth in 2025. With over 500 patients with thoracic injuries presenting to WMC in 2025, the center saw a greater than 10% increase in operative volume and began seeing patients with subacute and chronic chest wall pathology in the outpatient setting. New technologies for rib fracture localization using augmented reality and rib fracture fixation were adopted to allow for more minimally surgeries with faster recovery. A dedicated website was developed to allow for easier access to outpatients with thoracic injuries.

The WMC CTT presented 3 studies and received its Collaborative Center plaque at the Chest Wall Injury Society's Summit in Atlanta, Georgia. One of the presentations won Best Trainee Presentation at the meeting and the corresponding manuscript was selected as the January 2025 edition of the Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery's "Best of Trauma" article.

The surgical team is actively performing a variety of complex thoracic trauma procedures. These include video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS) decortication, surgical stabilization of rib fractures (SSRF), and surgical stabilization of sternal fractures (SSSF). Additionally, combined procedures such as VATS with SSRF, as well as cases involving VATS, SSRF, and SSSF together, are being managed. The team also addresses other forms of thoracic trauma, reflecting a broad and advanced clinical expertise in operative trauma care.



➤ AI-Driven Trauma Registry:

- Launched a pilot initiative leveraging AI-assisted data abstraction within the trauma registry to streamline case review and documentation.
- Improved data accuracy and consistency by automating initial abstraction steps, reducing variability and minimizing missed fields.
- Reduced manual workload for registrars, enabling staff to focus on complex cases, quality improvement insights, and clinical validation rather than routine data entry.
- Established workflow integration and performance metrics to evaluate model reliability, speed, and alignment with ACS TQIP data standards ahead of broader system rollout.

› Surgical Critical Care Fellowship

Established by Dr. Louis R.M. Del Guercio (one of the founders and past presidents of the Society of Critical Care Medicine) and Dr. John Savino, this program has a long tradition and is one of the oldest Surgical Critical Care fellowships in the United States. This rich academic tradition has trained numerous Surgical Critical Care leaders worldwide. With four surgical critical care fellows graduating each year, this comprehensive ACGME-accredited surgical fellowship provides trauma/critical care subspecialty training for surgical residents after completing their general surgery residency. Fellows rotate through our intensive care units, including the Trauma and Surgical ICU, as well as the Burn and Cardiothoracic ICU, actively engaging in the acute management and operative care of critically injured patients. Throughout the year, fellows participate in a robust didactic lecture series, trauma simulations, and take in-house call alongside our eight dual board-certified faculty. This fellowship develops future leaders in surgical critical care.



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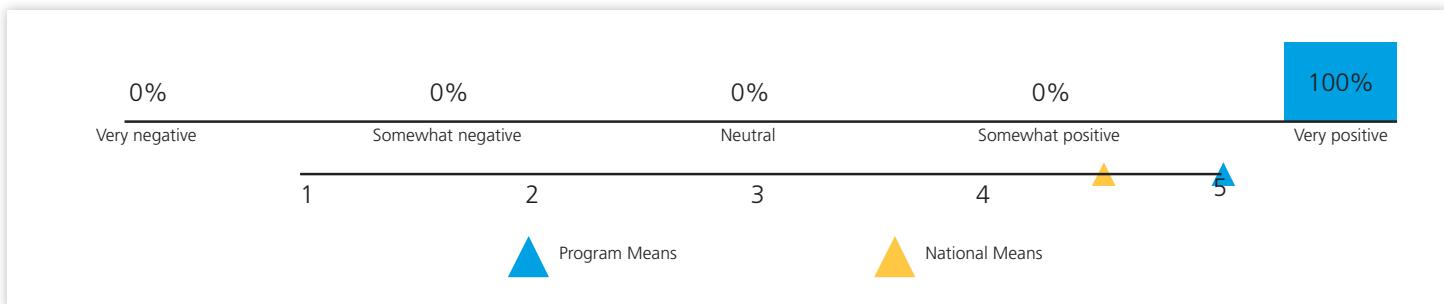
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2024-2025 ACGME SCC Fellowship Evaluation

Residents' overall evaluation of the program



› International Trauma Research Fellowship

Launched in 2022 and expanded to four fellows in 2024, this fellowship promotes global collaboration and cutting-edge research, providing a unique opportunity for knowledge exchange. Selected fellows engage in collaborative projects and work closely with our team to enrich our continuous efforts in trauma surgery research. Fellows also collaborate with medical students and residents as mentors, fostering a collaborative learning environment.



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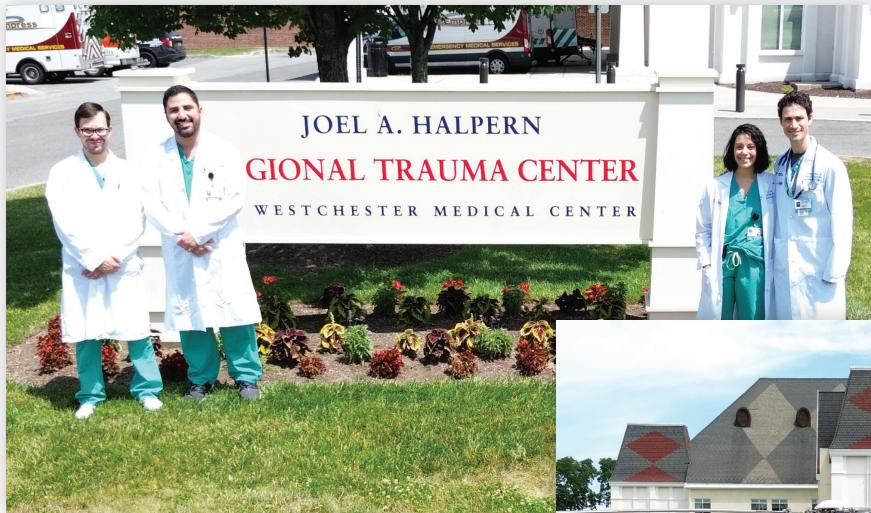
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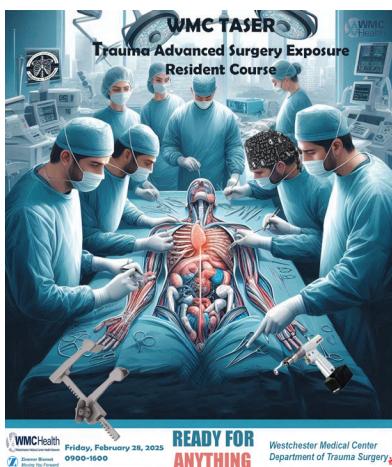


Educational Initiatives

Westchester Medical Center remains committed to advancing trauma education for healthcare professionals and the community. Our 2024 educational offerings included:

› TASER Training

(Trauma Advanced Surgery Exposure Resident Course) is an annual cadaver-based trauma operative techniques course incorporated into the department's surgical education framework. The course is designed for chief and senior General Surgery residents as well as Surgical Critical Care and Trauma fellows, and provides focused instruction in trauma-specific anatomy, surgical exposures, and operative techniques required for emergent and high-acuity trauma cases. The curriculum combines structured didactic content with hands-on cadaveric operative training to reinforce anatomical knowledge, decision-making, and technical proficiency. Through repeated exposure to critical trauma procedures in a controlled learning environment, the course aims to



improve trainee confidence, operative readiness, and performance during real-world trauma resuscitations and emergency surgical interventions.

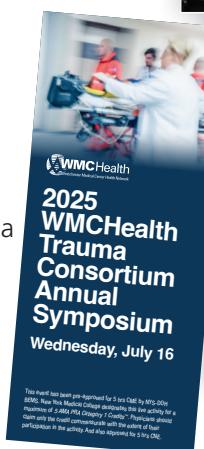
› Visiting Professor Rounds

Engaging sessions with distinguished trauma faculty from across the country enriched our clinicians' knowledge and skills.



› Annual Trauma Symposium

This event brought together leading and renowned national trauma experts- (Dr. Lenworth Jacobs, Dr. Pat Reilly, and Dr. Ronald Simon to share the latest advancements in trauma care, culminating in impactful Survivor Stories presentations.



› Trauma Simulations

Tailored for high school and medical students the real life simulations provided training in trauma response, emphasizing teamwork and rapid decision-making



Injury Prevention and Community Engagement

In 2025, the Westchester Medical Center Level I Adult Trauma Program significantly expanded its community engagement and injury prevention initiatives, hosting over 20 major events throughout the year. These included high-impact programs such as "Stop the Bleed," which provided lifesaving hemorrhage control training to participants across the region, and "Stop the Fall," a multidisciplinary event attended by more than 150 community members focused on geriatric fall prevention through education, home safety, medication management, and exercise. The program also led distracted driving awareness campaigns for local high school students and organized bike and ATV safety days in partnership with regional agencies, reinforcing our commitment to proactive injury prevention and public safety.

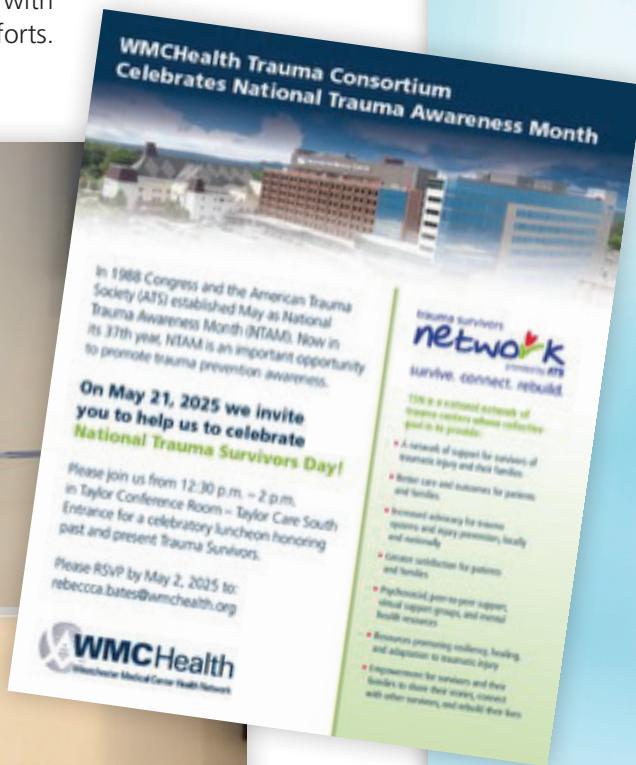
A notable achievement in 2025 was the receipt of a SNUG grant, which will further support violence intervention and community outreach efforts. This award enables our team to expand evidence-based programming, strengthen partnerships with local organizations, and enhance resources for trauma survivors and at-risk populations. Through these initiatives, Westchester Medical Center continues to lead the region in trauma education, prevention, and survivor support, advancing our mission to improve outcomes and foster safer communities.

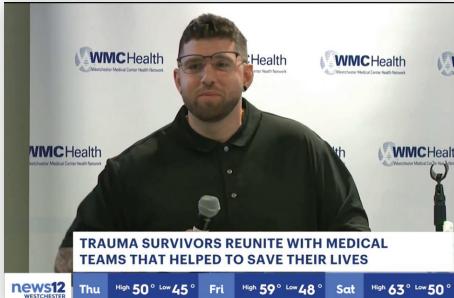


➤ Trauma Survivors Network

We celebrated National Trauma Survivors Day with robust attendance, fostering survivor support and community connections.

We successfully expanded the Trauma Survivors Network with regional and national news campaigns highlighting its efforts.





WMCHospital, Westchester County, and Stew Leonard III Water Safety Foundation Unite to Combat Childhood Drownings

May 21, 2025



LITERATURE SELECTIONS

Cholecystectomy Operating Time May Be Reduced by Robotic Approach in Moderate and Severe Cases

January 28, 2025

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Klein J, Lemma M, Prabhakaran K, et al. *Robotic versus Laparoscopic Emergency and Acute Care Surgery: Redefining Novelty (REARN): Feasibility and Benefits of Robotic Cholecystectomy for Acute Cholecystitis at a Level 1 Trauma Center*. *Trauma Surg Acute Care Open*. 2024;9:e001522.

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⚠️ TSACO in the News

Coverage of Dr. Prabhakaran's study highlighting the costly burden of falls among older adults: bit.ly/3NaT0yy

Original research: bit.ly/3XLe6Ik

Costs of fatal falls among US older adults trump those attributed to firearm deaths: Study

by British Medical Journal

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WMC and Maria Fareri Remain only Level I Trauma Center in Region

Level I Represents Most Comprehensive, Complex Care; 9,500+ Trauma Patients Served in 2024

By Victoria Hochman, Community Contributor
May 27, 2025 12:30 pm EDT



WMCHospital Trauma Chief Tapped to Shape National Standards for Lifesaving Care

August 14, 2025

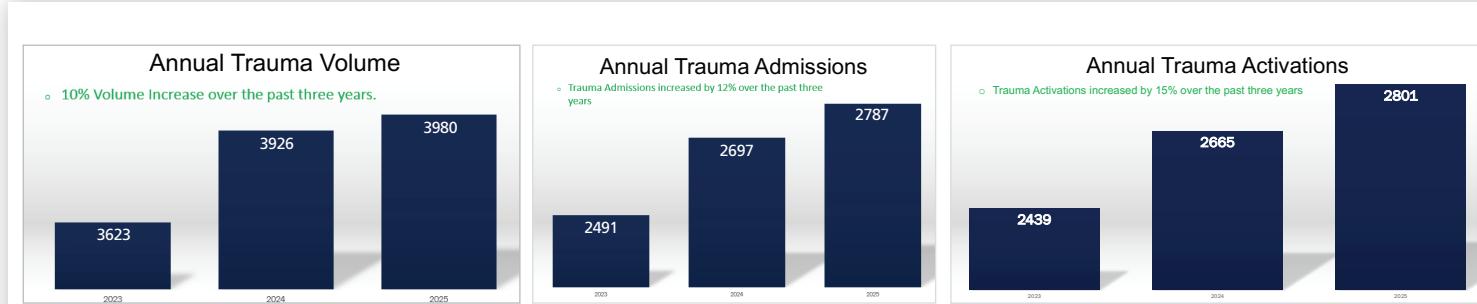


Westchester Medical Center's Director of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery will play a key role in ensuring trauma centers across the nation meet rigorous standards

VALHALLA, N.Y. (August 11, 2025) – Kartik Prabhakaran, MD, Westchester Medical Center's Director of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery, a nationally recognized trauma surgeon and the architect behind the Westchester Medical Center Health Network's (WMCHospital) high-performing trauma consortium, has been appointed by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as a national site reviewer—placing him among an elite group charged with expanding and upholding the highest standards in trauma care for providers across the United States.

Program Growth and Regional Impact

Volume Growth



Surgical Critical Care

Surgical Critical Care remains an essential pillar of the Section of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery at Westchester Medical Center. In 2025, our team of 8 double board-certified critical care surgeons, 4 critical care anesthesiology intensivists, highly skilled nurses, and allied health professionals continued to deliver exceptional, multidisciplinary care to critically ill surgical patients. Through the use of advanced monitoring technologies, evolving evidence-based practices, and strong interprofessional collaboration, the service successfully managed increasingly complex clinical cases while further reducing morbidity and mortality across our patient population.

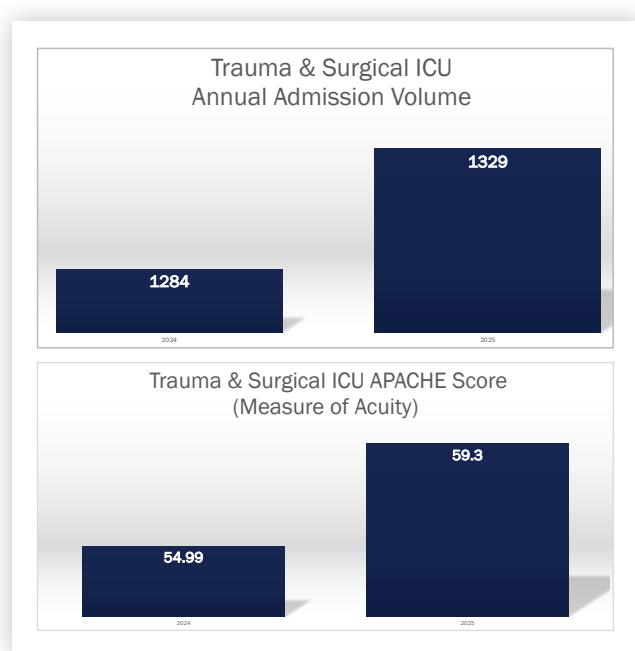
With 22 credentialed beds across the Trauma ICU and Surgical ICU, our service once again exceeded capacity on a near-daily basis. ICU volume continued to rise throughout 2025, surpassing the significant increases already seen in 2024. Our units consistently operated above their staffed and credentialed bed counts, affirming our role as the regional leader for high-acuity surgical critical care. Patients span all surgical disciplines, including trauma, general surgery, surgical oncology, vascular, thoracic, transplant, orthopedics, urology, and obstetrics/gynecology.

Key Performance Improvements:

- Surgical procedure volume continued to increase, reflecting the growing complexity and throughput of our surgical services.
- Acuity continued to rise, with higher case mix and more resource-intensive patient management needs. Ongoing quality efforts resulted in benchmarked success in significantly low levels publicly reported quality

Despite increasing demand and case complexity, the core SCC staffing model remained robust in 2025. Through optimized resource utilization and strong teamwork across nursing, APPs, respiratory therapy, pharmacy, and surgical services, the ICUs maintained high-quality, 24/7 care delivery.

As Surgical Critical Care continues to expand in volume, acuity, and institutional importance, we remain committed to advancing clinical excellence, improving operational performance, and enhancing the patient and family experience across the entire surgical continuum.



➤ Growth in Operative Surgical Volume

Westchester Medical Center provides comprehensive, high-quality care for patients requiring trauma surgery, emergency general surgery, and elective surgical procedures. As a regional referral center for the Hudson Valley and surrounding areas, the hospital delivers around-the-clock surgical coverage for patients with traumatic injuries and acute surgical conditions. Performing more than 1,400 operations each year, the surgical teams care for a diverse population ensuring that patients receive individualized treatment plans, access to modern surgical techniques, and seamless continuity of care.

Annual Operative Volume



➤ WMC Comprehensive Hernia Center

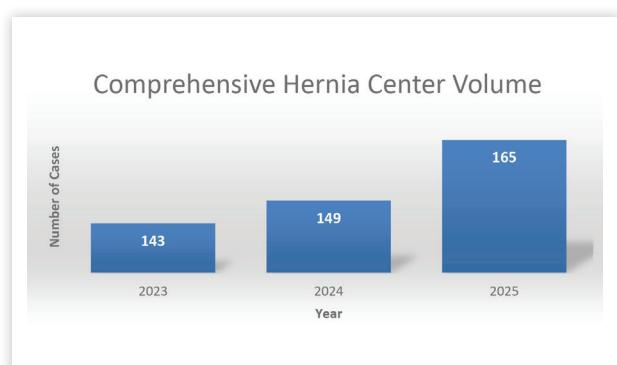
The Comprehensive Hernia Center at Westchester Medical Center continues to experience significant growth, reflecting its commitment to delivering advanced, patient-centered care for a wide range of hernia conditions. Take verbiage from the website about the breadth of hernias treated and minimally invasive techniques. This expansion is driven by increasing patient referrals, ongoing investment in state-of-the-art technology, and a multidisciplinary team dedicated to surgical excellence. As the Center grows, it has enhanced its ability to manage both routine and complex hernia cases, while maintaining a strong focus on safety, outcomes, and personalized treatment planning.

Comprehensive Hernia Center

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

SERVICE LINES GENERAL SURGERY COMPREHENSIVE HERNIA CENTER

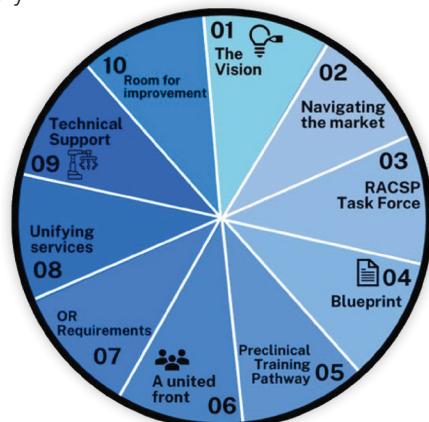
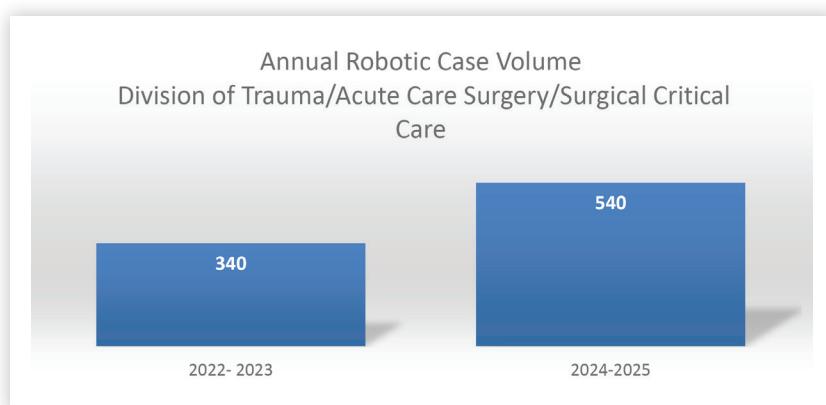
At the Comprehensive Hernia Center at Westchester Medical Center, the flagship of the Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth), you receive state-of-the-art hernia care. We treat all types of abdominal wall hernias, from routine to the most complex cases. Our team specializes in minimally invasive, robotic, and open surgical techniques. We work with you to design a hernia care plan based on your specific needs.



Robotic Surgery: Our team is dedicated to delivering advanced, minimally invasive care for a broad range of surgical conditions, including complex and emergency cases. As pioneers in establishing one of the nation's first 24/7 robotic general surgery programs for both elective and emergency general surgery, our team has transformed the delivery of acute surgical care.

By leveraging state-of-the-art robotic technology, our surgical teams perform highly precise procedures through smaller incisions, leading to reduced postoperative pain, shorter hospital stays, and faster recovery times. Since the program's inception in 2022, the robotic platform has been rapidly integrated into emergency and urgent surgical care, in addition to its use for elective surgeries.

In 2026, our group is projected to surpass a major milestone of more than 1,000 robotic cases, demonstrating the program's continued growth, depth of experience, and leadership in minimally invasive surgery.



› Leadership and Recognition

Our team held key leadership positions in the **AAST**, **EAST**, and **ACS**, including chairing the **Hudson Valley Regional Trauma Advisory Committee**, serving on the **New York State Trauma Advisory Committee**, and chairing the **Greater New York Committee on Trauma** of the American College of Surgeons.

In 2025, a notable achievement was the receipt of a **SNUG grant**, which will further support violence intervention and community outreach initiatives. This award enables our team to expand evidence based programming, strengthen partnerships with local organizations, and enhance resources for trauma survivors and at risk populations—reinforcing Westchester Medical Center's leadership in trauma education, prevention, and survivorship support.

› Looking Ahead: 2026 Goals

- › **Sustain Top-Decile Quality:** Integrate TQIP, CMS, Leapfrog, and Press Ganey metrics for public reporting
- › **Leverage Artificial Intelligence and Technology:** Operationalize AI-to augment real-time clinical decision making and triage, and data analysis
- › **Expand Network Integration:** Continue operational efforts at all of our Network's trauma centers to provide expert care close to home.
- › **Scale Education & Outreach:** Grow TASER, EMS audits, and simulation programs; host 2026 Annual Symposium; expand falls, bleed-control, and road-safety initiatives.
- › **Launch Center for Trauma Survivorship:** Formalize survivor and caregiver support, navigation, and post-discharge coordination.



Research

Our **trauma** program is deeply engaged in showcasing and publishing original research in prominent national and international conferences, as well as esteemed academic journals with significant impact factors. Led by our distinguished faculty, this endeavor places a strong emphasis on nurturing the research skills of medical students, fellows, and researchers who actively participate in and co-author these impactful studies.

› 2025 Presentations at National/International Meetings



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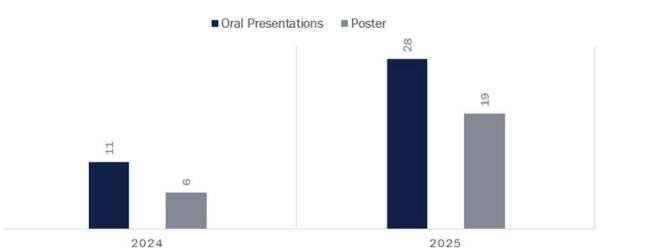
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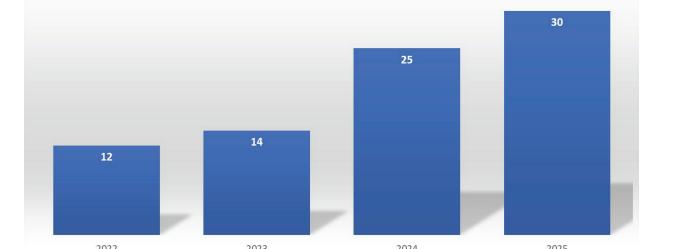
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Increase in Prestige of Invited Presentations at National meetings



Peer-Reviewed Publications



► Awards 2025

1. American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) 20 for Twenty Scholarship
2. Best Trainee Presentation at 9th Annual Meeting of Chest Wall Injury Society
3. Best Podium Presentation at 22nd Annual Lou Del Guercio Research Day
4. Best Moderated Poster Presentation at 22nd Annual Lou Del Guercio Research Day
5. Best Poster Presentation at 22nd Annual Lou Del Guercio Research Day

› Multicenter Research Studies

Principle Investigator	Primary Coordinating Site	Study Title
Jordan Kirsch, DO	Baylor College of Medicine	The Impact of Veno venous Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation on Trauma Patient Outcomes: Should We Cannulate?
Jordan Kirsch, DO	University of Kentucky	Cerebrovascular Injury Antithrombotic Therapy in Trauma: An EAST Multicenter Trial Study of Stroke Prophylaxis in Blunt Cerebrovascular Injury (BCVI)
Jordan Kirsch, DO	Tulane University School of Medicine	Optimizing Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis (VTEp) in Patients Who Have Sustained Operative Spinal Trauma
Jordan Kirsch, DO	Medical College of Wisconsin	Anti Factor Xa Monitoring of Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis in Emergency General Surgery Patients: A prospective multi-center study
Jordan Kirsch, DO	New York Medical College	Metabolic Risk Factors as a Causative Factor for Rib and Sternal Fracture Non and Malunion: A Multi- Institutional Collaborative Study
Gabriel Froula, DO	University of California Riverside	Prophylactic and Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon in Gynecology & Obstetrics (PREGO) TRIAL

› Extramural Research Funding

Principle Investigator	Sponsor	Study Title
Kartik Prabhakaran, MD	Acelity	Application of Prevena™ Incision Management System in Complex Abdominal Wall Reconstruction with Biological mesh and other major laparotomies.
Matthew Bronstein, MD	Allergan	Long term patient reported outcomes following Complex abdominal wall reconstruction with Strattice. A prospective observational study.

Maria Fareri Children's Hospital

Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center

At Maria Fareri Children's Hospital (MFCH), our Pediatric Trauma Program is dedicated to providing exceptional, multidisciplinary care to injured children and their families. As the region's only Level I Pediatric Trauma Center, we deliver comprehensive trauma care 24/7, supported by specialized teams in Pediatric Surgery, Critical Care, Emergency Medicine, Radiology, Rehabilitation, Mental Health, Quality and Safety, and of course, our outstanding Nursing team.

In January 2025, the program achieved a significant milestone by successfully completing ACS reverification with zero deficiencies—the first time in the program's history. This accomplishment reflects our strengthened infrastructure, a highly robust Performance Improvement and Patient Safety (PIPS) framework, and deep multidisciplinary collaboration across MFCH and the WMCHealth Network.

Throughout 2025, the program further enhanced clinical operations, expanded performance improvement initiatives, advanced research engagement, grew community outreach efforts, and reinforced regional pediatric readiness. The team also devoted significant effort to strengthening our trauma registry infrastructure—modifying inclusion criteria, standardizing data-entry practices, building reliable and reproducible data reports, and improving the accuracy and consistency of case capture across the continuum of care.

Collectively, these achievements position MFCH as a leader in pediatric trauma care and set the stage for continued excellence in 2026.



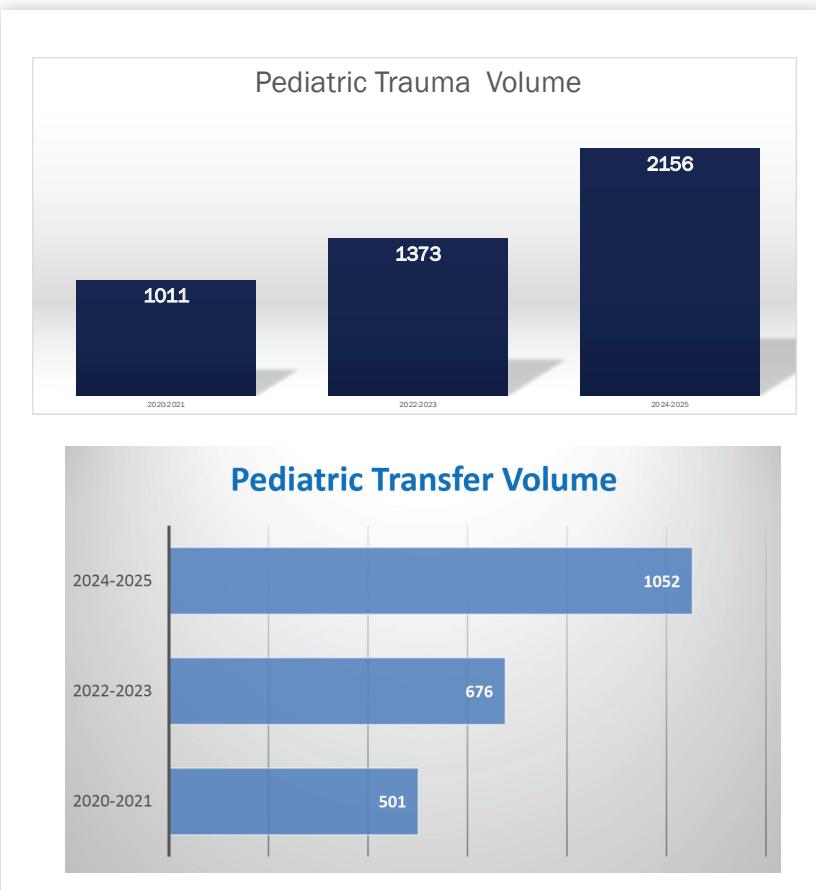
Commitment to Excellence

› Volume Growth

Over the past five years, our Pediatric Level 1 Trauma Program has experienced substantial and sustained growth. Trauma volume increased 35% between 2020–21 and 2022–23, followed by an even sharper 59% rise through 2024–25. Overall, this represents a 115% increase in volume from baseline—underscoring both rising regional demand and the expanding capability of our trauma team to deliver high-acuity pediatric care.

› Transfer Volume:

As our overall pediatric trauma volume has grown, we've also seen a significant rise in transfer volume—more than doubling since 2020.

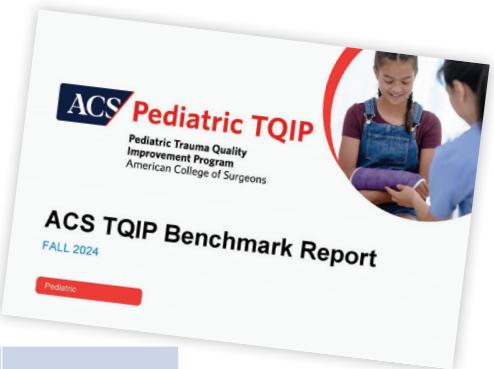


➤ Mechanism of Injury

Falls were the leading cause of pediatric trauma, representing nearly half of all injuries this year. Struck/Cut mechanisms accounted for the second largest share at about 16%, often involving children being hit by objects, colliding with furniture or playground equipment, or sustaining accidental cuts during play or daily activities. Motorvehicle-related injuries collectively made up roughly 15%, with occupants, pedestrians, and cyclists each contributing distinct patterns important for targeted safety efforts.

➤ Patient Outcomes

Our program ranked in the top 10% nationally for risk adjusted major hospital events including death. These achievements reflect a commitment to evidence-based care and continual performance improvement.



Top 10% Risk Adjusted Major Hospital Events Including Death

Table 4: Risk-Adjusted Major Hospital Events Including Death by Cohort

Cohort	N	Major Hospital Events Including Death				Odds Ratio and 90% Confidence Interval			Outlier	Decile
		Observed Events	Observed (%)	Expected (%)	TQIP Average (%)	Odds Ratio	Lower	Upper		
All Patients	814	6	0.7	2.1	2.6	0.42	0.25	0.70	Low	1

Performance Improvement & Patient Safety (PIPS)

In 2025, the Pediatric Trauma Program made significant updates and enhancements to its Performance Improvement and Patient Safety (PIPS) infrastructure, strengthening real-time multidisciplinary collaboration. These efforts resulted in a cohesive, data-driven PI framework that has become the gold standard across the five-center WMCH Health Trauma Network.

➤ Strengthening the PI Framework

A major achievement was the development of a comprehensive PI Data Dictionary that clearly defines audit filters, minimum levels of review, and priority monitoring areas. This resource streamlined the PI process, improved consistency, and supported clear accountability across the continuum of care. In parallel, the trauma registry system was enhanced to fully integrate Performance Improvement documentation and tracking, enabling reliable, real-time review.

➤ Standardizing Care Through Clinical Practice Guidelines

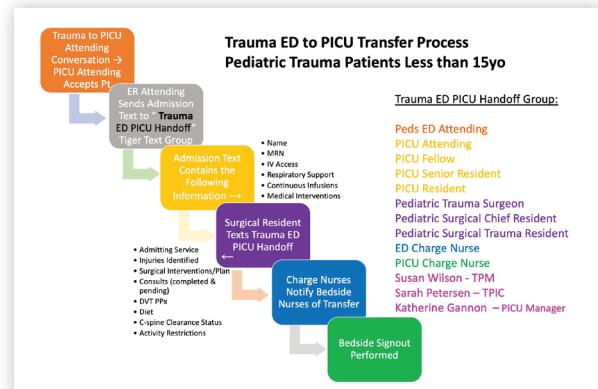
To promote consistent, evidence-based care, multiple Clinical Practice Guidelines were updated and new guidelines were developed to reflect recent advances in pediatric trauma care. These efforts strengthened standardization across services and supported high-quality, evidence-based trauma care.

➤ Expanding Collaborative Case Review

A structured PICU-Trauma collaborative case review process was launched, bringing together multidisciplinary teams to evaluate complex cases in detail. Key findings are reviewed at the Trauma Performance and Operations Committee (TPOC) / PIPS meetings, fostering transparency, shared learning, and system wide improvement.

➤ Improving Communication and Handoff Processes

Recognizing the importance of safe transitions of care, a redesigned ED-to-PICU handoff process was implemented using structured communication pathways. This enhancement improved situational awareness, interdisciplinary coordination, and patient safety during high-risk transitions.



➤ Regional and National Leadership

The impact of this work extended beyond MFCH. The Pediatric Trauma Program Manager presented A Team-Based Approach to Standardizing Performance Improvement Across a Five-Center Trauma Network at the 2025 TQIP National Conference, highlighting the scalability and success of the program's real-time review, standardized audit filters, and data-driven loop-closure model.

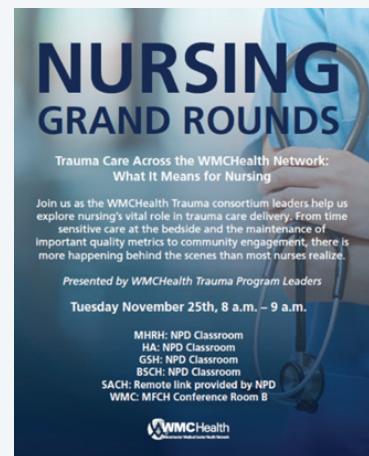
The image shows the TQIP 25 Annual Conference poster for November 8-10, 2025, in Chicago, IL. The poster features a blue and green design with the text 'TQIP 25 Annual Conference' and '15 TEAM WORKS'. To the right is a slide from the presentation. The slide has a dark blue header with the title and a white footer with author information. The main content is organized into sections: Introduction, Methods, Results, Evaluation & Sustainability, and Conclusion. The 'Introduction' section discusses the A Team-Based Approach to Standardizing Performance Improvement Across a Five-Center Trauma Network. The 'Methods' section details the OFI process, audit filters, and data-driven loop-closure model. The 'Results' section shows the implementation across five centers. The 'Evaluation & Sustainability' section highlights the OFI framework's impact on performance improvement. The 'Conclusion' section summarizes the findings and the need for continued implementation and innovation.

|| Education and Outreach

Throughout 2025, the Pediatric Trauma Program demonstrated a strong commitment to education, professional development, community outreach, and injury prevention. Through multidisciplinary teaching, regional collaboration, and public engagement, the program strengthened pediatric trauma knowledge across the WMHealth Network and the broader community.

➤ Professional Education and Workforce Development

Student Mentorship & Career Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pediatric Trauma Faculty Dr. Christa Grant & Dr. Kathryn Martin, presented at Dept. of Surgery Student Mentorship Career DayPediatric Trauma Program Manager Susan Wilson Supported hands on trauma simulation experiences for student participants.
Regional & National Educational Forums	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pediatric Orthopedic Trauma Faculty Dr. Matthew Dow presented Pediatric Fracture Management at Good Samaritan Hospital Trauma SymposiumPediatric Chief of Surgery and Trauma Medical Director Dr. Dylan Stewart presented Pediatric Trauma at the Northern Region Trauma SymposiumPediatric Trauma Faculty Dr. Kathryn Martin presented Pediatric Trauma at the DCC EMS Conference
Nursing Education & System Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pediatric Trauma Program Manager Susan Wilson copresented with Network Director of Trauma Services at Nursing Grand Rounds, discussing Trauma Care Across the WMHealth Network.



› Simulation and Skills-Based Education

Advanced Clinical Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none">At the WMCH Health Trauma Symposium Pediatric Critical Care Faculty Dr. Gary Tatz led a Pediatric Advanced Airway Workshop.	
High-Fidelity Trauma Simulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Pediatric Trauma Team Delivered a multidisciplinary pediatric trauma simulationEMS crew from the real actual case was recognized and reunited with the patient and family. <p>Participating Faculty & Team Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Dylan Stewart, Chief, Pediatric Surgery; Trauma Medical DirectorDr. Monica Chow, Pediatric Trauma SurgeonJennifer Bricker, PA, Surgical Physician AssistantSusan Wilson, MSN, RN, Pediatric Trauma Program ManagerSarah Petersen, Pediatric Trauma Program CoordinatorBrianna MacAul, Adult Trauma Program CoordinatorMarc Muscus, Injury Prevention CoordinatorDr. Julia Levasseur, Pediatric Critical Care FacultyDr. Harshadkumar Patel, Orthopedic Surgery FacultySUNY Westchester EMS Students	
Pediatric Trauma Mock Alerts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Initiated high-fidelity Pediatric Trauma Mock Alerts in the EDInvolved ED leadership, nursing education, pediatric trauma leadership & pediatric critical care.Improved team communication, role clarity, and readiness for high-acuity cases.	 

› Community Outreach and Injury Prevention

Trauma Survivors Day & Family Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted Pediatric Trauma Survivors and families during National Trauma Survivors Day (May). Held the program's first onsite blood drive, connecting families to lifesaving initiatives. 	
Safety & Prevention Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted a Car Seat Safety Event with public education and safety checks. Led falls, Pedestrian Safety and Drowning prevention education across multiple community events. Distributed 100+ bicycle helmets to promote rider safety. 	

› Caregiver Support and Family-Centered Outreach

Caregiver Support Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched monthly Caregiver Support Group in collaboration with Child Life Therapy Providing emotional support, education, and community for families of injured children. Demonstrates commitment to trauma-informed, family-centered care beyond hospitalization. 	
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› Grants and Recognition

In 2025, the Pediatric Trauma Program continued to demonstrate leadership in pediatric readiness, injury prevention, and innovation through successful grant participation and external recognition. These achievements directly supported program growth, enhanced community outreach, and strengthened long-term sustainability of pediatric injury prevention initiatives.

The program was recognized with Innovator Status through the New York State Always Ready for Children Program, reflecting a sustained commitment to advancing pediatric emergency and trauma care, strengthening system readiness, and implementing best practices across the continuum of care. This recognition further positioned the program as a regional leader in pediatric trauma readiness and quality improvement.

Through a New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant for Child Passenger Safety, the Pediatric Trauma Program expanded its injury prevention efforts by distributing more than a dozen car seats to families in need and providing education on proper child passenger safety. This grant funding will allow the program to further expand car seat safety programming, increase community engagement, and reach additional families at risk.



› Looking Ahead to 2026:

Continue to expand the Pediatric Trauma Caregiver Support Group to provide ongoing support and resources for families.

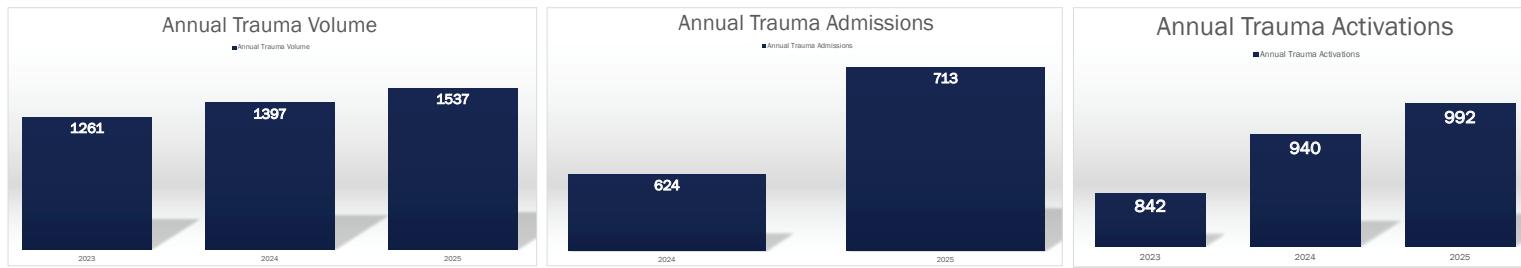
Collaborate with perioperative services to further streamline processes and improve timely access to the operating room for trauma patients.

Continue advancing pediatric readiness through ongoing education, simulation, and quality improvement initiatives.

MidHudson Regional Hospital Level II Adult Trauma Center

In 2025, MidHudson Regional Hospital (MHRH) reaffirmed its position as a leading Level II Adult Trauma Center within the WMCH Health Trauma Consortium. Our dedication to excellence was evident through advancements in patient care, staff development, and community outreach. This annual report outlines our major accomplishments, innovative practices, and ongoing commitment to the well-being of the Hudson Valley community.

MHRH maintained its Level II Adult Trauma Center designation, reflecting our continued focus on delivering high-quality, evidence-based trauma care. In 2025, we introduced new clinical protocols and adopted advanced technology to optimize patient outcomes. Our trauma team's ongoing education and multidisciplinary collaboration ensured that each patient received expert and compassionate care, raising our standards higher than ever.



Recruitment and Staffing

2025 saw significant growth in our team with the appointment of Dr. Dennis-Roger Phillip, MD, FACS, as Trauma Medical Director. With the recruitment of Dr. Sameer Kaiser, the core team of Dr. Ryan Malcom along with Dr. Bardiya Zangbar, Dr. Gabriel Forula, and Dr. Sameer Kaiser has added to its expertise in elective and minimally invasive general surgery and surgical critical care. We also expanded our team of Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners, improving our ability to provide rapid, specialized care and manage complex trauma cases. This expansion enhanced patient coverage and continuity of care.

➤ Performance Improvement and Quality Process Enhancements

Performance improvement has remained central to our mission. Collaboration with community, health care, and governmental partners allowed us to identify and address challenges, implement best practices, and foster a culture of continuous quality improvement, ultimately leading to more efficient processes and improved patient outcomes.

➤ Continued Emphasis on Quality Care

- Updated patient care guidelines to ensure consistent, high-quality treatment from arrival through discharge.
- Implemented trauma-specific pain management protocols, enhancing patient comfort and recovery.
- Utilized data-driven approaches to monitor patient progress, enabling timely interventions and individualized care plans

Top 20% National Ranking in Trauma Outcomes and Quality in the American College of Surgeons Trauma Quality Improvement Program

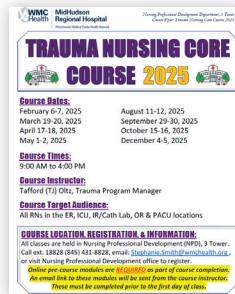
› Advancements in Trauma Care

We embraced innovative technologies, such as advanced monitoring systems and telemedicine consultations, to extend our reach, especially in rural areas. These advancements allowed us to deliver specialized trauma care efficiently throughout the region.

› Trauma Education Initiatives

Our commitment to excellence in trauma care is reinforced through various educational initiatives:

- › Mock trauma code drills to maintain readiness.
- › Northern Region “Roadside to Bedside” Symposium for pre-hospital providers (October 2025).
- › Trauma education for new staff members and ongoing Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) sessions.
- › Contributions to the Emergency Department Newsletter and presentations at quarterly Pre-Hospital Continuing Medical Education (CME) events.



› Community Education and Partnership

Our commitment to community health deepened through targeted outreach programs, educational seminars, and partnerships with local organizations. Initiatives focused on injury prevention, trauma awareness, and comprehensive support for patients and families.

- › Expanded distracted driving prevention efforts, reaching more than 4,600 students and parents.
- › Fall injury prevention initiatives, including a major campaign in November 2025.
- › Co-Hosted the 100 Deadliest Days Community Event in July 2025 to address seasonal injury risks.



› Leadership and Outreach



- › Presented a poster at the 2025 TQIP Conference in Chicago, IL: “Transitioning from Legacy to Modern Trauma Registries: A Collaborative Approach to Enhancing TQIP Reporting.”
- › Hosted the FBI NY Executive Level Public Tabletop Exercise (July 2025), a first-of-its-kind national event held at MHRH
- › Participated in the 2025 Law Enforcement Summit and Dutchess County Chiefs’ Association Meeting (September 2025),



Our efforts in 2025 elevated awareness, advanced injury prevention, and reinforced partnerships within the WMCHealth network, MidHudson Regional Hospital, and the Trauma Service. Looking ahead to 2026, MHRH is committed to further innovation, growth, and delivering exceptional trauma care to all those we serve.

Good Samaritan Hospital

Provisional, Level III Adult Trauma Center

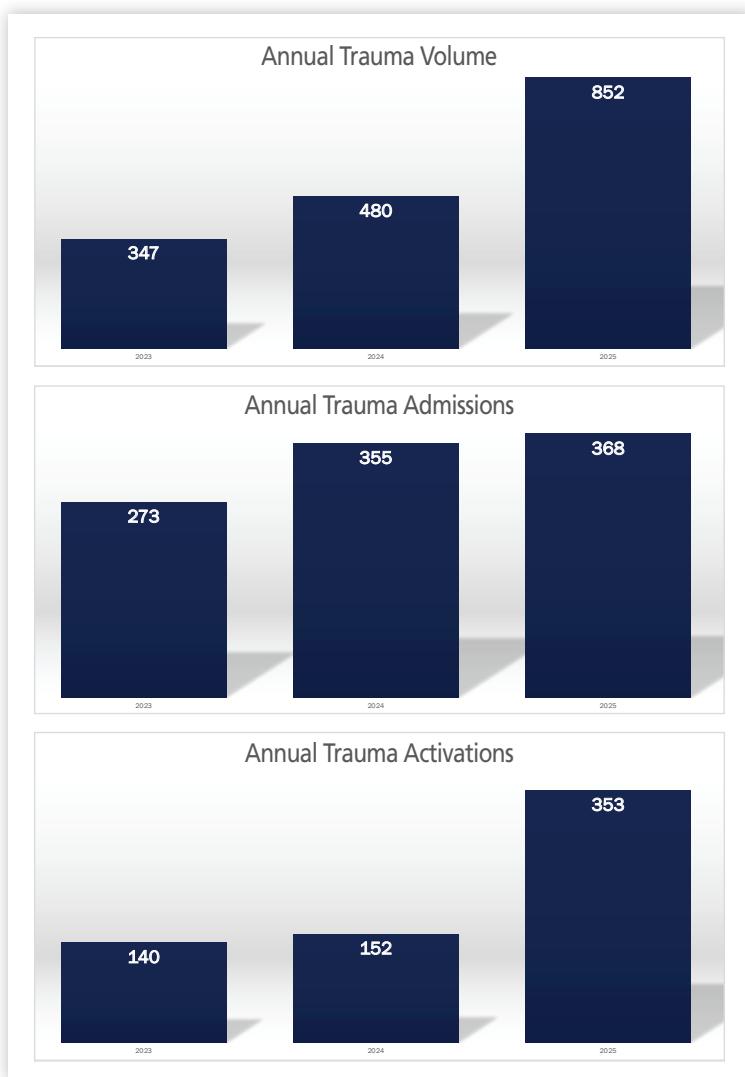
Over the past year, Good Samaritan Hospital has seen triple digit increases in patient volume and activations. We have worked hard to partner with the pre-hospital community to create a robust multi-disciplinary trauma program that is both patient-centered but also focus on the highest quality of care as outlined in our most recent Trauma Quality Improvement Program report. We are below national benchmarks on infection rates and complications while continuing to remain in the lowest percentile for patient length of stay. Together with the trauma staff, emergency department and all other facets of the hospital, we have grown our program and are on a trajectory of continued growth into the future.

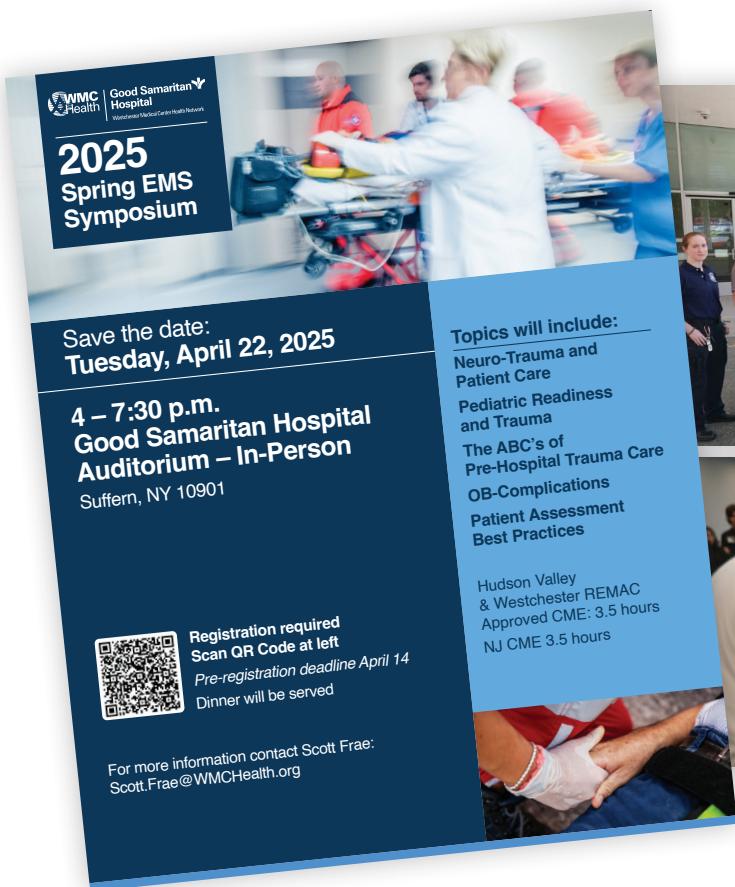


- › GSH has added a trauma physician assistant to help coordinate the care of all trauma patients throughout the hospital continuum.
- › GSH has initiated a morning trauma huddle where all key stakeholders discuss patient care, address issues in real time and identify potential areas of improvement.

› GSH Annual Volume:

GSH Community Outreach - The Trauma Program remains deeply committed to injury prevention and community engagement through a wide range of impactful initiatives. Our annual Roadside to Bedside symposium provides high-value, hands on education for EMS partners, strengthening regional pre-hospital readiness and collaboration. This year, we also hosted a High School Career Expo at Good Samaritan Hospital, featuring an immersive trauma simulation that introduced students to real-world emergency care and inspired the next generation of healthcare professionals. Our robust Fall Prevention Program continues to serve older adults through education, home safety strategies, and mobility support. In addition, the Good Samaritan Hospital Trauma Program recently received an \$8,000 Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth Ministry Grant, which will be used to purchase essential assistive devices—such as canes, grabbers, night lights, and grip socks—to support our largest trauma population, the geriatric community. Together, these initiatives strengthen safety, reduce preventable injuries, and enhance support for vulnerable populations across the region.





2025 Spring EMS Symposium

Save the date:
Tuesday, April 22, 2025

4 – 7:30 p.m.
Good Samaritan Hospital Auditorium – In-Person
Suffern, NY 10901

Topics will include:

- Neuro-Trauma and Patient Care
- Pediatric Readiness and Trauma
- The ABC's of Pre-Hospital Trauma Care
- OB-Complications
- Patient Assessment Best Practices

Registration required
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Pre-registration deadline April 14
Dinner will be served

For more information contact Scott Frae:
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Hudson Valley & Westchester REMAC
Approved CME: 3.5 hours
NJ CME 3.5 hours







› Looking Ahead:

Good Samaritan Hospital is energized and fully committed to our journey toward ACS Trauma Center verification. Our official reporting year launched in August 2025 and will continue through July 2026, during which our team is advancing performance improvement, strengthening clinical processes, and refining documentation to meet the highest national standards. We anticipate welcoming the American College of Surgeons for our verification site visit in November 2026, marking a significant milestone in our efforts to elevate trauma care, enhance system readiness, and ensure exceptional outcomes for the communities we serve.

HealthAlliance Hospital

Provisional, Level III Adult Trauma Center

As the newest trauma center in the consortium, HealthAlliance Hospital continues to advance with determination and pride. This year has been marked by an extraordinary increase in the number of trauma patients cared for at HAHV along with preparation for our first-ever American College of Surgeons (ACS) consultative visit, scheduled for January 2026—a milestone that reflects years of dedication and collaboration across disciplines. Our team has worked tirelessly to tailor community-based trauma care to ACS standards, balancing innovation with resource expansion, and ensuring that every patient receives care rooted in excellence and compassion. We are proud to stand as a beacon of high-quality trauma services for the northern region, offering injured patients timely, expert care while building the foundation for long-term verification success. This progress underscores our commitment not only to meeting national benchmarks but also to elevating the standard of trauma care for our community and beyond.



➤ Recruitment

As we continue to build and expand our trauma program, we are proud to welcome additional trauma surgeons and trauma/acute care surgery physician assistants to our team. Their expertise will strengthen our coverage and ensure that patients across the northern region receive timely, specialized care. This expansion reflects our commitment to growing a robust multidisciplinary program that meets the evolving needs of our community.

➤ Performance Improvement Initiatives

This year, our team advanced several performance improvement initiatives designed to elevate patient care. Clinical Practice Guidelines were modernized and updated to enhance the management of spine fractures, critically ill patients, and those with neurotrauma. These evidence-based updates ensure that our clinical practices align with national standards while addressing the unique needs of our patient population.

➤ New Technology

We continue to invest in technology that supports excellence in trauma care. The addition of the technology for rapid transfusion of blood products has improved our ability to deliver life-saving resuscitation in critical situations. Furthermore, the addition of the Da Vinci surgical robot expands our surgical capabilities, offering minimally invasive options that improve outcomes and recovery for patients.

➤ Trauma Volume

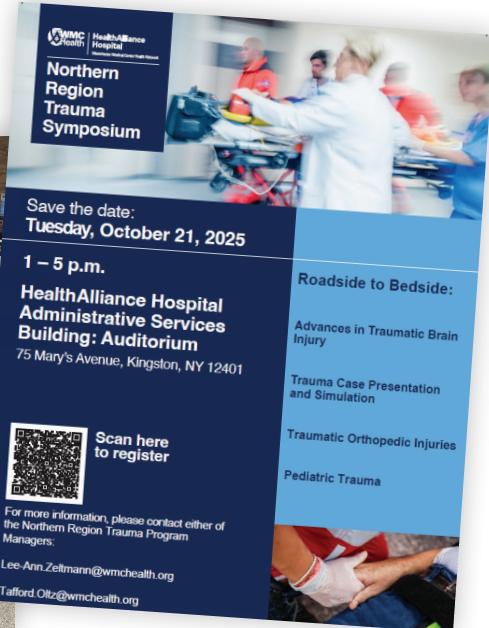
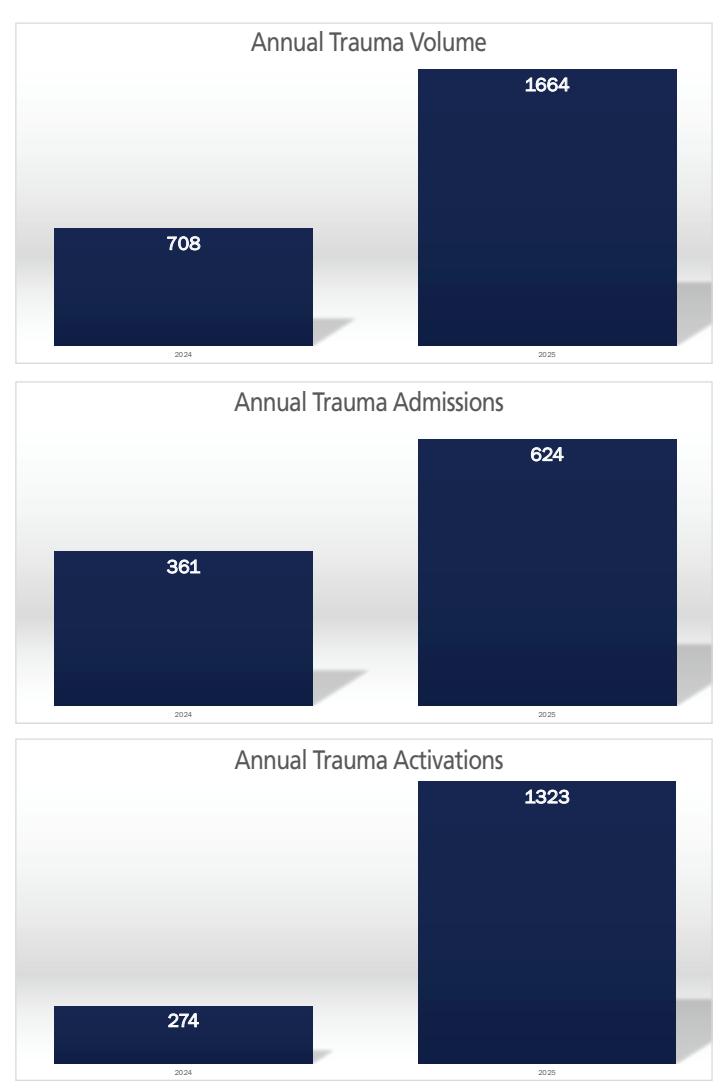
Our trauma program has seen significant growth in patient volume, underscoring the essential role we play in Ulster County, Dutchess County, Delaware County and beyond. Each patient encounter represents not only the trust placed in our team but also the opportunity to deliver high-quality, compassionate care to those most in need. Notably, trauma admissions volume has increased by **73%** compared to last year, a remarkable rise that demonstrates both the growing confidence in HAHV from our community and the critical need for this trauma program within Ulster County (and neighboring counties). This surge highlights the importance of our continued expansion and reinforces our mission to provide timely, expert care to every injured patient who comes through our doors.

➤ Community Outreach

We remain deeply engaged with our community partners, with a special focus on outreach to senior citizens. Through collaborative initiatives, we have improved injury prevention, awareness, and access to trauma resources for vulnerable populations, including elderly, children, and other vulnerable populations. These efforts strengthen the bond between our hospital and the community we serve.

➤ Education

Education remains a cornerstone of our program. This year, we proudly hosted the Northern Region Trauma Symposium, bringing together professionals from across the region to share knowledge, foster collaboration, and advance trauma care standards. We also participated in trauma symposia in Dutchess and Westchester counties, and enhanced educational opportunities within HAHV.



HealthAlliance Hospital in Kingston debuts new robotic surgical system

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KINGSTON, N.Y. — HealthAlliance Hospital welcomed a new da Vinci robotic surgical system on Wednesday, the first of its kind in Ulster County. The system, described by hospital officials as "state-of-the-art," is designed for minimally invasive procedures. The system is operated by a surgeon, who uses controls while... [read full story](#)



› Summary

As a provisional Level III Adult Trauma Center, HealthAlliance Hospital is in an exciting growth phase. This year has been one of massive expansion, learning, and collaboration as we continue to strengthen the foundation of our program. Welcoming new providers, refining clinical guidelines, investing in equipment, and engaging in education and outreach have all been important steps forward. The increase in trauma admissions reminds us of the real need for these services in our community and the responsibility we carry to meet that need with compassion and diligence. We remain focused on strengthening our foundation, elevating standards, and ensuring that every patient receives care rooted in excellence, compassion, and innovation. With determination and pride, we look forward to the next chapter in our journey.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Looking ahead to 2026, the WMCH Health Trauma Consortium is poised to build on this year's successes with a focus on sustaining top-decile quality, leveraging artificial intelligence new technology, advancing our academic mission of impactful research, training the next generation of trauma and acute care surgeons, and expanding education and outreach programs.

Key priorities include continuing to achieve successful verification with commendation, integrating TQIP, CMS, Leapfrog, and Press Ganey metrics for public reporting, and launching a formal Center for Trauma Survivorship.

We will continue to invest in advanced technologies, multidisciplinary education, and community partnerships to further elevate trauma care and prevention across the region. Our vision is to remain at the forefront of trauma innovation, quality, and patient-centered care.



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Kate Maguire MSN, RN, NE-BC
Network Director, Trauma Services
Westchester Medical Center Health Network



WMCH Health Trauma Consortium

The achievements of 2025 are a testament to the dedication, expertise, and collaborative spirit of the WMCH Health Trauma Consortium. Through clinical excellence, research leadership, and community engagement, our network continues to have a profound impact on trauma care in the Hudson Valley.

As we look to the future, we are committed to continuous improvement, innovation, and partnership—ensuring that every patient receives the highest standard of care, and that our communities are safer, healthier, and better prepared for the challenges ahead.





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