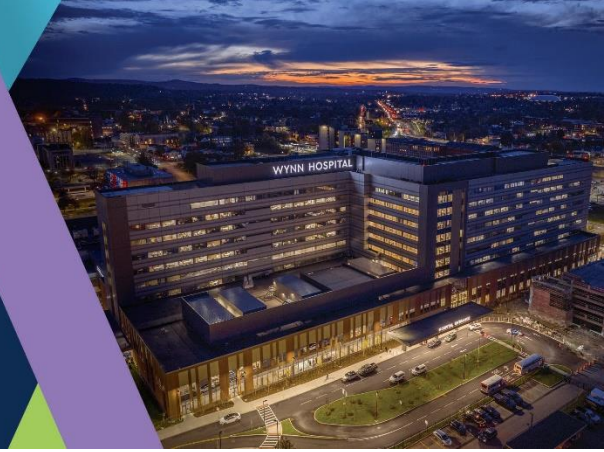


Just the Facts

MVHS & WYNN HOSPITAL

There's so much happening in healthcare in our region – at times it's hard to stay updated! That's why Just the Facts is being reinvigorated. This weekly publication, published on Tuesdays, will provide you with the latest information about MVHS and the Wynn Hospital!



TOPIC FOR TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025:

Department Spotlight: Trauma Department

May is National Trauma Awareness Month, so this week we'll take a look at the MVHS Trauma Department.

Hospitals care for many types of injuries and emergency conditions ranging from minor to severe, but not all hospitals are designated as a Trauma Center.

When a patient is in need of emergency assistance, they will be taken to the Wynn Hospital's Emergency Department (ED). Here, emergency physicians will assess whether these patients in critical condition should be treated by specialists in Emergency Medicine or by specialists in the Trauma Center. Emergency Medicine typically addresses broader, non-life threatening injuries such as broken bones, minor burns or injuries that may require stitches. Trauma care teams treat patients that have critical injuries that threaten life or limbs.

What does the Trauma Department do?

Trauma centers are specialized hospitals equipped to handle serious, life-threatening injuries, offering rapid evaluation, resuscitation and specialized care for trauma patients. They provide a multidisciplinary approach to care, involving various specialists and resources to address complex injuries. Trauma surgeons have advanced training in procedures of a critical and invasive nature as the Trauma team primarily cares for patients with serious injuries resulting from accidents or violence, including blunt or penetrating wounds. The Trauma Program at Wynn Hospital offers specialized resources and personnel, such as trauma surgeons and neurosurgeons, for immediate surgical intervention and critical care.

Trauma programs also contribute to data and research at both the state and national levels to assist with reducing trauma. Trauma centers can play a crucial role in trauma prevention, research and education within their communities providing educational programs to help reduce injury and increase the skills used to help save lives, including:

- Education regarding fall prevention, bicycle safety or car seat safety.
- **Stop the Bleed**, which teaches hands-on bleeding control skills. May is also National [Stop the Bleed Month](#), and May 22 is National Stop the Bleed Day.
- Disaster Management Drill. At MVHS, we work closely with the County and State agencies related to emergency preparedness as well as our local first responders and other hospitals in our region to conduct drills in the event an emergency response is necessary. For instance, MVHS has conducted disaster drills based on a major vehicle accident on the NYS Thruway and on a potential train derailment.
- ATLS ([Advanced Trauma Life Support](#)), an organized approach for evaluation and management of seriously injured patients.

The Trauma Program goes through a rigorous review by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the NYS Department of Health.

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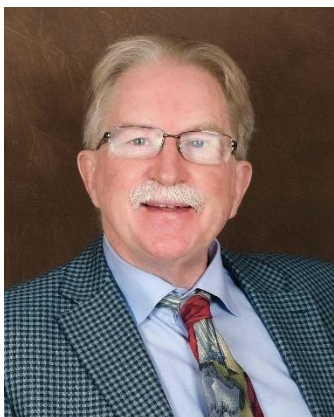
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