

# TraumaLink

*Special Edition*

*May 2010*

## *May is National Trauma Awareness Month*

May has been designated by the American Trauma Society as Trauma Awareness month. This offers an opportunity to reflect on the epidemic of trauma and issues concerning trauma care and prevention.

- May 3-7 ~ Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention
- May 10-14 ~ Pediatric Injury Prevention
- May 14-21 ~ Geriatric Injury Prevention
- May 24-28 ~ Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Suicide Prevention

### *Crisis Care 24/7*

NHRMC Trauma Center: regional leader in care for patients with life-threatening injuries

What Makes A

## LEVEL II

TRAUMA CENTER?

Requirements for Level II Trauma Centers include:

- In-house emergency medicine and anesthesia capability at all times
- Trauma Surgeon prompt availability

for surgical procedures including, neurosurgery, orthopedics, cranio-maxillofacial, ophthalmic, thoracic, and plastic surgery along with radiology services

- Extensive equipment requirements
- Specific clinical qualifications and trauma-specific continuing medical education requirements for physicians and other hospital staff
- Operating Room staff on-call and available 24/7
- Specific quality improvement monitoring of trauma patient care and continual monitoring of trauma care protocols and policies
- Participation in injury prevention activities within the community
- Oversight and monitoring of the regional trauma system (Southeastern Regional Advisory Committee – SERAC)
- Regional disaster medical management planning and response

### **The Trauma Center: Care Through the Continuum**

As a Trauma Center, care throughout the patient's visit is monitored closely. Not only must the hospital provide for readiness during initial resuscitation and evaluation of the trauma patient, but

also ongoing care. Dietary, Spiritual Care, Respiratory Care, Infection Control, Radiology, Laboratory, Case Management, as well as many other departments and services, work together with Nursing Services to care for trauma patients. Such collaborations are key in identifying ways to constantly improve care; the mission of the trauma performance improvement program.

**TRAUMA:** Did you know that trauma center patients are defined by state regulations as those patients who are admitted for greater than 23 hours and who have an ICD 9 code between 800-959.9 (excluding bites, stings, scratches)? Trauma Services stores over 300 care related data points in the Trauma Registry on every one of these patients, which is approximately 1300-1800 annually.

### **Want to Volunteer?**

- Become a member of NHRMC's State Medical Assistance Team and assist during disasters.
  - Join the Injury Prevention Ambassadors and assist with public trauma prevention education.
- For more information call 815-5434.

# Upcoming Trauma Education and Injury Prevention Events

## "Organ Donor ICU Management"

Presented by:

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CPTC**  
Carolina Donor Services

*New Hanover Regional  
Medical Center*

**May 25, 2010, 12:00-  
1:00pm – SEAHEC  
Auditorium**

For free online trauma education visit  
[www.SEAHEC.net](http://www.SEAHEC.net)

**TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
Feb. 11-12, 2011  
Trauma  
Symposium

For more information or questions, please contact Trauma Services at 815-5434.

May 16th~ Injury Prevention  
Courtyard Opening  
(Children's Museum)  
1-4pm

May 28th~ Injury Prevention  
Workshop (NHRMC  
SEAHEC  
Auditorium)  
9-5pm

June 4th~  
KCK/NHRMC  
Summer Safety  
Splash-tacular  
4-7pm

June 21-25th~  
KCK/NHRMC  
Summer Safety  
Camp 9-5pm

July 26-30th~  
KCK/NHRMC  
Summer Safety  
Camp 9-5pm

August 27th~  
KCK/NHRMC Back  
to School Safety  
Extravaganza  
9-5pm



## SMAT Training

Wednesday, June 9, 2010,  
1800 - 2100 hours

Saturday, July 10, 2010,  
0900 - 1300 hours

Wednesday, August 11,  
2010, 1800 - 2100 hours

Saturday, September 11,  
2010, 0900 - 1300 hours

Wednesday, October 13,  
2010, 1800 - 2100 hours

Friday, Saturday, and  
Sunday, November 12-  
14, 2010  
Beach2Battleship

Wednesday, December 8,  
2010, 1800 - 2100 hours

\*\* Wednesday night training is typically a repeat of the previous month's Saturday training.