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Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation Trauma Center Accreditation Granted to One Additional Hospital in Pennsylvania

CAMP HILL, Pa., September 21, 2018, trauma center accreditation status has been granted to one additional hospital in Pennsylvania starting November 1, 2018.

Level IV Trauma Center Accreditation: Fulton County Medical Center, McConnellsburg, PA

Effective November 1, 2018, this brings the total number of trauma centers in Pennsylvania to 41:

Combined Adult Level 1 /Pediatric Level I Trauma Centers

1. Hershey – PennState Health – Milton S. Hershey Medical Center/Penn State Children’s Hospital

Combined Adult Level 1/Pediatric Level II Trauma Centers

2. Allentown – Lehigh Valley Health Network – Lehigh Valley Hospital Cedar Crest
3. Danville – Geisinger Medical Center/Geisinger Janet Weis Children’s Hospital

Adult Level I Trauma Centers

4. Bethlehem – St. Luke’s University Health Network – St. Luke’s University Hospital Bethlehem
5. Johnstown – Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center
6. Philadelphia – Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia
7. Philadelphia – Hahnemann University Hospital
8. Philadelphia – Temple University Hospital
9. Philadelphia – Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
10. Philadelphia – Penn Medicine – Penn Presbyterian Medical Center
11. Pittsburgh – Allegheny General Hospital – Allegheny Health Network
12. Pittsburgh – University of Pittsburgh Medical Center – Mercy
13. Pittsburgh – University of Pittsburgh Medical Center – Presbyterian
14. Reading – Reading Hospital – Tower Health
15. York – WellSpan York Hospital

Pediatric Level I Trauma Centers

16. Philadelphia – St. Christopher's Hospital for Children
17. Philadelphia – The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
18. Pittsburgh – University of Pittsburgh Medical Center – Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Adult Level II Trauma Centers

19. Abington – Abington Hospital – Jefferson Health
20. Altoona – University of Pittsburgh Medical Center – Altoona
21. Camp Hill – Geisinger Holy Spirit
22. Erie – University of Pittsburgh Medical Center – Hamot
23. Lancaster – Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health – Lancaster General Hospital
24. Langhorne – St. Mary Medical Center
25. Monroeville – Forbes Hospital – Allegheny Health Network
26. Paoli – Paoli Hospital – Mainline Health
27. Philadelphia – Aria Jefferson Health – Torresdale Campus
28. Sayre – Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital
29. Scranton – Geisinger Community Medical Center
30. Upland – Crozer-Chester Medical Center
31. Wilkes-Barre – Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center
32. Wilkes-Barre – Commonwealth Health Wilkes-Barre General Hospital
33. Wynnewood – Lankenau Medical Center – Mainline Health

Level III Trauma Centers

34. East Stroudsburg – Lehigh Valley Health Network – Pocono

Level IV Trauma Centers

35. Coaldale – St. Luke's University Health Network – Miners Campus
36. Grove City – Grove City Medical Center
37. Hazleton – Lehigh Valley Health Network – Hazleton

38. McConnellsburg – Fulton County Medical Center, *effective November 1, 2018*
39. Quakertown – St. Luke’s University Health Network – Quakertown Campus
40. Troy – Guthrie Troy Community Hospital
41. Honesdale – Wayne Memorial Hospital

The Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF) is a non-profit corporation recognized by the Emergency Medical Services Act (Act 1985-45). The PTSF is the organization responsible for accrediting trauma centers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Trauma centers are hospitals with resources immediately available to provide optimal care and reduce the likelihood of death or disability to injured patients. Accredited trauma centers must be continuously prepared to treat the most serious life threatening and disabling injuries. They are not intended to replace the traditional hospital and its emergency department for minor injuries.

In Pennsylvania, there are four levels of trauma centers. Level I trauma centers provide the highest degree of resources with a full spectrum of specialists and must have trauma research and surgical residency programs. Level II trauma centers require the same high level of care but do not require research and residency programs and the following subspecialists: cardiac surgery, hand surgery, vascular re-implantation, oral/maxillofacial surgery, otorhinolaryngological surgery, neurology, physiatry and psychiatry. Level III trauma centers are smaller community hospitals that do not require neurosurgeons and focus on stabilizing severe trauma patients prior to transport to a higher-level trauma center. They may admit patients with mild and moderate injuries. Level IV trauma centers provide enhanced care to injured patients within the emergency department and focus on stabilization and quick transfer to a higher-level trauma center. They may admit mildly injured patients.

Each trauma center regardless of its level is an integral component of the emergency medical services (EMS) system. The EMS system assures appropriate patient care management from the time of injury to treatment at a local hospital or trauma center through the rehabilitative phase of care. Currently there are 40 trauma centers in Pennsylvania; as of November 1, 2018, there will be 41 trauma centers in Pennsylvania.

A comprehensive list of the Commonwealth’s trauma centers is located at www.ptsf.org.

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