Adult – Trauma

Kartik Prabhakaran, MD, Chief of Trauma and Acute Care Section, announced the addition of Trauma Surgeon Jordan Kirsch, MD, to the Trauma Section. Dr. Kirsch is a former fellow in trauma and surgical critical care with Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO. Welcome him when you see him!

Kate Maguire, MSN, RN, will present three abstracts at the American College of Surgeons (ACS) 2022 National TQIP Conference: “Efficacy of a Self-Directed Stop the Bleed Course via an Instructional Brochure.” “Registry Based Retrospective Utilization of Nelson Scoring Tool to Evaluate the Appropriateness of Non-surgical Admission at a Level I Trauma Center” “One Size Does Not Fit All: Comparison of Methodology for Under-Triage Evaluation Reveals Differences Based on Patient”

Kartik Prabhakaran, MD, announced the newest fellows matched for 2023: Shan Huang, MD, Taraq Al-Qasas, MD, Syeda Sarosh Sohail, MD, and Gbalekan Dawaodu, MD. Welcome to all!

Injury Prevention Team: During 2022, several key adult (and pediatric) initiatives were highlighted including: Geriatric Falls Study, Fall Prevention and Awareness Week, Bike and Helmet Safety Awareness, Pediatric Car Seat Safety and EMS/Safety Awareness Day (co-sponsored by Beacon VAC) and Stop the Bleed.

Stop the Bleed: From Bystanders to First Responders – NBC New York
For more information please contact marc.musicus@wmchealth.org.

Emergency Department – EMS

Tina Cocuzza, MD, announced the final 2022 WMCH CME and Symposium Calendar on October 31. “We will continue to offer high-quality CMEs and Topical Symposia throughout 2023. We expect to stick to an in-person format and look forward to bringing people back in for CME learning, as much as possible.” EMS Coordinator Marc Musicus-NRP, will publish the 2023 CME and Symposia calendar on December 1.

At a Glance... 2022 Has Been a Year Rich in CME and Symposium Activity
4 Symposia: Burn, Trauma, Peds and Neuro
10 CMEs
3 EMS Week Events
Monthly – QA/QI EMS Program
EMS ED Rotations*

More to Come... In 2023 WMCH Health Plans to Enhance the Educational Slate*
9 Symposia: Network-Wide
12 CME Sessions: Network-Wide
6 EMS Week Events: Network-Wide
Monthly – QA/QI EMS Program
EMS ED Rotations*

*Schedule subject to change I ALS/BLS
For more information on registration contact marc.musicus@wmchealth.org.

Pediatric – Trauma

Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital (MFCH) is at the forefront of injury prevention. During 2022, the Pediatric Trauma Program continued to offer several bicycle and helmet safety events along with car seat safety events, and participated in several other regional safety initiatives throughout the year.

MFCH and WMCH are now listed members of the Trauma Survivors Network. Screening will begin on admitted trauma patients for stress disorders including PTSD. The program has announced it will continue co-hosting the Pediatric Emergencry Readiness Symposium and continue to support EMS in the advancement of pediatric CME education. We look forward to expanding our educational offerings in 2023 and to seeing you there!

Dylan Stewart, MD, and John Fisher, CFRN, RN, announced that MFCH has completed the pediatric readiness checklist and performed a gap analysis on those results. Those interested in the EMS Agency Checklist for Pediatric Readiness go to: Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Checklist V1.3 (for PDF) (emscimprovement.center).

The entire readiness toolkit can be found at: Toolkit • EIIC (emscimprovement.center).

In the treatment and care of really sick children, time is of the essence. These links highlight the many facets of peds care and preparedness.

Please be safe throughout the holidays – From the entire Trauma and ED Staff we thank YOU for all you do every day. Wishing you a very happy, healthy and safe Holiday Season!
MidHudson Regional Hospital (MHRH)
Mitchel Chaar, MD, FACS, Chief of the Trauma Section at MHRH announces the 2022 Trauma Symposium will be held on December 1, live at the MHRH campus. This three-hour CME event will focus on key pre-hospital Trauma Care topics and is open to ALL EMS and Trauma Professionals. pre-registration "Save-the-Date" notice was sent out to the Hudson Valley region. For more information please contact quill.exum@wmchealth.org.

2022 EMS Connections: Rising to the Challenge. This CME-based event will be held November 10-12. MHRH and Dutchess Community College will co-sponsor this event, both in-person and virtually. Multiple CME topics will be covered. For additional information contact quill.exum@wmchealth.org.

See registration link: elluciancloud.com

This Fall MHRH participated in its annual collaboration with the Wappingers Falls Rotary Club for their "Touch a Truck" event, during which MHRH hosted a Teddy Bear Clinic (and delivered a lot of smiles that day).

HealthAlliance Hospital (HA)
HealthAlliance Hospital is preparing for the big move! As announced in the last edition of this newsletter, HA will move from the present Broadway campus to a new hospital nearing completion on Mary’s Avenue, in Kingston.

HA also expects to receive its Level III Trauma designation later this year! Stay tuned for more on this exciting update at HealthAlliance!

HealthAlliance Hospital Additional Announcements:
G.R. Madore, MD, FACEP, Chair of Emergency Medicine at HA, announced that Daniela Granzo, MD, has joined the HA Emergency Department. Dr. Granzo completed her residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and will be a great addition to the growing ED practice at HealthAlliance.

Good Samaritan Hospital (GSH)
Good Samaritan Hospital, along with Bon Secours Community Hospital, recently hosted a Stop the Bleed program for the Warwick school district. The national STB program is offered throughout WMCH’s communities to enhance awareness and skills to recognize and stop a potentially life-threatening bleed.

To learn more about the STB program in the region contact scott.frae@wmchealth.org or marc.musicus@wmchealth.org.

GSH has partnered with Rockland County Emergency Management to complete a FEMA-evaluated decontamination drill. GSH coordinated with county officials to simulate a hazmat scenario whereby victims were contaminated with a hazardous material and brought to our facility. The final day of drill was supported by several local EMS agencies that demonstrate their ability and commitment to our community to be ready and able to handle these types of tragic incidents.

Upcoming CMEs at GSH: Scott Frae, EMT-P, manager of emergency management and EMS outreach at GSH, has announced the following:

CME Topics
November Trauma & Case Review
December Neurology

For additional information please contact: scott.frae@wmchealth.org or frank.stevens@wmchealth.org.