

# Trauma+EMS News

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From Your WMCHealth Colleagues in Trauma, Acute Care Surgery, and Emergency Services

## Trauma – Adult

**Kartik Prabhakaran, MD**, Chief, Trauma and Acute Care Surgery is proud to welcome the newest Fellows to the Trauma and Acute Care Surgery Fellowship Program:

Diego Rodriguez-Burneo, MD, Julia Arena, MD, Abner Ocasio- Acevedo, MD and Giuseppe Serena, MD. Welcome To All!

At this month's **TQIP Annual Conference** held in Louisville, KY. Three presentations will be delivered by WMCHealth's Regional Director- Trauma Services, **Kate Maguire, MSN, RN**

- *Strengthening Trauma Recovery: Initiating a Collaborative Peer-to-Peer Support Group with the Trauma Survivors Network.*
- *Advancing the Inpatient Experience for Trauma Survivors.*
- *PTSD Screening for Trauma Survivors Admitted to a Level 1 Trauma Center: Enhancing Mental Health Care.*

On December 2, the **Injury Prevention Program**, in conjunction with the **Hudson Valley Biker Association** will hold a **Motorcycle and ATV Safety event** promoting safety, awareness and education. This event is being held at MHRH in Poughkeepsie 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information visit <https://forms.gle/jBNtR4gh4ae1QbSD9> or contact [marc.musicus@wmchealth.org](mailto:marc.musicus@wmchealth.org)

## 2023 WMC-MCI Media Coverage and Links

<https://wmchealth.app.box.com/s/lipune6gn2ph2ylezoaqaqmjmbtjwka06>

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/news/2023/10/26/how-hospitals-prepare-for-a-mass-casualty-response>

## Emergency Department – EMS

**Tina Cocuzza, MD**, announced The 2024 WMCHealth Network Schedule of CME, Symposia and Call Audits will be made available prior to Christmas – Stay Tuned!

### HealthAlliance Hospital:

On October 30 HealthAlliance Hospital became a provisional **Level III Adult Trauma Center** expanding their Trauma Service for local residents in the region. With direct ties to WMCHealth HAHV now is part of one of the most comprehensive trauma networks in New York State. EMS agencies and residents of surrounding communities will now have access to expanded Trauma Services, expected to lessen patient transfers, expedite care during the crucial early moments after injury, and operate under the auspices of the Hudson Valley region's premier trauma service network. Through this designation, HealthAlliance Hospital will be able to fully leverage the academic, clinical, and telehealth capabilities of the Network to provide expert trauma care for all.

### MidHudson Regional Hospital:

On November 11, MHRH Co-sponsored the EMS Connections, hosted by Dutchess Community College. A full day of CME education networking and information was in full force. Physicians from WMCHealth also presented: Tina Cocuzza, MD, Mark Papish, MD, Joseph Turkowski, MD and Thomas Holman, MD.

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## Pediatric – Trauma

### Pediatric Emergency Care readiness. Are you prepared?

Have you or your agency participated in the **EMSC EIC readiness assessment** and taken steps to close any gaps in pediatric readiness. Prehospital Care • EIC ([emscimprovement.center](http://emscimprovement.center)).

The responsibility of preparedness to care for sick and injured kids falls on each and every one of us within the EMS profession. **Michael Gewitz, MD**, SVP, Clinical Operations, Executive Director & William Russell McCurdy Physician-in-Chief, Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at WMCHealth, is a long standing clinician and proponent of caring for children, who urges "all who care for children, should be paying close attention, and not only refreshing knowledge, but, preventing degradation of skills, managing various scenario types and advancing one's knowledge base." See link: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10903127.2021.1916140>.

Pediatric Emergency Care education has been a staple within our EMS programs at MFCH to meet the needs of the EMS community over the past several years. If you are fortunate enough to work for an agency that has a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator on staff, you are far more likely to be better prepared to perform well in a true pediatric emergency. Please see: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10903127.2021.1942340>.

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!