



Trauma+EMS News

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Adult – Trauma

The Adult Trauma Program at WMCHHealth is proud to announce the acceptance of four abstracts for the American College of Surgeons Trauma Quality Improvement Program’s Annual Conference: November 15-17. The abstracts include two poster presentations and two podium presentations.

- 1 The first presentation will report on a trauma registry-based initiative to improve documentation and quality for deep vein thrombosis (DVT) prophylaxis using data from the trauma quality improvement program (TQIPS).
- 2 The second will focus on mitigation of ventilator-associated pneumonia at a Level 1 trauma center, using a TQIP data-driven, multidisciplinary approach to performance improvement.
- 3 The third will show how the integration of trauma service, emergency and critical care nursing leads to performance improvement at a Level 1 trauma center.
- 4 The fourth will present a multidisciplinary approach to geriatric trauma patients to prevent recurrent falls
(see the video link: <https://vimeo.com/586796640>)

Kartik Prabhakaran, MD, Medical Director, Trauma Services began an IRB-approved geriatric falls and secondary trauma study aimed at identifying patients >65 years old who were admitted to WMCHHealth secondary to a fall. WMCHHealth produced a Geriatric Fall Prevention and Awareness video featuring Dr. Prabhakaran and the injury prevention team, highlighting the CDC’s 10-step guidelines for geriatric fall prevention and awareness.



Emergency Department – EMS

WMCHHealth is honoring our ED nurses! **October 12-18 is Emergency Nurse Appreciation week! The next time you’re in an ER please remember to thank an ED nurse for all they do for you and your patients!**

WMCHHealth CME Schedule

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| October 25 | CVA/Stroke |
| October TBD | Air Methods |
| November | Cardiac Emergencies |
| December | Pediatric Trauma |

Tina Cocuzza, MD, announced final year-end dates and CME topics at the July 27 MCI-CME. **NOTE:** In person CMEs may resume in **November**. For additional information contact: marc.musicus@wmchealth.org

NYS Vital Signs Conference
Nov. 11-14 in Saratoga Springs, NY.
www.vitalsignsconference.com/event/f56916ca-a956-4c41-8ef4-4806e160dd2b/summary

Remember: Using the “MIST” form is a great tool for your day-to-day practice because it:

- Helps with populating key e-PCR data points
- Helps crews to deliver an accurate and detailed hand-off report
- Helps EMS providers highlight key clinical data when calling in a “note”
- Helps serve as a reminder of key patient talking points

For information on receiving a copy of the MIST card contact: marc.musicus@wmchealth.org

Pediatrics – Trauma

Fall Safety — Did You Know: October is Fire Prevention Month

According to 2020 CDC data, every day more than 300 children ages 0 to 19 are treated in emergency rooms for burn-related injuries, and two will die as a result of such injuries. Knowing how to prevent this leading cause of child injury is a first step toward keeping children safe and secure and helping them thrive and grow. The CDC offers the following tips to help protect children from burn injuries:

- ✔ Be sure to Install and maintain smoke alarms in your home!
- ✔ Create and actually practice a family fire escape plan!
- ✔ When cooking always use safe cooking practices: never leave food unattended on the stove and know where your kids are!
- ✔ If open fire or candles are out, always be sure to keep them above 6-7 feet from floor level!

Attention; Parents, Parents-to-Be and Caregivers: Don’t Miss Our FREE Car Seat Safety Event

Westchester Medical Center Campus
Macy Oval
100 Woods Road Valhalla, New York



On **October 16** Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital is co-hosting its second regional **Pediatric Car Seat Safety Check Event** with EMS partner EMPRESS EMS. The initiative aims to provide expecting or new Moms and Dads key car seat safety checks and tips for proper installation of their child’s car seat. Related information and literature will also be offered to all who come. No appointment necessary! For further information contact: marc.musicus@wmchealth.org