



# Trauma+EMS News

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A Service from the Trauma and Acute Care Surgery Section, and Emergency Service at Westchester Medical Center

**Rifat Latifi, MD**  
Director, Department of Surgery

## Trauma Adult

**Rifat Latifi, MD**, Director of the Department of Surgery, hosted the **Eighteenth Annual Louis R.M. DelGuercio Distinguished Visiting Professorship and Research Day** on Friday, June 18, 2021. The meeting was held in person at the Medical Education Center in the Nevins Auditorium at New York Medical College. This year's Distinguished Visiting Professor was **Raymond R. Price, MD, FACS**, of the University of Utah.

**Peter Rhee, MD**, chief of the Westchester Medical Center Section of Trauma and Acute Care and program director of the Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, and **Kartik Prabhakaran, MD**, trauma medical director, proudly announce the graduation of their Surgical Critical Care Fellows on June 19.

## WMC Health's Trauma Section: Upcoming Podium Presentations Include:

- **Rifat Latifi, MD:** Re-operative surgery following CAWR: Looking past 30 days—at the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma Annual Meeting, Sept. 29–Oct. 2, 2021.
- **Kartik Prabhakaran, MD:** Fragmentation of care associated with poor outcomes in Geriatric Trauma –at the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress, Oct. 23-27, 2021.
- **Peter Rhee, MD:** Trend toward more pigtailed and less chest tubes with similar outcomes –at the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress, Oct. 23-27, 2021.
- **Peter Rhee, MD:** Occult pneumomediastinum on CT scan is not of concern for aerodigestive injury – at the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress, Oct. 23-27, 2021.

## Pediatric

**Dylan Stewart, MD**, chief of the Section of Pediatric Surgery at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, and John Fisher, trauma manager of the Pediatric Program, announce the roll-out of the hospital's **Pediatric Car Seat Safety Program**. The initiative, to begin this month, will provide expectant Moms and Dads with vital car seat safety information, prior to discharge. The program is being implemented by pediatric nurses at MFCH in conjunction with Empress EMS, a leading regional EMS agency. The hospital will hold 2-3 regional pediatric car seat safety check events per year, with Empress facilitating the car seat installations and safety checks in coordination with Peter Dandreaano of the New York State Traffic Safety Committee. Sarah Gluss, RN, of WMCHealth, will aid in the ongoing oversight of this program, which aims to provide much-needed educational and safety information to the hundreds of expectant parents served by MFCH each year!

## Did you Know?

From Maria Fareri Children's Hospital - **Time for Summer Safety!** MFCH will host its first bike safety helmet checkpoint event in July at the Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla. Cyclists in the community will receive bike helmets along with safety information about the importance

## So, who leads in the delivery of trauma patient volume to the Medical Center?

**ER STATS:**  
**From January 1 - June 11, 2021**

- #1 EMPRESS EMS
- #2 LifeNet/Air Methods
- #3 Greenburg EMS/PD
- #4 Ossining VAC
- #5 Mobile Life Services

## Westchester Medical Center ED

**The Roadside to Bedside Trauma Symposium** took place June 29, 2021. "This virtual event was a success and we're glad to have been able to help educate and inform so many EMS and medical providers through Westchester and the Hudson Valley Region," stated **Kartik Prabhakaran, MD** and **Tina Cocuzza, MD**. Topics included: airway management, bleeding control/tourniquet usage, MCI review, geriatric trauma and several others. The event was recorded live and will be available to view after August 1, 2021. For additional information contact [marc.musicus@wmchealth.org](mailto:marc.musicus@wmchealth.org)

## WMC Health Q3—CME Schedule

July 27	Geriatric Emergencies
August 25	Pharmacology
September 29	Pediatric Emergencies

## Did you Know?

Over 40 EMS agencies deliver patients to WMCHealth's Valhalla Emergency Department from all over the Hudson Valley region, including Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Dutchess, and Sullivan Counties.



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