



Emergency Department RNs.



Prior to certification, trauma teams complete extensive hands-on training.

Specialized Trauma Training for Nursing

Traumatic injuries account for 15% of Alameda County Emergency Medical System (EMS) transports, with about 5,500 trauma alerts annually, including pediatric trauma alerts. The Washington Health Trauma Center opened July 1, 2024. We are committed to facilitating the transition of trauma patients from the pre-hospital setting throughout the acute phases of trauma care through rehabilitation.

ONGOING TRAUMA EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

In preparation for trauma care, our staff underwent an immense amount of trauma education. Trauma Nursing Core Curriculum (TNCC) is a nationally recognized course for Emergency Department (ED) nurses to learn a systematic approach to assessing trauma patients. To date, 92% of our ED nurses have completed it. Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) trains physicians to assess and care for patients in the acute phase of trauma. All of our ED physicians are ATLS certified. Trauma Care After Resuscitation (TCAR) educates Critical Care nurses on detailed resuscitation and interventions needed to manage trauma patients. To date, 75 CCU nurses have completed this class and more are scheduled for 2025.

An eight-hour trauma basics class was designed to provide staff detailed information about mechanism of injury, specifics about anatomy and physiology that effect trauma patients, and other important trauma topics. More than 350 staff members from nursing, rehabilitation, pharmacy, and other departments

attended this one-day class. Trauma surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, and other doctors also presented to staff and physicians on trauma specific topics. Robust education continues this year with classes, case studies, and lectures for our staff.

Education does not stop at the doors of Washington Health. Our trauma team is working to educate our community about injury prevention including the Heimlich maneuver; helmet wearing and pedestrian safety; fall prevention; and Stop the Bleed classes. We are pleased to offer complimentary classes and seminars about health and safety to our community.

Specialty-trained trauma nurses from the Operating Room (right) and 6 West.

