

Congratulations to our Trauma Centers!

Congratulations to our WV Trauma Centers that underwent recertification of [WV Trauma Center Designation](#) in 2014:

- Charleston Area Medical Center - General Division - Level I
- West Virginia University Hospitals - Level I
- Beckley Appalachian Regional Medical Center -Level IV
- Charleston Area Medical Center - Memorial Division - Level IV
- Charleston Area Medical Center - Women and Children's -Level IV
- Fairmont Regional Medical Center - Level IV
- Pocahontas Memorial Hospital-Level IV
- Summersville Regional Medical Center - Level IV

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

WV Trauma Symposium

January 28 through January 30, 2015, Roanoke, WV

This conference is designed for trauma surgeons, general surgeons, emergency room physicians, nurses, mid-level providers and prehospital health care, coding specialists and health information professionals. This conference will represent a collaborative effort between experts in various trauma disciplines from around West Virginia. A Trauma Nursing Workshop will be held on the opening day of the conference featuring topics on surgical trauma, neurological trauma and complications. An airway workshop will also be provided. The speakers will present progressive and challenging issues in the field of trauma care. A poster session will also be held highlighting trauma research throughout the state. The direct link to register for the symposium

is <https://securehosting.citynet.net/camc/search.cfm?upcoming=32>

Pediatric Trauma Symposium

January 13, 2015, Bridgeport Conference Center

February 6, 2015, Charleston Civic Center

The WV Office of EMS, EMS for Children Program is offering an intensive one-day pediatric symposium at no cost. "Children are not small adults" and children with special needs present unique challenges for emergency care providers. Communication is critical to providing optimal care to the pediatric population. Child abuse is unfortunately widespread in our society and often emergency health care providers have more than one opportunity to intervene. Children with cardiovascular disease and congenital heart defects present unique opportunities for providers. End of life decisions are difficult even in the elderly population but are particularly problematic for families with terminally ill children. All of these important topics will be covered in this intensive one-day seminar. You may register online for this symposium at [onlineregistration](#).

S.T.A.B.I.E Training

January 21, 2015, Bridgeport Conference Center

February 21, 2015, Huntington Tri-State Fire Academy

The S.T.A.B.I.E. program is one of the most widely distributed and implemented neonatal education program focused exclusively on post-resuscitation/pre-transport stabilization care of sick infants. It was developed to meet the needs of health care providers who deliver stabilization care to infants. The program's acronym is a mnemonic referring to the six assessment and care modules, which are Sugar, Temperature, Airway, Blood Pressure, Lab work, and Emotional Support. The S.T.A.B.I.E. program is approved for both EMS and nursing continuing education credit. You may register online for this class at [onlineregistration](#).

Always Ready For Kids (ARK) Program



The [Federal Emergency Medical Services for Children \(EMSC\)](#) Program is designed to ensure all children and adolescents, regardless of where they live, attend school, or travel, receive appropriate care in a health emergency. Since its establishment, the EMSC Program has provided grant funding to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. Within the EMSC Grant, WV is responsible for performance measures, designed to ensure a statewide, standardized system exists in which all hospital emergency departments demonstrate an established plan and/or the ability to manage medical and trauma pediatric emergencies. To meet these Performance Measures, WV has developed the Always Ready for Kids (ARK) project. The goal of ARK is to ensure children with life threatening illnesses or injuries have access to appropriate facilities, equipment and trained personnel.

Becoming an ARK recognized facility is a positive occurrence for both the hospital and community. Benefits include:



- Creating a culture driven to continue improvement of pediatric patient outcomes, availability of equipment, services, and up-to-date treatment policies and protocols.
- Increasing the public's confidence in overall quality of a hospital's ability to address medical needs of children.
- Recognizing physicians, nurses, specialists, and other clinical staff for their knowledge, abilities, and commitment through their employment in an ARK recognized facility; therefore demonstrating a solid hospital-wide commitment to excellent health care of West Virginia's pediatric population through their support of the ARK project.
- Increased exposure in your community as a facility prepared for addressing critical pediatric needs during a medical or trauma emergency. This will be visible in the form of a plaque displayed in your facility's emergency department and through listing your facility on the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services' website, and, additionally through self-promoting this accomplishment through local and/or statewide media outlets.
- Recruiting and marketing tool to attract high quality physicians, nurses and other healthcare specialists.
- Enhancing potential educational and grant offerings developed for rural hospitals and staff.

We congratulate the following facilities for achieving ARK recognition:

- Minnie Hamilton Health System
- Monongalia General Hospital
- Ohio Valley Medical Center
- Pleasant Valley Hospital
- Roane General Hospital
- Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital
- United Hospital Center
- Wheeling Hospital