



Trauma+EMS News

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Adult – Trauma

The **Adult Trauma Program** began its IRB-approved “Stop the Bleed” (STB) research study in September. Authored by Trauma Surgeon **Jorge Con, MD**, the study targets local and regional police agencies and police academies in conjunction with WMCHHealth’s Injury Prevention Team.

Approximately 15 STB trainers, mostly EMTs and paramedics, were trained specifically to help implement the study through an alliance with New York Medical College and **George Contreras, MPH, MS, CEM, EMT**, assistant director, Disaster Medicine. To date the Westchester County Police Academy and their Emergency Service Unit (ESU) along with several other local police agencies have been trained in the STB program. Approximately 2-3 other agencies are expected to be added before 2022 and 3-5 more throughout next year.

Kartik Prabhakaran, MD, WMCHHealth’s trauma medical director, announced that on October 13, **Marc Musicus, NRP**, EMS and injury prevention coordinator, presented preliminary results from the geriatric falls and awareness study at the Q4 New York State Trauma Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting of trauma professionals. Dr. Prabhakaran began the study this summer, and the STAC presentation highlighted the study’s ongoing progress and a brief overview of the data obtained thus far.

Emergency Department – EMS

WMCHHealth – CME Schedule

October 25	CVA/Stroke/TBI
November 23	Cardiac Emergencies
December 21	Pediatric Trauma

WMCHHealth’s final 2022 CME Calendar will be announced in next month’s Newsletter - Stay Tuned!

Empress EMS, based in Yonkers, officially launched its EMS Academy last month.

The class follows the New York State Department of Health curriculum, and will run from the first week of October through November 2021. Students who pass this paid training course are eligible to sit for the New York State EMT-B exam the last week of November. Students who pass the exam are then eligible to start working on an ambulance and begin their EMS career.

WMCH’s Tina Cocuzza, MD, Director of Inter-facility Transfers, EMS, and Disaster Preparedness; and **Ivan Miller, MD**, Medical Director of Emergency Medicine, will both be guest lecturers on select basic life support (BLS) topics. The program is a great start to address the need for more EMTs in our region and will serve as a vital educational component to the start of any student’s EMT career. For more information please contact: marc.musicus@wmchealth.org

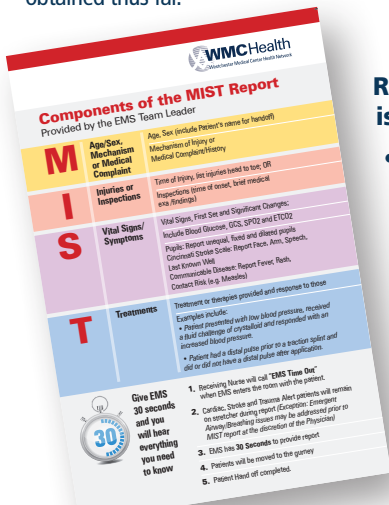
Pediatrics – Trauma

Did You Know?

Injuries are the leading cause of death and disability in U.S. children from 1 to 18 years of age. On November 18, the Injury-Free Coalition for Kids and the country’s leading injury and violence prevention organizations will join forces in recognition of the second annual “**National Injury Prevention Day**,” an observance designed to raise awareness of the burden of pediatric injury, violence, and need for change. Participating organizations include Safe Kids Worldwide, Safe States Alliance, the American Trauma Society, the American Academy of Pediatrics, Everytown for Gun Safety, the Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research, and the Trauma Center Association of America, each of which will join doctors, nurses, and community outreach personnel at trauma centers across the country.



On October 16, Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital co-hosted its second regional **Pediatric Car Seat Safety Check Event** with EMS partner EMPRESS EMS. The initiative focused on providing expectant or new Moms and Dads with car seat safety checks and tips on proper installation of their child’s car seat. Related information and literature were also offered to all who came. Volunteers were on-hand from several police agencies to ensure car seat safety checks were properly conducted. Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital is planning on two such events per year.



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

- Helps with populating key e-pcr data points
- Helps crews to deliver n 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