



# Trauma+EMS News

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

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### Trauma

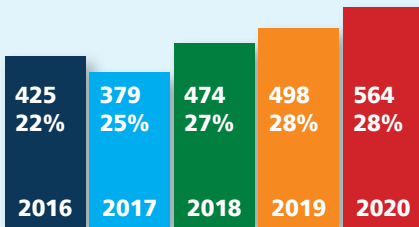
**Peter Rhee, MD, Chief-Trauma and Acute Care Surgery, Publishes Key Research on The Epidemic of Firearm Deaths in the U.S.**

Link to full article: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00268-020-05938-9>

### Westchester Medical Center's Trauma Section announces 2021 Geriatric Fall Study

**Geriatric Trauma Admissions w/ Falls (Age ≥ 65) 201–2020**

% = Total Geriatric Falls / Total Admissions



Geriatric falls and secondary trauma are on the rise and the Westchester Medical Center Trauma Department will be conducting a formal research study beginning this summer to address this increasing problem. The study is aimed at identifying patients 65+ and admitted to Westchester Medical Center secondary to a fall. Patient follow-ups within this study will be four, eight and 12 weeks post discharge, while on-going assessment, education and awareness is facilitated. The goal: decreasing this serious issue in the elderly population.

**Kartik Prabhakaran, MD**, Trauma Medical Director, will be (virtually) hosting the **Quarterly HVRTAC meeting May 27**. The multi-disciplinary agenda will highlight: BIG Criteria (Brain Injury Guidelines); pre-hospital tourniquet usage; the COVID-19 impact and current 2021 patient transfer data.

### Pediatric

WMCHHealth proudly recognizes **Nurses Week May 6–12**  
*We Salute - these Healthcare Hero's!*

### Pediatric Transport Decisions Matter

EMS providers influence hospital destination decisions in transporting patients. Having the best data and information about the abilities of a receiving trauma center matters. WMCHHealth's Maria Fareri Children's Hospital (MFCH) strives to provide up-to-date and relevant information vitally important to the determination of transporting pediatric trauma patients.

*Several published studies have established the initial destination can have a critical impact on a pediatric patient.*

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) collects key data from hundreds of trauma centers regarding the care of trauma patients. The ACS' pediatrics report is broken down in six groups and uses key risk metrics that produces feedback in helping to monitor performance using valid, reliable and standardized data.

According to ACS, **Maria Fareri Children's Hospital ranks in the top 10%** of ALL reporting pediatric trauma centers for risk adjusted major hospital events including death by ages 0-13. MFCH also performed in the top 20% in four other categories, per ACS data. Patients and their families seek EMS guidance in making the right transport decision, and MFCH continues to be an ideal option for pediatric trauma care.

### Westchester Medical Center ED

**May 16–21 is EMS WEEK!** Stay tuned for several special events that week where we will honor our many EMS Heroes and their Agencies...!

**Tina Cocuzza, MD**, Director of Westchester Medical Center's EMS and IFT Services announced the launch of an annual EMS CME program. "The last Tuesday of every month, we host a monthly CME program worth two CME's per class with various key topics, co-hosted by a Westchester Medical Center specialist." The first two were Psychiatric Emergencies (February) and Neurologic Emergencies (March). These programs are currently virtual with in-person sessions possible this summer. For more information, contact Westchester Medical Center's EMS Coordinator Marc Musicus at [Marc.Musicus@WMCHealth.org](mailto:Marc.Musicus@WMCHealth.org)

### WMC – Q2' CME Schedule

**April 27 Adult Trauma**

**May 25 Infectious Diseases**

**June 29 Roadside to Bedside Trauma Symposium**

*This event will feature key EMS topics to include airway management, bleeding control/ tourniquet usage, MCI review and several others. Location and more information to follow!*



**Westchester Medical Center**

Westchester Medical Center Health Network

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[WestchesterMedicalCenter.org](http://WestchesterMedicalCenter.org)

**Westchester Medical Center Health Network includes**

Westchester Medical Center | Maria Fareri Children's Hospital  
Behavioral Health Center | MidHudson Regional Hospital  
Good Samaritan Hospital | Bon Secours Community Hospital  
St. Anthony Community Hospital | HealthAlliance Hospital: Broadway Campus  
HealthAlliance Hospital: Mary's Avenue Campus | Margaretville Hospital

WMCHHealth Physicians includes the medical practices of Advanced Physician Services and Bon Secours Medical Group.

**Did You Know –**  
**May is National Trauma Awareness Month!**

