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U-M Trauma Burn Center receives renewal of Level 1 trauma verification

ANN ARBOR, MI – The University of Michigan was recently re-verified as a Level-I trauma center for adult care by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) National Committee on Trauma (COT).

This re-verification recognizes the hospital’s continuing dedication to provide optimal care for injured patients. The University of Michigan was awarded a full, three-year Level-I trauma center re-verification.

Verification affirms that an evaluated facility possesses a wide variety of required services, receives 1,200 or more trauma admissions per year, maintains readiness to treat trauma patients with specialized care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and dedicates staff and resources to trauma readiness as outlined in the ACS’ manual, “Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient.”

The University of Michigan underwent an on-site review by a COT team of experienced trauma surgeons, who confirmed that the hospital met or exceeded the ACS standards. A full breakdown of the COT’s level-I criteria is available by visiting www.facs.org.

“We are delighted with the recent successful re-verification of the University of Michigan Hospital as a Level-I adult trauma center,” says Lena Napolitano, MD, Director of Trauma at the University of Michigan.

“The re-verification visit by the American College of Surgeons represents the highest level of approval and endorses the efforts of University of Michigan Hospital’s many professionals in the care of the injured patient,” continues Napolitano.

“The reviewers highlighted the excellent performance improvement program that resulted in a significant reduction in mortality rate for patients with the highest severity of injury. Mortality was 18% for patients with an Injury Severity Score (ISS) > 24 treated at the University of Michigan over the last year. This is significantly lower than the National Trauma Data Bank reported mortality rate of 29.3% and also lower than our own mortality rate of 27% in the year 2005 here at the University of Michigan.”

“The combined effort of the trauma care professionals at the University of Michigan assures the very best care for patients in our region. We are proud to have this confirmed by the review team from the American College of Surgeons.”

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