



Answering the Community's Call: Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center Opens Adult Trauma Center

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In a trauma situation, time to treatment can literally mean life or death. With the opening of Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center's new Adult Trauma Center, trauma victims in the East San Gabriel Valley will no longer have to be transported more than 25 miles to receive expert life-saving trauma care.

For the past two years, the Hospital embarked on a journey to bring a Trauma Center back to the region. We are proud to announce our designation as the 15th Trauma Center in Los Angeles County where we estimate that we will care for approximately 1,000-2,000 trauma patients annually.

Our eight trauma surgeons, who provide round-the-clock surgical staffing for the Trauma Center, are double board-certified in General Surgery and Surgical Critical Care. The trauma surgeons are supported by elite orthopedic surgeons, neurosurgeons and 24-hour in-house anesthesia coverage.

In preparation for the Trauma Center, the Hospital underwent major capital improvements including:

- An expanded Emergency Department to add 23 additional beds and a two-bed trauma bay;
- A Trauma Intensive Care Unit with twelve beds; and
- A conveniently located new parking structure equipped with a helipad for aerial transports.

In addition to treating trauma patients at the Hospital, the trauma team will provide community education about injury prevention to decrease the incidence of trauma.

Having attended high school in the San Gabriel Valley, I am honored to have the opportunity to come back home to lead this new Trauma Center and answer the community's call for trauma care.

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