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What sets us apart

At The University of Kansas Hospital, we hold dual national verification at the highest level in trauma and burn care. This means we are uniquely suited to care for the most seriously injured patients.

We specialize in high-acuity burn and trauma patients with complex, multisystem injuries. Because we see a large volume of these patients, we excel at providing care to this special population.

Our comprehensive approach to burn and trauma care involves a multidisciplinary team of surgeons, nurses, therapists, nutritionists, case managers, neuropsychologists and others. Each provider is a specialist in caring for burn and trauma patients.

As an academic medical center, we are active in burn and trauma research, forging new techniques that lead to improved care and recovery. Our burn and trauma physician and nursing leaders are nationally recognized experts in their fields.

Another distinguishing characteristic of our program is our focus on continuous quality improvement. We participate in risk-adjusted benchmarking of patient outcomes on a national level for both burn and trauma care. This enables us to critically analyze and refine our care so that we have some of the best burn and trauma patient outcomes in the nation.

Level I trauma care

The Level I Trauma Center at The University of Kansas Hospital cares for the highest volume of trauma patients in the region. We treat twice the number of trauma patients as the next largest trauma center. As a regional referral center, we receive transfers from more than 100 different hospitals and 26 states.

Our highly trained trauma surgeons are on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our board-certified emergency medicine physicians specialize in trauma care and work together with our trauma surgeons to stabilize patients.

In an instant, we can mobilize a team of trauma surgeons, emergency medicine physicians, neurosurgeons, orthopedists, plastic surgeons, pediatric critical care specialists, radiologists and other specialists.

In addition, we are the injury treatment and medical care provider for the Kansas City Chiefs, Kansas City Royals and Kansas Speedway.

Trauma and critical care

Our trauma surgeons are critical care specialists who are board-certified intensivists. They provide the most advanced and comprehensive care to critically injured patients.

Orthopedic traumatologists

These board-certified surgical specialists are fellowship-trained in orthopedic trauma. They handle complex and compound injuries, including pelvic fractures, traumatic fractures, dislocations and soft-tissue injuries.

Burn care

Our trauma and burn surgeons specialize in high-acuity adult and pediatric burn patients. They are supported by a multidisciplinary team of specialists who provide comprehensive burn and trauma care. Our burn center is one of only 65 in the country verified by the American Burn Association and the American College of Surgeons. It is the only nationally accredited adult and pediatric burn center in greater Kansas City. Our patient survival rates exceed the national average.

Neurosurgical expertise

Our experienced neurosurgeons are nationally recognized experts in the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of injuries to the brain, spinal cord and nervous system. We provide aggressive and advanced treatment for traumatic brain injury, including Pipeline[™] embolization for cerebral aneurysm, and offer comprehensive care for spinal trauma patients and patients with complex, multisystem injuries.

Concussion management

Timely and effective concussion treatment is important for recovery. Our Center for Concussion Management is led by an interdisciplinary team of physicians in neurology, trauma, sports medicine, physical medicine, pediatrics and rehabilitation. These experts are innovators in the field of concussion research and treatment.

ENT reconstruction

Ours is the only hospital in the region with a team of microvascular surgeons experienced in head and neck reconstruction. Surgeons use these specialized reconstructive techniques to treat traumatic injuries.

Urologic trauma

We have the only fellowship-trained specialist in urologic trauma and reconstruction in Kansas City and the region. We offer the latest and best treatment options in the field of urologic trauma and genital reconstructive surgery.

Trauma education

Our trauma center serves other providers in the region with trauma and burn education courses year round. Courses include ATLS, TNCC, ABLS and more.

Accreditation and awards

- ACS-verified Level I Trauma Center since 2000
- Emergency Nurses Association's Lantern Award for 2011
- Verified burn center since 1999
- Verified pediatric burn center since 2011

Level I Trauma Center Multidisciplinary Team



Brian Andrews, MD









Dhaval Bhavsar, MD

















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