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Level I verification

Results ensure continued access to top trauma care in Northwest Texas

Fort Worth, July 17, 2015 — JPS has earned reverification as a Level I Trauma Center from the American College of Surgeons, cited for zero deficiencies and praised for leadership and innovations such as the first geriatric trauma service in Tarrant County.

“The administrative support and leadership of the hospital has led to radical change in this institution,” inspectors wrote following their two-day review of Trauma Services and all areas of the hospital involved in the care of trauma patients, from the Emergency Department to Radiology, the O.R., Intensive Care and Physical Therapy.

“The geriatric trauma service (GT55) is well-planned, executed and monitored for improvements in care. The institutional commitment to an educational agenda and successful implementation of an emergency medicine residency is to be commended,” wrote surveyors, a team led by Wayne State University trauma surgeon Dr. Charles Lucas.



The American College of Surgeons verifies hospitals as trauma centers according to their capacity to provide best-possible care for the most seriously injured patients, with Level I being the highest level of care. ACS survey results are the chief determinant in official trauma center designation by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Hospitals are surveyed every three years by a team of career trauma surgeons and nurses.

The inspection included a review of patient charts and records from 2014, a year with 2,474 trauma patients among 113,495 Emergency Department visits at John Peter Smith Hospital, the only Level I Trauma Center serving North Texas counties west of Dallas.