

Tacoma General Hospital Trauma Program



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24/7 Level II Trauma Center

MultiCare, in collaboration with Cascade Trauma and Acute Care Surgery (CTACS) and Washington Emergency Care Physicians (WECP), is developing a trauma system aligned with American College of Surgeons' guidelines to expand specialist coverage, resources, EMS collaboration, and overall community care.

EMS & Trauma Collaboration

- **EMS Outreach Team** – Strengthening the team approach to trauma to include first responders
- **QR Code Feedback System** – Direct “offline” discussion for medics with a trauma provider (option for email or phone call)
- **EMS Blood Administration Program:** assisting local agencies in providing blood for field administration to hemorrhaging patients
- **PHTLS Courses** – Sponsored training for the local EMS community
- **ATLS Courses** – Provided for regional healthcare providers
- **Starting Fall 2025:** Developing an EMS "Shadow Program" with CTACS at TG (ICU/OR/Trauma Bay)

Community Education and Outreach

We're always looking for sponsorship or education opportunities - reach out to us if you're interested in connecting with the Trauma team at MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital.

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Puget Sound Region Transfer Center for Adult Patients

Transfer Center phone number for adult patients: 855-MHS-3030 **(855-647-3030)**

Trauma Admissions at TG

- 2022: 1185
- 2023: 1308
- 2024: 1333
- 2025: 410 activations through 1st quarter

Goal: Decreasing transfers outside of Tacoma - keeping patients local for stronger support, easier follow-up, and smoother overall recovery.

Rib Fixations at TG

- All CTACS Trauma Surgeons and APPs are trained for rib fixation using Zimmer Biomet systems
- In 2024 CTACS surgeons performed 82 rib fixation procedures - 12-15 needed to be considered a center of excellence

Orthopedic Trauma

- MultiCare has hired three full-time trauma-trained orthopedic surgeons at TG, who specialize in complex pelvic fx's and complex limb injury.
- Overall, eight orthopedic surgeons are available for trauma call, with two additional at Good Sam.

Spine Surgery

- A team of 12 spinal surgeons, with 7 on trauma call rotation, capable of performing complex spinal surgeries and repairs.

Plastic Surgery

- Expanded to 5 surgeons (3 fulltime and 2 part time) to improve trauma and facial trauma coverage.

Cardiothoracic:

- 6 cardiothoracic surgeons available 24/7 for cardiac, aortic, or complex thoracic trauma with cardiopulmonary bypass capacity.

Neuroscience

- Tacoma General is a state designated **Level One Stroke Center and DNV Comprehensive Stroke Center**, reflecting the highest level of care for stroke patients.
- A team is available 24/7 supporting Neuro Interventional Radiology treatment, Neurosurgery and Neurology. This group supports complex neurologic care for conditions including, aneurysms, neuro revascularization and intracranial hemorrhage.
- Tacoma General received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's 2025 "Get with the Guidelines" Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award for stroke with "Advanced Therapy" and "Target: Stroke Elite" and "Target: Type 2 Diabetes" Honor Roll status.

Center of Excellence in Robotic and Colorectal Surgery

Tacoma General Hospital has achieved accreditation from Surgical Review Corporation (SRC) as a Center of Excellence in Robotic and Colorectal Surgery.

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