



Salina Regional Health Center

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Salina Regional Health Center’s Trauma Center Earns Level III Verification

(February 1, 2013) Salina Regional Health Center learned today that its trauma program received Level III verification from the American College of Surgeons. A survey in November found zero deficiencies during an intensive 2-day, on-site review conducted by a team of experts in the field of trauma care. This achievement recognizes the trauma center’s dedication to providing optimal care for injured patients.

Established by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) in 1987, the Consultation/Verification Program for Hospitals promotes the development of trauma centers in which participants provide not only the hospital resources necessary for trauma care, but also the entire spectrum of care to address the needs of all injured patients. This spectrum encompasses the prehospital phase through the rehabilitation process.

Verified trauma centers must meet the essential criteria that ensure trauma care capability and institutional performance, as outlined by the ACS.

Salina Regional Health Center has been working toward this designation for the past three years.

“This is probably the most difficult accreditation process for a hospital to achieve,” said Jake Breeding, M.D., trauma medical director. “While this is very rewarding, the work is not over. We will

continue to maintain what we have accomplished. This is our seal of approval for providing quality trauma care to the patients in this region.”

Salina Regional’s efforts match those of a state wide initiative to have at least a level III trauma center in each geographical region of Kansas. Now a specially designated team of individuals with highly defined roles report to the emergency department as soon as a trauma call is received. The trauma team consists of a trauma surgeon, emergency department physician, trauma nurse, intensive care nurse, surgical nurse and staff from radiology, laboratory, blood bank, respiratory care, security and chaplaincy.

Paramedics and doctors in the region have a dedicated line to call for traumatically injured patients, which sets off a cascade of alerts to people on the response team to report to the trauma suite in the emergency department.

Charlie Grimwood, vice president of regional development for the hospital, states that Salina Regional’s trauma program is the only Level III designated trauma program in north central Kansas. “Rachelle Giroux, trauma program manager, and Dr. Breeding, have built an outstanding trauma program,” Grimwood said. “By earning this designation, this recognizes and confirms Salina Regional’s efforts of providing the highest quality trauma care for injured patients in our region.”

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