

# Trauma Update

#### Trauma Liaisons

Trey Eubanks -Trauma Medical Director

Barry Gilmore -ED Medical Director

Ioel Saltzman -Anesthesia Liaison

Jeff Sawyer -Ortho Liaison

Stephanie Einhaus -Neurosurgery Liaison

Stephanie Storgion -PICU Liaison

### Educational Offerings

PALS/ACLS - Multiple offerings Contact Alicia Stanback at stanbaca@lebonheur.org

# Le Bonheur Receives ACS **Trauma Designation**

e Bonheur Children's has been named a Level 1 trauma center from the American College of

Le Bonheur utilized the ACS Committee on

Trauma's verification program to identify opportuni-

ties for quality improvement. In 2010, trauma

leaders reduced the average time it takes to get a

patient from the door of the Emergency Department

to the Operating Room by 54 percent. Those numbers

were helped by the 24/7 presence of anesthesia

Surgeons (ACS). Earning this verification has been a guidepost for improving the hospital's care of trauma patients. Le Bonheur is the first accredited pediatric ACS Level 1 trauma center in



Le Bonheur was recognized by the American College of Surgeons as a Level 1 trauma center. The designation recognizes Le Bonheur's commitment to a high level of care for trauma patients.

surgeons responded to the highest level of trauma activation in less than 15 minutes in 92 percent of cases.

In addition, general

"With our trauma service line, we strive to be more efficient and more coordinated while using the ACS

a 400-mile radius and one of 33 in the country.

guidelines as our benchmark," said Le Bonheur Children's Trauma Medical Director Trey Eubanks, MD. "These guidelines have focused our efforts on quality improvement, intensified research and outreach education."

and an Operating Room team, improved processes

in surgery and a dedicated trauma room in the OR.

Le Bonheur is already designated as a children's trauma center on the state level in Tennessee and Arkansas.

#### Contact Us

To transfer a patient with emergent needs, call Le Bonheur's Transfer Center at (901) 287-4408 or (888)899-9355.

For appointments or non-critical referrals, call our Resource and Referral Center at (901) 287-7337.

## New Nurse Practitioner Joins Team



Trauma Administration welcomes Amanda Rotenberry, FNP, to the Trauma Service Line. Amanda has been with Le Bonheur for five years, first working in the Emergency Department while completing her FNP in December 2010.

Amanda attended the University of Memphis for both her undergraduate and graduate degrees. Amanda rounds and cares for all trauma patients admitted to the hospital. She consults with other

nurse practitioners from other service lines, such as neurosurgery and orthopaedics, to provide a coordination of care.

Amanda is excited to join the trauma service line and looks forward to embracing her duties in the upcoming months.

# **Project BRAIN Helps Kids Transition After Trauma**

roject BRAIN is a resource and information network for educators, families and health care professionals who support Tennessee students who have sustained a traumatic brain injury (TBI). The project is a program of the Tennessee Disability Coalition (www.tndisability.org/brain).

Nikeisha Royston, MA, CNP, is our Brain Injury Transition Liaison (BITL). Niekisha provides communication between the hospital, home and school.

There are Brain Injury Transition Liaisons at prominent regional hospitals support students who are treated and released from the hospital as they transition back home and to school.

A statewide program of the Tennessee Disability Coalition, Project BRAIN offers these services to the community at no charge.

Project BRAIN is supported in part through the Federal TBI Program/Human Resources and Services Administration, the Tennessee Department of Education, Division of College and Career Readiness, and the Tennessee Department of Health, TBI Program.

Le Bonheur Children's Hospital has partnered with Project BRAIN to support students' transition from hospital to home and back to school after a traumatic brain injury.

The Brain Injury Transition Liaison supports this transition as the communication link between Le Bonheur, the student's home and school. The BITL is on staff with Project BRAIN and works from within the hospital environment.

Why focus on patients who are treated and released?

- Nearly 80% of Americans who sustain TBIs are treated and released from an emergency department.
- Connecting with families when their child is diagnosed with a TBI in the hospital addresses the problem as aggressively as possible.



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- 75% of TBIs that occur each year are concussions, which are mild TBIs.
- When managed well after an injury, most mild TBIs resolve successfully. Making everyone in a child's life aware that an injury occurred is key to their recovery.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Advanced trauma life support (ATLS) training is offered by the Regional Medical Center at Memphis. Classes are scheduled for March 8-9 (plenty of openings) and June 27-28 (limited openings). For more information, contact Ramona Pipkin, (901) 448-5914.