



## JPS HEALTH NETWORK

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### **JPS Earns Highest Level of Trauma Center Verification**

FORT WORTH – JPS Health Network has been verified as a Level I Trauma Center by the American College of Surgeons (ACS). This achievement recognizes the trauma center's dedication to providing optimal care for injured patients in Tarrant and surrounding counties.

“This verification proves that JPS provides the hospital resources necessary for trauma care across the entire spectrum and to address the needs of all injured patients,” explained Raj Gandhi, MD, Medical Director, Trauma Services. This spectrum encompasses the pre-hospital phase through the rehabilitation process.

The verification, awarded after meeting essential criteria outlined by the ACS, is further evidence that JPS functions as a Level I Trauma Center. The criteria ensures trauma care capability and institutional performance. “This achievement is confirmation that the trauma center at JPS has demonstrated its commitment to providing the highest quality trauma care,” affirmed Robert Earley, President and CEO.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), trauma is the leading cause of death for people under the age of 44. In Tarrant County, Public Health data from 2005 indicated that more than 20% of deaths were attributable to some form of trauma.

“We are proud of our trauma team for attaining this level of trauma care,” stated Earley. “This is all about serving the community better and this brings priceless value to the community.”

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