





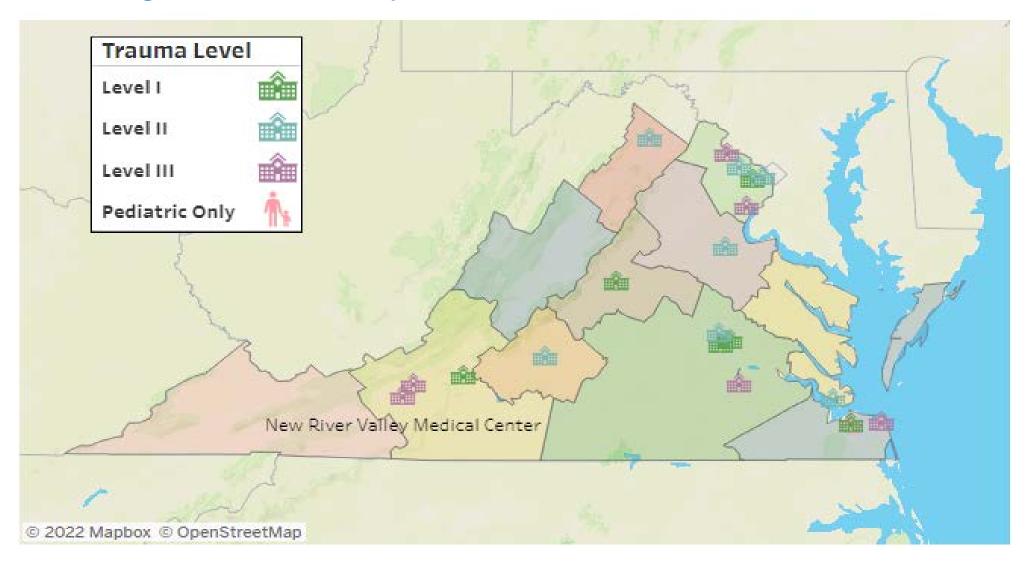


Post-Crash Care: Virginia's Trauma System

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The Virginia Trauma System





What makes a hospital a trauma center?

- A specialized hospital facility distinguished by **immediate** availability of personnel and resources to care for injured patients.
- Many patients who receive initial care in the community are transferred to a Trauma Center for **definitive** care.





Trauma Response

- One defining characteristic of a trauma center is the specific response to the arrival of an injured person.
- Immediately prioritized for assessment of the presence of time critical injuries.
- Designated team response.
 - Emergency department
 - Nursing
 - Surgery
 - Orthopedics
 - Neurosurgery
 - Imaging
 - Security/law enforcement/forensics
 - Chaplain/Social Workers/Child Life Specialists





What's with all the levels?

Level II
Level III
Level I Pediatric
Level I Burn





Level I Trauma Center

- Highest tier trauma care in the system.
- Has resources for definitive care of all types of injuries
- Must meet rigorous criteria
- Provides care across the entire continuum
 - ED-OR-ICU-Inpatient floor
 - Rehab professionals such as Physical & Occupational therapists
- Trauma Research
- Medical Education





What is a Level I *Pediatric* Trauma Center?

- A facility with all of the resources of a Level I Trauma Center PLUS
- specialized, immediately available resources to care for injured infants and children.
- Highest tier trauma care in the system.
- Has resources for any/all types of injuries
- Must meet rigorous criteria
- Provides care across the entire continuum
 - ED-OR-ICU-Inpatient floor
 - Rehab professionals such as Physical & Occupational therapists
- Child Life Specialists, Social workers and Chaplains
- Trauma Research
- Medical Education





What is a Level I **Burn** Center?

- A facility with all of the resources of a Level I Trauma Center PLUS
- Specialized, immediately available resources to care for someone with a burn injury.
 - Thermal, chemical, radiological
- Highest tier trauma care in the system.
- Has resources for any/all types of injuries
- Must meet rigorous criteria
- Provides care across the entire continuum
 - ED-OR-ICU-Inpatient floor
 - Rehab professionals such as Physical & Occupational therapists
- Child Life Specialists, Social workers and Chaplains
- Trauma Research
- Medical Education





What is a Level II Trauma Center?

- A facility with clinical resources to care for the most injured
- Most of the same clinical resources as the Level I center.
- Research not required
- Medical Education not required
- May transfer a limited number of injury types to the Level I.
- Must meet rigorous criteria
- Provides care across the entire continuum.
 - ED-OR-ICU-Inpatient floor
 - Rehab professionals such as Physical & Occupational therapists



What is a Level III Trauma Center?

- A facility with a dedicated Emergency Department response to the arrival of an injured person.
- Provides initial assessment and stabilization.
- May admit patients with isolated injuries.
- Transfers complex trauma patients to the Level I or Level II center
- Lowest tier Trauma Center in the VA System



Putting it all together-An inclusive trauma system

- How do trauma centers collaborate in the care of the injured?
- What role do the non-designated trauma centers and Freestanding ED's play?





500,000 square feet16 stories4 levels of parking



Connected to the outpatient Children's Pavilion – completing an entire city block dedicated to caring for kids!



72 beds – all private rooms 48 acute and 24 intensive care



ER, Level 1 pediatric trauma center and helipad



Family amenities and spaces for play and education



\$400 million project Not possible without community support

