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## HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Regional Trauma Center recognizes National Trauma Awareness Month

**Green Bay, Wis.** – HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Regional Trauma Center in Green Bay cared for 1,004 patients last year— an average of three patients per day. May is National Trauma Awareness Month and the experts at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Regional Trauma Center share what most commonly brought patients into the trauma center in 2021.

***The HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Regional Trauma Center is one of just 13 trauma centers in Wisconsin to be verified by the American College of Surgeons (ACS).*** It is verified as a level II trauma center, which is the highest ranking a non-university-affiliated emergency center can receive. Many regional hospitals refer patients to the facility for some of their most severe cases of injury. The following are the most common traumas treated at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Regional Trauma Center in 2021:

- 50% of patients treated for falls.
- 23% of patients treated for motor vehicle crashes.
- 4% of patients treated for motorcycle crashes.
- 5% of patients treated for penetrating wounds such as gunshots or knife wounds.
- 5% of patients treated for recreational vehicle crashes.
- 13% of patients treated for other trauma-related injuries.

“Trauma remains the number one cause of death for those under the age of 45,” explained Dr. Kyle McCarty, Medical Director for HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Regional Trauma Center. “Whether a person is injured in a car crash, by an assault with a weapon, or a fall on the ice, our trauma center is equipped with the expertise and resources to provide our patients the life-saving care they need.”

Trauma is defined as a severe injury caused by a physical force such as a vehicle crash, gunshots, knife wounds, falls, battery or burns. The main difference between an emergency department and a trauma center is trauma centers have access to trauma and neurosurgeons 24/7, who can provide the highest level of rapid and comprehensive patient evaluation and treatment.

“Those receiving care at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Regional Trauma Center experience increased survival rates, better coordinated care and improved patient outcomes over the long term when compared to treatment received outside of a trauma center,” said Dr. McCarty.

HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Regional Trauma Center has maintained its level II trauma center status for 24 years and was the first hospital in the Green Bay region to obtain the prestigious designation. For more information about the HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Regional Trauma Center, please visit:

<https://www.hshs.org/StVincent/Services/Emergency-Care/Trauma-Center>

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**About HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Regional Trauma Center**

HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Regional Trauma Center is the region's first trauma center and one of only 13 trauma centers in Wisconsin to be verified by the American College of Surgeons (ACS). The ACS Committee on Trauma verified the HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Regional Trauma Center as a Level II Trauma Center in October 1998. This is the highest ranking a non-university-affiliated emergency center can attain. It provides 24-hour, immediate coverage by trauma and neurosurgeons, as well as coverage by specialists in orthopedic surgery, anesthesiology, emergency medicine, radiology and critical care. For more information, click [here](#).

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