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1. Board-certified trauma surgeons on site 24/7
2. Advanced life-saving medical equipment immediately available in the trauma bays
3. Nationally certified programs for burn and rehabilitation care

Care in the trauma center is highly specialized with a surgical team specially trained in critical care. It’s a group of high skilled physicians in multiple specialties who treat the most severe injuries.

Level I Trauma Center can lower your risk of death from trauma by 25 percent.

Trauma is the leading cause of death for individuals ages 1 to 44 or almost half (47%) of deaths in this age range.

Trauma kills more people each year than heart disease, cancer and HIV combined.

Nationally, every four seconds someone suffers trauma.

Someone in the U.S. dies from trauma EVERY 3 MINUTES.

Across all age groups, men suffer more trauma injuries than women.

CUMC was the 9TH HOSPITAL in the U.S. to use a medical helicopter.

CUMC Causes of Trauma

- **29%** Falls*
- **34%** Car & Motorcycle Accidents
- **7%** Gunshot Wounds
- **6%** Assault
- **3%** Stabbing
- **10%** Penetrating Injury
- **20%** All Others

*Also the second-leading cause of accidental deaths for persons age 45 to 75 and the number one cause of unintentional death for persons age 75 and older

CUMC treats 63% of the region’s penetrating trauma (gunshot wounds and stabbing)

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