

Randall Children's Hospital

American College of Surgeons (ACS) Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center Verification – Information Sheet

Randall Children's Hospital is a leader in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest in the care of children with various levels of injuries and life-threatening illnesses. We are the first hospital in Oregon and the first children's hospital in the Pacific Northwest to receive the Level 1 pediatric trauma center verification by the American College of Surgeons (ACS).

An ACS trauma verification means that the hospital has met and continues to exceed the highest national standards set for pediatric trauma centers and has taken the hospital to an even higher level of expert care for injured children and their families. The hospital is currently working on its Level 1 pediatric surgical center verification to be finalized in 2018.

What is the American College of Surgeons (ACS)?

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) is a scientific and educational association of surgeons that was founded in 1913. The ACS works to improve the quality of care for the surgical patient before and during hospitalization by raising the standards of surgical education and practice.

What is the Committee on Trauma?

The Committee on Trauma (COT), a standing committee of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), works to improve all phases of care of the injured patient and to prevent injuries before they occur. The COT promotes leadership and cooperation of all participants in a trauma center so that the best possible care will be provided to injured patients. The COT also requires the commitment of each facility's surgeons to the improvement of trauma care.

What is a pediatric trauma center?

A Pediatric Trauma Center is distinguished from other facilities in that it guarantees the immediate availability and dedication of specialized pediatric surgeons, anesthesiologists, physician specialists, nurses, pediatric resuscitation equipment and an available operating room on a 24 hour-a-day basis.



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What is ACS verification?

Established by the ACS Committee on Trauma in 1987, the Consultation/Verification Program is designed to promote the development of trauma centers in which participants provide the hospital resources necessary to address the trauma needs of *all* injured patients. The Consultation Program is designed to help hospitals and their personnel prepare for this endeavor. The Verification Program confirms that all the criteria have been met.

How did the verification program begin?

An obvious outgrowth of the establishment of the COT's guidelines for optimal care was the development of a verification process through which a hospital could be evaluated by ACS trauma surgeons to determine whether the criteria for optimal care of injured patients were being met. Thus, the Verification/Consultation Program for Hospitals was established in 1987.

How many categories of verification does the program have?

There are five separate categories of verification in the COT's program (Level I Trauma Center, Level II Trauma Center, Level III Trauma Center, Level I Pediatric Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center), each with specific criteria that must be met by a facility seeking that level of verification.

How does a hospital receive verification?

The level of verification is requested by the hospital. An on-site review of the hospital is conducted by a team of reviewers experienced in the field of trauma. Using the current *Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient* manual as a guideline, this team will determine if the criteria for the requested level have been met.

For more information about Randall Children's Emergency Services, **call 503-276-9100.**