BIDMC Trauma in the Massachusetts State House

On June 4, BIDMC's Level I Trauma Surgeons and Trauma Nursing Staff provided a "Stop the Bleed" course for Massachusetts politicians and state officials at the Massachusetts State House. BIDMC trauma surgeons Drs. Alok Gupta, Lisa Ferzoco, and Charles Parsons along with Trauma Program Director Darlene Sweet-Marzullo, MSN, and Trauma Nurses staffed Stop the Bleed tables to educate about hemorrhage control. The team reviewed principles of initial trauma assessment as well as when and how to use specific bleeding control techniques including pressure, wound packing, and tourniquet use.

This course was part of an ongoing effort with Dr. Lisa Ferzoco, BIDMC General Surgeon, and Massachusetts State Representative Shawn Dooley to submit a Bill supporting the availability of bleeding control resources for the public. Learn more about Stop the Bleed: bleedingcontrol.org

Stop the Bleed at Colleges of the Fenway

On June 7, BIDMC's Level I Trauma Surgeons and Trauma Nursing Staff provided a "Stop the Bleed" course for security and operations staff from Colleges of the Fenway at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. BIDMC trauma surgeons Dr. Alok Gupta, along with Trauma Program Director Darlene Sweet-Marzullo, MSN, Patricia Lydon, MSN, and Monica Nasser, RN staffed Stop the Bleed tables to educate about hemorrhage control.

The team reviewed principles of initial trauma assessment in emergency scenarios on a college campus, as well as when and how to use specific bleeding control techniques in the event of an emergency including pressure, wound packing, and tourniquet use while dispatching for help from 911 and first responders.

TRANSFER INSTRUCTIONS

We are immediately available for all Trauma Transfers. Please call:

(617) 754-2494

Please inform us that you have a “Trauma Transfer” when you call. We will always accept your trauma transfers.

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UPCOMING EDUCATION

Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)
Upcoming Courses
- October 18-19, 2018

Fees:
- Physician/Physician Extenders: $1000
- Refresher: $575.00

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Western Trauma Association Resolution Regarding Assault Weapons

On February 28, 2018, the membership of the Western Trauma Association (WTA) unanimously voted to release the following resolution under the leadership of Immediate Past President and BIDMC Trauma Surgeon, Dr. Carl J. Hauser. Members of the WTA announced resolution to support a ban on the sale, transfer, manufacture, and importation of military-style assault weapons for the civilian population. The announcement states these weapons are designed for the purposes of killing or severely injuring large numbers of people in combat, and that they have no place in the hands of civilians. Furthermore, the WTA writes the presence of these weapons in our society endangers the lives of every man, woman and child in the United States. The WTA is an organization of physicians and surgeons from multiple medical specialties and all political parties dedicated to the treatment of injured patients and the scientific advancement of the care of victims of trauma.

Trauma Awareness Month

During Trauma Awareness month in May, the trauma program held several Stop the Bleed Trainings as well as an injury prevention table with Trauma, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy to provide education to BIDMC staff, patients and family on fall prevention, safety, as well as distracted and impaired driving. In addition, a “Safety at Any Speed,” injury prevention handout was given to patients discharged from the Emergency Department at BIDMC during May.

National Trauma Awareness Month – May, 2018

Injury is No Accident: Safety at Any Speed

JET SKI SAFETY
- Jet ski accidents include 26% of all registered marine vessel accidents in the U.S.

GOLF CART SAFETY
- Common accidents include cart overturns, collisions, falling, & pedestrians struck or run over by a cart.

DIRT BIKE & ATV
Injuries can be life-altering & fatal.
- Over 85% of dirt bike patients were male
- Nearly 70% of fatal injuries occurred in patients 16 and under.
In 2016 there were 337 ATV fatalities and an estimated 101,200 injured in ATV accidents.

SAFETY TIPS
RIDE SMART
by taking a safety course to learn proper handling, steering, stopping, & maintenance.

RIDE PREPARED
by always wearing a helmet, goggles, gloves and other protective/reflective clothing.

RIDE SUPERVISOR
For riders under 16 years old, recreational vehicles are not toys.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
- In 2017, there were 3,954 pedestrian fatalities and 129,000 injured pedestrians treated in emergency departments.
- On average, a pedestrian is killed every 2 hours & injured every 7 minutes by drivers.

BE ATTENTIVE
by focusing on traffic not your electronics.

BE PREDICTABLE
by crossing the street at a designated crosswalk or intersection & following traffic rules.

DISTRIBUTION & IMPAIRED DRIVING
- In 2017, more than 40,000 people were killed in crashes, with distracted and impaired driving as major contributors.
- Approximately 6,003 people are injured each day in motor vehicle crashes.
- The biggest causes of motor vehicle accidents are intoxication, speeding, and distracted driving.

DRIVE SOBER
by abstaining from drug and alcohol use before driving.

DRIVE FOCUSED
by keeping your eyes on the road, your hands on the wheel, and your mind on driving.

DRIVE RESPONSIBLY
by obeying the speed limit and sharing the road with motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.