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**American College of Surgeons Awards New Jersey Trauma Center
3-Year 'Reverification' as Level 1 Facility**

NEWARK, NJ – The New Jersey Trauma Center at University Hospital has received a three-year “reverification” as a Level 1 trauma center from the American College of Surgeons (ACS).

The verification program promotes the development of trauma centers that provide “the entire spectrum of care to address the needs of all injured patients. This spectrum encompasses the pre-hospital phase through the rehabilitation process,” according to ACS. The program was created by the ACS Committee on Trauma.

Verified trauma centers must meet essential criteria that ensure trauma care capability and institutional performance. The ACS does not designate trauma centers, but rather verifies that a facility provides the highest quality of care for all injured patients.

The American Trauma Society defines Level I Trauma Centers as a comprehensive regional resource that are tertiary care facilities. Level I Trauma Centers:

- Provide 24-hour in-house coverage by general surgeons and prompt availability of specialty care, such as orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery, anesthesiology, emergency medicine, radiology, internal medicine, plastic surgery, oral and maxillofacial, pediatric and critical care
- Serve as a referral resource for nearby communities
- Provide leadership in prevention and public education
- Provide continuing education for trauma team members
- Incorporate comprehensive quality assessment programs
- Operate an organized teaching and research effort to support innovations in trauma care
- Program for substance abuse screening and patient intervention
- Meet minimum requirements for annual volume of severely injured patients

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The three-year reverification will be in effect through December 15, 2020.

The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational association of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical education and practice and to improve the care of the surgical patient. The College has over 80,000 members and it is the largest association of surgeons in the world.

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University Hospital is one of the nation's leading academic medical centers, and is the Level 1 Trauma Center for Northern New Jersey. Located at University Heights in Newark, University Hospital is a principal teaching hospital of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences and a regional resource for advanced services across many medical specialties. For more information about University Hospital, please visit www.uhnj.org.