

Trauma in Virginia

Admissions

EXPLANATION OF DATA

The trauma system in Virginia is inclusive. All hospitals with 24 hour emergency rooms provide some degree of trauma care. The decision to become a designated trauma center is voluntary. Designation carries a cost related to the fact that the trauma services must be continuously available and ready to provide care to patients who might require treatment. Trauma triage guidelines act to direct severely injured patients to the nearest appropriate trauma center.

All hospitals whether designated or not should make every effort possible to participate in and improve the trauma system. Due to the unexpected nature of injury, trauma patients and their families cannot choose their location of care. It is incumbent upon the healthcare system to provide these patients with the most optimal care possible regardless of location and circumstances. The purpose of the designation process is to assure consistent quality and performance of entry level trauma centers and to promote continued improvement and development of experienced centers.

Virginia Trauma Center standards are based upon national standards put forth by the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Emergency Physicians. The Virginia standards are reviewed and updated based on changes in the national standards as well as the evolving needs of the Trauma System in Virginia.

Designation is meant to identify those hospitals that will make a commitment to provide a given level of care for the multiple injured patients and who welcome public acknowledgment of that capability. Knowledge of trauma care capabilities, with improved field categorization and pre-hospital capabilities will help all those involved in the trauma care delivery system make decisions that are in the best interest of the patient.

An “inclusive trauma care system” is one that incorporates every health care facility in a community in a system to provide a continuum of services for all injured patients who require care in an acute care facility.

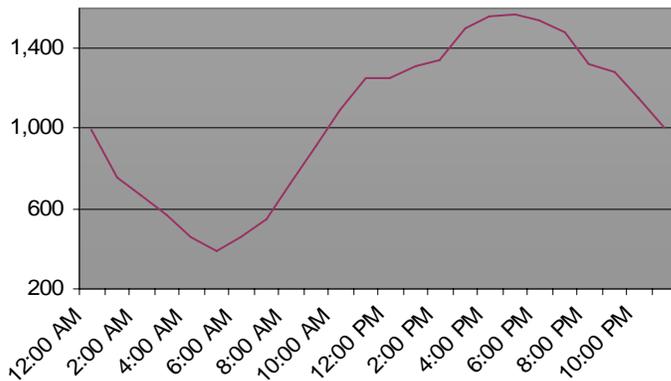
Trauma Admissions		
	Designated Trauma Centers	Non-designated Hospitals
2003	10877	5302
2004	11571	5562
2005	8972	10989



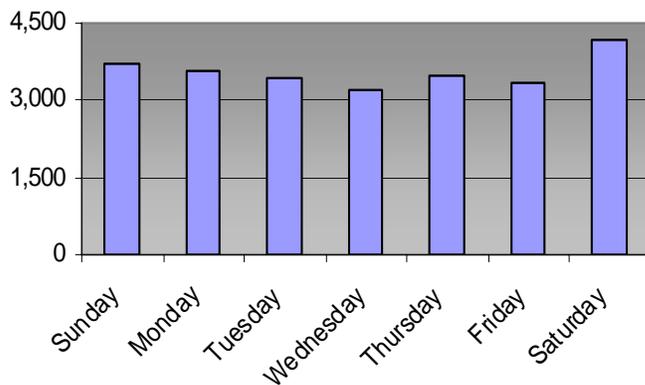
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Hourly Trauma Distribution



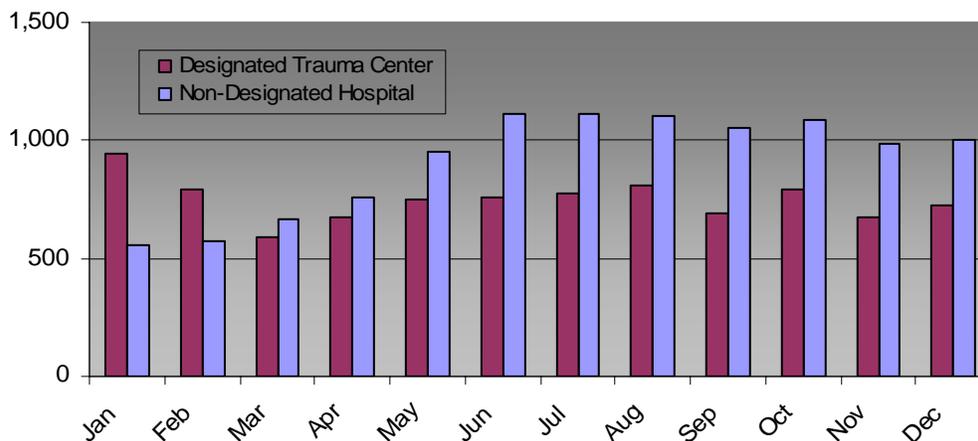
Daily Trauma Distribution



2005 Trauma Admissions by Month

	Designated Trauma Center	Percent	Non-designated Hospital	Percent
January	942	10	561	5
February	790	9	581	5
March	591	7	662	6
April	677	7	762	7
May	747	8	949	9
June	760	8	1109	10
July	774	9	1112	10
August	808	9	1106	10
September	691	9	1050	10
October	792	9	1085	10
November	672	7	987	9
December	728	8	1025	9
Total	8972	100	10989	100

Monthly Trauma Distributions



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