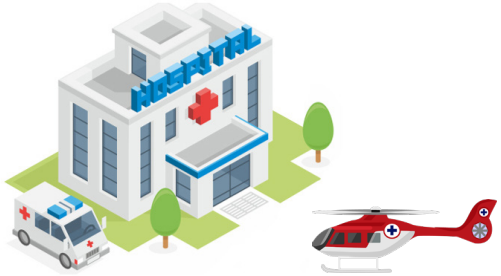
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Trauma Center Comparison Chart

DESIGNATION is a process outlined at the state or local level, and criteria can vary. Each US state determines the number and level of trauma centers required. Trauma Center **VERIFICATION** is a process used by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) to standardize, evaluate, and improve trauma care. The ACS only verifies Level I-III centers. Trauma level designation is not a measure of competence; it is an evaluation of a center's commitment, readiness, resources, policies, patient care, and performance improvement. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Check with your state trauma officers to learn more.



	ACS Level I	ACS Level II	ACS Level III	Level IV	Level V
	A comprehensive regional resource that is a tertiary care facility, central to the trauma system. Must have an annual volume of ≥240 severely injured patients (ISS >15).	A community facility that can initiate definitive comprehensive care for most injured patients. Some patients with tertiary care needs will require transfer.	A community facility that can perform prompt assessment, resuscitation, surgery, intensive care, and stabilization of injured patients.	A small (usually) rural hospital with emergent evaluation, stabilization, and diagnostic capabilities to treat injured patients prior to transfer to a higher-level trauma center.	A small clinic that can provide initial evaluation, stabilization, and diagnostic capabilities and prepare patients for transfer to higher levels of care. Few US states have Level V centers.
Clinical Personnel					
24/7 Emergency Med service (*or promptly available)	X	X	X	X*	X*
24/7 In-house trauma surgery (*or promptly available)	X	X	X*	X*	
Neurosurgery (promptly available)	X	X			
Orthopedic Surgery (promptly available)	X	X	X		
Anesthesiology (promptly available)	X	X	X	X	
Radiology (promptly available)	X	X	X	X	
Interventional Radiology (promptly available)	X	X			
Plastic Surgery	X	X			
Maxillofacial Surgery	X	X			
Vascular Surgery	X	X			
Internal Medicine	X	X	X	X	
Critical Care specialists (*or promptly available)	X	X	X*		
Opthalmology	X	X			
OB/ Gynecologic Surgery	X	X			
Psychiatric/Behavioral Health service	X	X			
Physical Medicine/Rehab service	X	X			

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Cardiac Surgery/Cardiopulmonary bypass	X				
Microvascular Surgery/Replantation	X				
Medical Specialists: Cardiology, Nephrology, Infectious Disease, Palliative Care, Pulmonary Medicine	X	X			
Program Personnel					
Trauma Medical Director	X	X	X	X	X
Trauma Program Coordinator/Manager/Director	X	X	X	X	X
Performance Improvement Personnel	X	X			
Trauma Registry Professionals	X	X	X		
Injury Prevention & Outreach Personnel	X	X			
Facility Resources					
24/7 Operating room availability	X	X	X		
24/7 Laboratory (*or during hours of operation)	X	X	X	X	X*
24/7 Blood bank	X	X	X		
24/7 Radiology (*or during hours of operation)	X	X	X	X	X*
24/7 MRI	X	X			
Pharmacy	X	X	X		
Respiratory Therapy	X	X	X		
Physical, Occupational & Speech Therapy	X	X	X		
Nutrition Support	X	X	X		
Palliative Care	X	X			
Case Managers/Discharge Planners	X	X	X		
Pastoral Care	X	X	X		

Trauma Center Designation Comparison Chart (page 3)

	ACS Level I	ACS Level II	ACS Level III	Level IV	Level V
Program Resources					
Trauma registry data collection database	X	X	X	X	
Participation in risk-adjusted benchmarking	X	X	X		
Quality/Performance improvement program	X	X	X	X	X
Injury prevention and outreach program	X	X	X	X	
Nursing and allied health trauma continuing education	X	X	X	X	X
SBIRT program	X	X			
Research and scholarly activity program	X				
On-site surgical residency program	X				