

Holton Hospital receives Level 4 Trauma Center designation

(KNZA)--The Trauma Center at Holton Community Hospital has once again received designation as a Level IV Trauma Center by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment .

According to a news release from the hospital, every three years designated trauma centers must meet the essential criteria that ensure trauma care capability and institutional performance as outlined by the American College of Surgeons and endorsed by the Kansas Advisory Committee on Trauma.

The release says KDHE's Trauma Program works to assure those that are injured in Kansas have access to an organized system of trauma care that offers them the best chance of recovery.

There are four separate categories of designation by the Kansas Trauma Program. Each category has specific criteria that must be met by a facility seeking that level of designation. A trauma care system includes a network of hospitals providing a spectrum of care for injured patients. Trauma center designations are based on the hospital's care capability, from the highest, Level I, to hospital's designated Level IV.

The release says Level IV trauma centers are rural hospitals whose primary role is to stabilize seriously injured patients and, if necessary, transfer them to a higher level trauma center. Hospitals that have achieved Level IV trauma center designation have demonstrated a commitment to providing optimal care for those who have been seriously injured.

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