

Sharp Memorial Trauma Center

Commitment to Excellence

The Sharp Memorial Hospital Trauma Center has set the bar for trauma systems across the country for its organization, efficiency, and delivery of exceptional care for the injured. Especially impressive, Sharp Memorial Hospital completed a new hospital modernization project in 2009, which included a 1600 square foot 4-bed trauma resuscitation space with a state-of-the-art CT scan within the Emergency Department. As a Level II designated Trauma Center verified by the American College of Surgeons, the Sharp Memorial Trauma Center is part of San Diego County's Trauma System – a partnership that includes five other designated Trauma Centers launched in August 1984. Sharp Healthcare and Sharp Memorial Hospital began their support to the Trauma Service with the overall vision to be the best healthcare system in the universe.

This commitment to excellence resulted in Sharp Memorial becoming the only hospital system in the world to receive all three recognitions: the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige Award (2007) given by the President of the United States, the Magnet Status for Nursing Excellence (2008) and selected for Planetree designation (2015). In addition, for the third consecutive time, the Emergency Department has received the prestigious Lantern Award, bestowed by the Emergency Nurses Association for exceptional practice, innovative performance in nursing leadership, education, advocacy, and research. The Sharp Emergency Department is recognized as the only recipient in California to have received the Lantern Award three successive times, and one of few in the world to hold such an honor.

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