

Sharp Memorial Trauma Center

Serving the Growing Needs

Additionally, the Sharp Memorial Trauma Center is responsive to serving the growing needs of the aging population. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), two main factors—longer life spans and aging baby boomers—will "combine to double the population of Americans aged 65 years or older during the next 25 years to about 72 million. By 2030, older adults will account for roughly 20% of the U.S. population". The Sharp Trauma Service has been recognized for providing an award-winning geriatric trauma program.

Geriatric trauma management guidelines are implemented at Sharp Memorial hospital from the time of arrival in the trauma room and are maintained throughout the length of stay. For geriatric patients, this intensive program is second to none.

In 2019, Dr. Diane Wintz, Trauma Medical Director at Sharp Memorial, spoke with KPBS about the benefits and specific needs the program addresses for older adults. The following year, the Geriatric Trauma Program received a Pillar of Excellence Award from The Center of Recognized Excellence (C.O.R.E.). C.O.R.E. Awards recognize team members and partners who exemplify the spirit of [The Sharp Experience](#) and produce extraordinary results under one of the seven [Pillars of Excellence](#).



KPBS (2019), Podcast. "Sharp Launches Geriatric Trauma Program."



The Sharp Experience C.O.R.E. Award
Geriatric Trauma Program:
Growth Pillar for Team (2020)

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