



Level 2 Trauma Center in Odessa

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ODESSA -- The Permian Basin is going through an economic boom. With an increase in population comes an increase in the amount of accidents.

Although Medical Center Hospital sees a high number of accidents from the oil field, Sudip Bose from MCH says trauma can happen to anyone.

"This is not something that affects just oil field workers, it affects our entire community," said Bose

MCH has moved from a level three trauma center to a level two trauma center.

The difference? 24-hour in-house trauma surgeons and air capabilities with a helipad immediately available.

"As an emergency room physician, my biggest concern is being able to take care of patients in the best way we can," Bose said.

According to MCH officials, these surgeons are able to respond to all major traumas within 15 minutes, providing a better outcome.

"With the more traumas we are seeing, we needed to increase the level of support that we could provide."

This means having a hospital staff dedicated to trauma all across the hospital.

This also includes all medical and surgical sub-specialties being available to a trauma surgeon.

"To be able to raise the bar to a level two status is very timely and a major accomplishment," said Bill Webster, CEO of MCH.

Having a trauma surgeon available 24-hours a day, seven days a week, is a huge step for MCH.

According to MCH officials, their care in patients has gone up dramatically from last year having cared for more than 51-thousand patients.

With 17 counties to serve, hospital officials also tell us patients in the Permian Basin will have better and more efficient hospital care.

MCH says that traumas vary and can range from a fall, a car accident and to more severe accidents such as gun shots and stab injuries.

And the thing to note is that anyone can suffer from a trauma at anytime, anywhere.

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