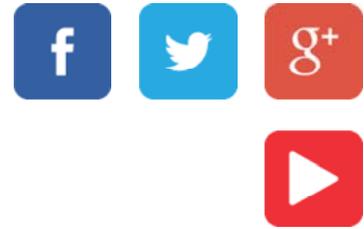


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Trauma training helps ensure quality emergency care

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FRANKFORT — Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital hosted special training for its emergency department staff on May 30.

Rural trauma victims require stabilization and effective collaboration with higher level care facilities for good outcomes.

Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital hosted special training throughout the week to ensure Benzie County residents and visitors receive the quality care they need should trauma needs occur. The hospital has invested in technology and its Emergency Department facility in recent years in order to better prepare for trauma situations.

“We know that having the right equipment is important and so is



Medical professional from Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital and Munson Healthcare work on skills related to treating trauma patients during a day of practice drills and special training sessions. (Photo/Colin Merry)

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the right level of training and education,” said Dr. Nancy Reye, medical director for the hospital’s emergency department. “Our training emphasizes best practices for initial management of trauma patients.”

Hospital emergency department staff went through a Rural Trauma Team Development Course developed by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma that emphasizes a team approach and defined roles as the patient is stabilized and prepared to transfer to a higher level of care.

The course is sponsored by Munson Medical Center’s Department of Trauma and Acute Surgery, Munson Regional EMS Education, the hospital. medical director for trauma and acute care surgery, Kristen Sihler, trauma surgeon Joel Strehl, trauma and acute care surgery program manager Shamarie Regenold, Munson Healthcare Regional EMS Manager Laura Criddle and Paul Oliver Trauma Program Coordinator Barbara Smith.

Training included class time and hands-on practice, with mock trauma scenarios and skill review stations.

“New and better techniques are continuously developed,” Reye said. “As part of the Munson Healthcare System, we are pleased to work collaboratively with the Munson Medical Center’s trauma team to introduce these new techniques at our hospitals.”

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