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Banner Boswell receives Level IV trauma designation

SUN CITY, Ariz. (Dec. 27, 2012) – Banner Boswell Medical Center in Sun City has obtained Level IV Trauma Designation through the Arizona Department of Health Services Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System.

“The designation demonstrates Banner Boswell’s commitment to performance improvement with highly coordinated care through partnership with the emergency department, radiology, laboratory services, perioperative services, and our Level I sister facility Banner Good Samaritan in the care of patients with trauma service needs,” said Banner Boswell CEO Dave Cheney.

Banner Health announced plans in June 2012 to create trauma centers of varying levels at its Valley hospitals, a decision that will help ensure that trauma patients are better able to receive the right care, at the right time, at the right place.

The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System recently established criteria and standards for designating trauma centers as Level I, II, III or IV, based on a hospital’s resources and capabilities. Designation as a Level I Trauma Center requires the most resources and capabilities, providing total care for every aspect of injury, while designation as a Level IV means the facility is capable of handling the least serious traumatic injuries and has procedures in place to quickly transfer patients requiring a higher level of care to a higher level facility.

While participation is voluntary, Banner Health has committed to taking a leadership role by making the necessary investments to create trauma centers of varying levels at all of our Valley hospitals.

As the leading provider of emergency services in the Valley, Banner Health’s decision to create an integrated trauma network will help ensure that emergency responders take trauma patients to the hospitals that are best equipped and staffed to care for those patients, ensuring faster and safer delivery of care to this patient population.

In many cases, trauma patients will now be able to get the care they need closer to where the injury occurred, likely leading to improved outcomes.

Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center will remain Banner Health’s only Level I hospital. In fact, Banner Good Samaritan was recently re-verified by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as an ACS Level I Trauma Center.

About Banner Boswell Medical Center
Banner Boswell Medical Center, located at 10401 W. Thunderbird Blvd. in Sun City, is a 501-bed campus specializing in neurosciences, heart care, cancer care, stroke care, orthopedics, acute rehabilitation, skilled nursing and emergency care. Supporting Banner Boswell’s mission of excellent patient care is the Sun Health Foundation, which encourages charitable giving to support the hospital. Banner Boswell is part of nonprofit Banner Health. For more information, visit www.BannerHealth.com/Boswell.